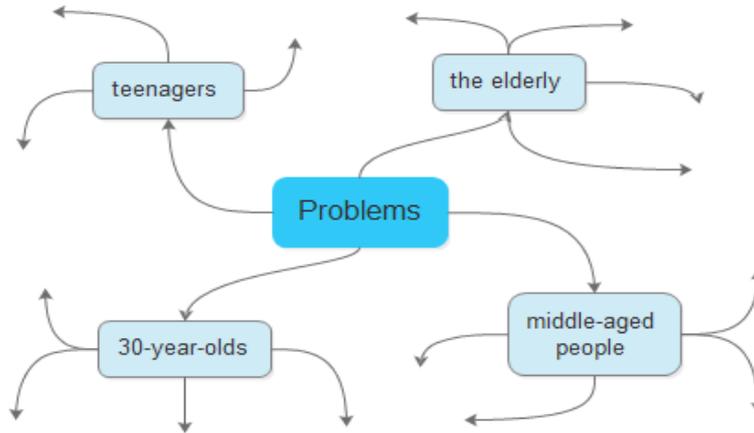




## 'Runaway train' by Soul Asylum

### I. Brainstorming - what kind of problems do people have?



### II. Listen to the song and complete the gaps:

<p>Call you up in the middle of the night          Like a .....without a light          You were there like a slow torch.....          I was a key that could use a little turning          So tired that I couldn't even sleep          So many secrets I couldn't .....          Promised myself I wouldn't .....          One more promise I couldn't keep</p> <p>It seems no one can help me now          I'm in too deep          There's no way out          This time I have really.....myself astray</p> <p>Runaway train never going back          Wrong way on a one way .....          Seems like I should be getting somewhere          Somehow I'm ..... here nor there</p> <p>Can you help me remember how to smile          Make it somehow all seem .....          How on earth did I get so jaded          Life's mystery seems so .....</p> <p>I can go where no one else can go          I know what no one else .....          Here I am just drownin' in the rain          With a ..... for a runaway train</p>	<p>Everything is cut and dried          Day and night, earth and.....          Somehow I just don't believe it</p> <p>Runaway train never going back          Wrong way on a one way track          Seems like I should be getting somewhere          Somehow I'm neither here nor there</p> <p>Bought a ticket for a runaway train          Like a .....laughin' at the rain          Little out of touch, little .....          Just easier than dealing with the pain</p> <p>Runaway train never comin' back          Wrong way on a one way track          Seems like I should be getting somewhere          Somehow I'm neither here nor there</p> <p>Runaway train never comin' .....          Runaway train tearin' up the track          Runaway train burnin' in my .....          Runaway but it always seems the same</p>
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## II. Complete the expressions below and explain their meaning:

1. to..... promises/secrets –
2. ....and dried –
3. out of ..... -
4. to .....somebody astray –
5. how on .....
6. ....with the pain -

## III. Discuss the questions:

1. What can you say about the speaker? What's his/her sex, age?
2. What kind of secrets do you think this person has? What kind of problems might this person be struggling with?
3. Read this part of the song: *"It seems no one can help me now/I'm in too deep/There's no way out"*. Do you think there are situations in life when there's no way out? If yes, what kind of situations can you think of? Who do you think one can turn to in such situations?
4. How do you understand this line: *'How on earth did I get so jaded/Life's mystery seems so faded'*?
5. How do you understand the title of the song?

## IV. Watch the videoclip and answer the questions below:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NRtvqT\\_wMeY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NRtvqT_wMeY)

1. Check if your guesses about the meaning of the song were correct. Would you like to add anything after watching the clip?
2. What kind of problems does the videoclip show?
3. What would you do if you were in the situations shown in the videoclip? What would you do if such things happened to your friend?
4. Who do you turn to if you have problems? Is there a person in your life you can tell absolutely everything to?
5. How do you feel after watching the video?

## V. \* FOLLOW-UP What do you think happened next to the characters of the videoclip? Choose one character and write a story about your idea of their future life.