

Ah 'Communion' by Years and Years. That's a dreary name for a pop band isn't it? Years and years of misery. They might as well call themselves Lifelong Pain. A careless person could misread communion as 'communism'. Years and years of communism. Imagine seeing that in the charts. I just found out 'communion' means 'the sharing of intimate thoughts and feelings'. A confused person who for whatever reason reads one word as two similar ones, could presume that Olly Alexander sings of how it must have felt living under the rule of Stalin. Again, surely not chart worthy. However, to me, the condition sounds random and unbelievable, so let's leave that idea behind. Well, actually I don't know. If you speed read, maybe you could misread 'communion' as both communism and communion. It's surely a weak thing to write about though, so NOW I'll move on.

The album lyric 'I was a king under your control', isn't a very communist thing to say, isn't everyone equal in the ideology? How can you have a communist king? The lyric should be 'I was a regular guy, controlled by no one and controlling no one.' Speed readers beware, you'll only be more confused. SIMON! Move on! Ok, I will. It could suggest the singer doesn't know what kings actually are, as obviously kings almost always if not always give the orders. He really should be careful the kinds of words he writes. He's got a huge audience, and he seems like a smart person, so when he talks gibberish people listen. It's especially bad for those people who never forget a fact, and find it hard to unlearn something that's wrong. I actually find it fairly easy to unlearn unwanted things, the downside is I find it easy to forget things that are true. I remember little that I was taught in school, and whilst my argument is I don't need to remember much of it at all other than English, if someone asks me how hills are formed, I'm screwed.

But that's an exceptionally rare thing to ask someone. I mean... a stranger randomly asking someone that question? That's the kind of thing that would make me fearful. Even if a (fictional) friend enquires as a conversation starter, you have to wonder what's going on in his head. Sure there are general knowledge quiz shows, but if you don't know one random topic? Who cares? That's completely normal. Once you realise where you are and that there will be more strange things to answer, explain your situation and get out of the studio. On another plus, Olly Alexander may be able to convince me he is a member of a nonsensical or weak royalty system, but not for long. Similarly, he may be able to convince me nuclear war is about to start with songs such as 'Take Shelter', but the second I turn on the news? Again, I'm onto him. Quick as a flash. As there are many people who learn like me (I believe it's fluid intelligence rather than the less forgetful crystallised intelligence or whatever, though I'm guessing some are more fluid than others), I'm certain there are countless people who were briefly angry at the band for tricking them, possibly explaining some negative reviews. Those who are crystals, however? Expect some deep resentment. Even so, I'd say the music was actually good!!

Having said that, I know very little about pop music, so I'm not really qualified to give my opinion. I can try to appear intelligent like I was before hand, but chances are it would get harder and harder. In comparison, knowing a neat fact about hills is easy enough, but the more questions you are asked about them? Crap. How about this - a good hard fact from Wikipedia: 'Years & Years won the prestigious BBC Sound of 2015'! That's impressive! Unless of course, those running the contest were also tricked by the band, wanted to pay them back and immediately retracted that award.

As in 'How's it feel Years and Years? You may have convinced us the world was going to go through a nuclear apocalypse, but WE made you think you weren't a bunch of tossers!!' They were also nominated for another award but they didn't win, confirming my theory. i.e. 'No you're not going to win! I immediately ordered a life time's supply of tinned foods on Amazon because of you! Payback!' I on the other hand have forgiven the musicians and I am willing to give them a highly respectable 9/10! Easy going Simon. That's it! Bye!