

# PAINT IT, BLACK

## THE ROLLING STONES



The Rolling Stones released the single 'Paint it Black' in the year 1966 (one of the most important years in modern music) and was number one in both the UK and USA.

The lyrics were inspired by James Joyce's 'Ulysses' -

The fourth line of the song was taken directly from the novel.

Before listening, look at the missing words below and try to guess where they should go. Think of the most logical options;

'Line of.....?'

'People turn their.....?'

## Rolling Stones 'Paint it Black'

myself - darkness - world - heads - flowers - sea - sky - sun - door - coal - facts - cars

I see a red (1)\_\_\_\_\_ and I want it painted black  
No (2)\_\_\_\_\_ anymore I want them to turn black  
I see the girls walk by dressed in their summer clothes  
I have to turn my head until my (3)\_\_\_\_\_ goes

I see a line of (4)\_\_\_\_\_ and they're all painted black  
With flowers and my love both never to come back  
I see people turn their (5)\_\_\_\_\_ and quickly look away  
Like a new born baby it just happens every day

I look inside (6)\_\_\_\_\_ and see my heart is black  
I see my red door and must have it painted black  
Maybe then I'll fade away and not have to face the (7)\_\_\_\_\_  
It's not easy facin' up when your whole (8)\_\_\_\_\_ is black

No more will my green (9)\_\_\_\_\_ go turn a deeper blue  
I could not foresee this thing happening to you

If I look hard enough into the setting (10)\_\_\_\_\_  
My love will laugh with me before the morning comes

(REPEAT) I see a red (1)\_\_\_\_\_ and I want it painted black  
No (2)\_\_\_\_\_ anymore I want them to turn black  
I see the girls walk by dressed in their summer clothes  
I have to turn my head until my (3)\_\_\_\_\_ goes

I wanna see it painted, painted black  
Black as night, black as (11)\_\_\_\_\_  
I wanna see the sun blotted out from the (12)\_\_\_\_\_  
I wanna see it tainted, tainted, tainted, tainted black