

Safe & Sound

by Taylor Swift *alliteration*

I remember tears streaming down your face
When I said, "I'll never let you go"
When all those shadows almost killed your light
I remember you said, "Don't leave me here alone."
But all that's dead and gone and passed tonight

your light = your soul/spirit

$\frac{1}{2}$ rhyme

← this is the line that helps the song apply to many Hunger Games situations

Just close your eyes
The sun is going down
You'll be all right
No one can hurt you now
Come morning light
You and I'll be safe and sound

eyes - right - light: half rhyme
down - now - sound: half rhyme

rhyme

This is a song about keeping the faith in a hopeless situation. Faith in tomorrow is what makes us strong.

Don't you dare look out your window, darling
Everything's on fire
The war outside our door keeps raging on
Hold onto this lullaby
Even when the music's gone

rhyme

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Notice Taylor's use of light and dark imagery. Overall, light is hope and dark is despair →

- but fire is light and a clear symbol of destruction

- and the sun going down → darkness → should be hopeless, but Katniss can always grit her teeth and get through the night. It's a stalemate, but morning brings promise.

Just close your eyes
You'll be all right
Come morning light,
You and I'll be safe and sound...

Taylor wrote this song to fit many characters and situations in The Hunger Games.

- Primrose & Katniss
- Katniss & Rue
- Gale & Katniss
- Katniss & Peeta
- Mrs. Everdeen & Katniss

to prevent spoilers, I listed the characters but not situations; Fans will know!