

There are some videos on Youtube where people listen to death metal and write the words they they think they hear. For example a song could go 'grrrrr arrrgh!' etc., and the Youtuber thinks to himself 'that sounds like 'girl power'.' I will be doing to same. However, to be a bit different I will analyse what my interpretations mean on a deeper level. I will be linking various lyrics together to get a fuller picture, but to be honest there are many words I don't understand at all. I tried turning subtitles on when listening to such music and when checking out DM singing tutorials too, but the very best they did was simply say 'growl'. Not to worry, I can do things myself, let's go!

Band: Carcass. Song: Heartwork

Uncle reads my thoughts, so many lies.

Your doctor lies.

How many faces on the chicken?

I lost my keys? You're kidding me!

I think 'heartwork' is a made up word, and my spell checker confirms that. Consequently its meaning isn't clear, but I think it means the person's heart beats really really fast. The heart works. It's a scary song after all. Paranoid delusions, frightening questions and frustration! If you lose keys and are trapped outside your own house? Even worse, although there is a song to comfort you! Will other people comfort you? Sadly I think they will point and laugh.

Morbid Angel - Rapture

Dead to the world, where are my socks?

Where's the bells, my dying head?

Raise me from my dog, I will be loyal.

Why did you think 'the bells'??

In this case the word 'rapture' is clearly meant ironically. A very dark song filled with confusion and a very real possibility of foot sores. You may not see socks on a person, but they are damn important. A morbid band! It should be pointed out that they aren't considered a BRUTAL death metal band, but it's no surprise they are a fair bit heavier than Metallica, for example.

Cannibal Corpse - Summoned for Sacrifice

I can raise a shelter, wait for your dog that's cold.

Gator said 'it's oh so cold'.

I think my dog's the same.

Summon the sack of rice.

A song that you have to take literally as there are no cold hearted dogs. If you do take the song literally, what does it mean? Errrrrr... I think that if your dog is so cold that a gator comments on that, you will need a sack of rice for energy which gets converted into body heat. Done. Interestingly, on the news I saw a gator save a dog from drowning, no lie. So there you go, gators do care about dogs. Next!

Cannibal Corpse - Vengeful Invasion

Adopted as a child and in the trap, a cake.

There's a flowing tea shoe.

Give me a 'copter or I'll faint.

Bad toes, sad toes, sad toes, sad toes...

A very sad song from Cannibal Corpse, there. See? They don't always sing about killing people. You have bad toes and sad toes, too? That's too bad. I hope you get the helicopter you want, and I hope it brightens your day!

Entombed - Left Hand Path

Medieval, boring sums.

Yooooouuuu arrrrrrre a dickhead for being the one that's blunt.

Yeeeeaaaah! A coooooow!

Cooooool!

This is a deep one. Sure you have to do things that are boring in life, but look to the future and cool cows aren't so far away. I think the left hand path in this case is about black magic or something like that at least. It's implying the left side is wrong, and as a left-hander I take offence to that. However, as I'm thick skinned, I won't let that get to me and I'll remember the band's message. :)

Death - Overactive Imagination

Music from my house! Play it, emo!

You wrecked nails, now I don't know what to do!

You're drifting in the bad toes.

Your script was bad, sort it out! I need you!

More bad toes! A death metal cliché, it would seem. You get songs about violence, you get blast beats, down tuned guitars, grunted vocals and evidently immoral or naughty feet. Don't worry about wrecked nails, certainly don't have a panic attack, just get some more. Some very weak minded people in the so called 'tough' genre.

Bolt Thrower - Cenotaph

I know stripes are a problem for you.

It's a goose... to the dead!

It's sore, it hurts. Is it just because of shoe shine?

Sealed tar!

Do geese have problems with stripes? Let's Google to find out! There are no exact answers to the question which was what I was expecting, but how about more vague answers? There are none. On the plus side if I now type 'Do geese have prob...' the predictive text continues with 'lems with stripes uk.' I'm praying that if you type in the first part of the question, the predictive text will be the same for you. If so, I've started a trend!

Napalm Death - When All is Said and Done

Please show me a dog and a bag of crisps.

Reading tires my day.

We all hate Satan.

Wear the teeny hats!

Dogs, crisps and novelty hats! What a day! It's exactly the kind of thing the devil would spoil, so he deserves the hate. Sure reading tires your day, but look forward to cows for example and have a better outlook.

Autopsy - Impending Dread

I love bowling.

Grab my Sprite, have it tomorrow. Lovely!

You are dominating bunny.

Bunny track, you will be free!

Even more things to look forward to - bowling, fizzy drinks and liberated bunny tracks. It's not every day you hear of bunnies in death metal, is it? Not freeing bunnies, anyway. I do know of a death metal song that is anti animal testing ('Crash Test' by Fear Factory), but the thought of the band writing lyrics such as 'You are the dominating bunny, bunny track you will be free!?' I can't see it.

User Maat Re - Nile

It's a duck! My God! My God!

I want ducks for tea.

I am hungry for ducks.

You saw the bunny men.

Oh, I stand corrected - bunnies are another DM cliché. Echo and the Bunnymen are a rock band, I'm wondering what the more brutal equivalent would be. Hellhammer and the Bunnymen? Deceased and the Bunnymen? Very strange. BUT I am genuinely intrigued. I'm not sure if I'd respect musicians who seem to be afraid of ducks of all creatures, but again... intrigued. They are vague lyrics though. Maybe the band find them exciting.

Right! A good ten death metal songs analysed at least in a way. A bizarre way. Unless I'm right, of course. Oh God, please let me be right. What I do know is that someone has bunnies and toes on their mind a lot, and I'm starting to think that for whatever reason, it's me. Right! Bye!