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ABSTRACT

Slang is the structure language that evolved in modern times which is particularly used by young people. Slang develops in tune with the envolving of existing culture the environment so that the slang does not have time, place, or community background limit. Slang can also be found in almost every language in the world, in this case the writer discusses the use of slang words found in the English language. This paper entitled “The Description of Slangwords in Rated R+Loud a Song Album by Rihanna’s”, the writer will review the use of slang words found in the songs that was chosen as the extent of the problem to be discussed in this paper. The methods used by the writer is library method and sourcing of the discussion over the internet to support the writing of this paper. Hopefully this paper can be useful for the readers, and can be a reference for the study of slang language found in the English language.

Keywords : Slang, Language, and Song.
ABSTRAK

Slang adalah struktur bahasa yang berkembang di zaman modern yang digunakan khususnya oleh kawula muda. Slang berkembang selaras dengan berkembangnya budaya yang ada di lingkungan tersebut sehingga slang tidak mempunyai batas waktu, tempat ataupun latar belakang masalah. Slang juga dapat kita temukan di hamper semua bahasa yang ada di dunia ini, dalam hal ini penulis membahas penggunaan kata-kata slang yang terdapa di dalam bahasa Inggris. Di dalam kertas karya saya yang berjudul “The Description of Slangwords in Rated R+Loud a Song Album by Rihanna’s”, penulis akan mengulas penggunaan kata-kata slang yang terdapat didalam lagu-lagu yang telah dipilih sebagai batasan masalah untuk dibahas didalam kertas karya ini. Metode yang digunakan oleh penulis adalah metode perupustakaan, dan juga dilakukan pencarian sumber pembahasan melalui internet untung mendukung penulisan kertas karya ini. Semoga kertas karya ini dapat berguna untuk para pembaca dan dapat menjadi referensi untuk studi mengenai bahasa slang yang terdapat didalam bahasa Inggris.

Kata kunci : Slang, Bahasa, dan Lagu.
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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of The Study

Language is the discrete combinatorial system humans use most for communication. Discrete means ‘separate’ here, and combinatorial means ‘ability to add together.’ We take small separate parts, push them together in specific combinations, and create larger parts of language. Hazzen (2014:1)

Language is inseparable from human beings. People can not live without language. Language is a most important thing for people to communicate. Language is a system that consists of the development, acquisition, maintenance and use of complex systems of communication, particularly the human ability to do so; and a language is any specific example of such a system.

Human is a social creature / which means that one people can not stand alone without cooperating with other people. While cooperating here, one human must make contact with the others, so in contacting another, people use language. Human activities are coded in the language. Thus, language plays an important role for human beings.
According to Burdová (2009:8), slang is considered an independent non-literary language formation existing in a language and closely connected with its terminology. Slang is informal language that is usually used in everyday life amongst members of teenagers. Slang is exposed into spoken language. Slang is created based on such form as metaphor, simile, folk, etymology, hyperbole, and borrowing from foreign language. Lerner (1950:5) says that slang usually has short life, because it is invented to fit a particular situation at a given moment.

For the language, slang is like a linguistic laboratory, where new words and form can be tested out, applied to variety of situations, and then not abandoned or incorporated into the regular language.

Slang can be found in many literary works such as music, songs, poems, dramas, etc. Most of the people in the world like listening the music, especially the teenagers. Music one of the favorite entertainments in our life. Song easily found in daily life because song is universal. Further more, the lyrics of song is also used slang language. Song is about melody and rhythm.

Song is can be sung by solo singer, duet, group band, etc. There are many kinds of song namely pop song, rock, dangdut, R&B music, originally termed “raced music” and basically it includes any form of music intened for black audiences.
Many people like to hear pop song and R&B song, Rihanna is an American singer and his song uses a lot of slang. Therefore I am interested into find my description of slang in Rihanna songs as the sample of study.
1.2 Problem of Study

1. What kinds of slang words are used in Rihanna’s songs?

2. What is the meaning of each slang word?

3. What are the syntactic structure of the slangs?
1.3 Purpose of the Study

1. To find out the kinds of slang words used in the Rihanna songs.
2. To find out the meaning of each slang word used in the songs.
3. To find out the syntactic structure of the slangs.
1.4 The Scope of Study

As we know there are many songs in the world, and some of them use slang language especially, American songs. In this study not all words will be observed but only slang used in Rihanna’s namely Rated R album the list songs are ‘’Wait Your Turn’’, ‘’Photographs’’, ‘’Hole In My Head’’ and loud album the list songs are ‘’Only Girl (In The World)’’, ‘’Fading’’, ‘’Man Down’’. 
1.5 Methods of the Study

This paper is based on the library research by collecting, reading, and taking data from some books that are relevant to the theme for getting information about the topic of slang. In addition, the writer also used internet that have many website about definition of slang.
1.6 Reasons for choosing the topic

The writer choose Rihanna’s song lyrics because the song lyrics is interesting and slang words are often used in American songs. In every lyrics slang words can be found in the form sentence or words or phrases, so the writer has the reason to understand the meaning of slang.
2. REVIEW OF LITERATURE

2.1 What is a Slang

Slang is the speech of today’s young people which filled with words and expressions. They are not found in formal English, which are greatly enhanced by the sounds of their language, making it very expressive and colorful. Hornby (1974:807) says that slang is words, phrases, meaning of words, etc.

A slang includes not just words but words that are used in a special way, in a certain social context. A slang is more or less common in nearly all ranks of society and in every way of life at the present day.

Although the term “slang” is sometimes used with more or less intentional inexactness, and has often been carelessly defined, the notion to which it corresponds in general use seems to be tolerably precise. There are two principal characteristics which are taken in conjunction, may serve to distinguish what is properly called slang from certain other varieties if diction that in some respect resemble it. The first of these is that slang is a conscious offence against some conventional standard of propriety. The slang words is a deliberate substitute for a word of the vernacular, just as the characters of a
chiper are substitutes for a personal name. Thus, slang is not simply one of words of that can be used the same way in all situations.

There are many ways to say the same things, depending on where you are, whom you are talking to, and how you feel. It is usually used by a group of a society in informal to make a new identity and to identification a member of group.

There are many definitions of slang, and none of them is defined the same as another. Definition of slang depends on from which angle it is viewed. However, one important point, which is always mentioned that slang is informal language, informal for it has not been widely and fully accepted by a society from all level because it is mostly spoken by young people.
2.2 Type of Slang

In Ratna Perwita Sari (2010:24) divide slang according to the field, where are the slang is used, it can be seen as follows:

a) Abbreviation

An abbreviation is a shortened form of a word or phrase. It consist of a group of letters taken from the word or phrase. Some abbreviations are used in the novel, magazine, also comics. Some of them are very popular and are always expressed by Americans. Some of abbreviations are slang but not all abbreviations are used as slang expressions. For example: on Rihanna’s song lyrics, ‘‘fading’’ there is a sentence “I ain’t coming back again”, you should change to “I am not coming back again”

b) Grammatical Slang

In linguistics, grammar refers to the logical and structure rules that govern the composition of the sentences, phrase, and word in any give natural language. The term refers also to the study of such rules, and this field includes morphology and syntax.

c) Baby’s expressions

Baby’s expressions are used by parents to their baby or children in order to make simple communication. For example: Look the little birdie, means: Look the little bird.
d) Cockney Slang

The characteristic of this slang use pronounced accent. For example: the change of *th* to *f* or *v*, as in “fing” for “thing”, “farver” for “father”; the vowel-sounds change from *ou* to *ha* as in “abhat” for “about”. The following passage is the example of cockney slang using taken from “Coockney Literature”.

e) Public-House Slang

The characteristics of slang terms on this type are cheery, materialistic, but not gross, for example: “boozер” (a public-house), “second liker” (another drink, the same as the first), “balloon-juice” (soda-water).

f) Workmen’s Slang

For examples: brass, chips, dust, feathers, brads (money); sheep’s foot (an iron hammer); saint Monday (the favorite day of the week); out of collar, want a apron (out of work); screw (salary); get a sack (to be discharge).

g) Tradesmen’s Slang

Many of this type are jargon, for example: bread basket (belly), coal up (to feed), take a trip (giving up a job), chuck a dummy (to faint), kick (to seek), real kate (a kind matron).
h) The Slang of Commerce

The characteristics of this kind is to abbreviate the words, for example: deb. (debentures), ex div (without tge dividend), pref. (preference stock), circs. (circumstances), com. (commercial traveler).

i) Medicine, initials, abbreviations and euphemisms are the characteristics of this type, as the tendency of medical person to their actions, words, and prescriptions in mystery, for example, D.D.A (the Dangerous Drug Act), C.S.M (Cererospinal Meningitis), Tb (Tuberculosis), med lab (Medical Laboratory).
3. ANALYZING DATA AND FINDINGS

3.1 Steps to Analyze Data

The step of analyze are as follow:

1. Collecting the lyrics in Rihanna” songs
   
   There are six songs to collect in this paper from rihanna’s album. In Rated R album the list songs are ‘‘Wait Your Turn’’, ‘‘Photographs’’, ‘‘Hole In My Head’’ and loud album the list songs are ‘‘Only Girl (In The World)’’, ‘‘Fading’’, ‘‘Man Down’’.

2. Reading and comprehending the lyrics

   The writer reading research objects that is in the lyrics of Rihanna’s song and the writer also tries to understand six song lyrics on the album Rated R and Loud.

3. Underlining the slang words in the lyrics

   If the writer found the slang words in the song lyrics, it will need some marks. The writer uses underlining mark to make easier in getting the next step.

4. Reading dictionary of American slang and internet browsing

   The writer reading American slang dictionary in order to understand and grasp the meaning of slang contained in six song lyrics of Rihanna. In addition, the writer also browses the internet to get more theories about slang and forms of slang.
5. Classifying the slang in terms of type

After giving some underline in the slang word founded in the lyrics album, the writer will collect it. The writer will classifying all the slang words founded into the paper.
3.2 Data Analyze

There are six songs from two albums

1. Wait Your Turn

Lyrics:

It's just the way the game is played
It's best if you just wait your turn

The wait is over, the wait is over
The wait is over, the wait is over
The wait is over, the wait is over
The wait is over, the wait is over

I pitch with a grenade
Swing away if you're feeling brave
There's so much power in my name
If you pop off and you say it stadium gon' do the wave
I'm such a fucking lady
You don't have to be so afraid
'Cause I got room up on my team you can play but hold up

It's just the way the game is played
It's best if you just wait your turn

It's getting crowded over here, but babe the wait is over
Sometimes it takes a thousand tries to win, the wait is over
Fumble, don't you fumble that's a flag on the play
Babe if you don't wanna then you don't have to wait
But together we gon' be taking over
It's just the way the game is played
It's best if you just wait your turn
So you don't wanna wait?
I hate to hear that such a shame
'Cause if you play it sideways
Ain't no timeout in my game, they already underway
I know you want to win
And you wish I would let you in
Get in line over here, you can play but hold up
It's just the way the game is played
It's best if you just wait your turn
It's getting crowded over here, but babe the wait is over
Sometimes it takes a thousand tries to win, the wait is over
Fumble, don't you fumble that's a flag on the play
Babe if you don't wanna then you don't have to wait
But together we gon' be taking over
It's just the way the game is played
It's best if you just wait your turn
Baby put the work in like a champion
But the crowd is screaming with their hands way up
Couldn't be with no one else
You're the only way I'll win
Baby got the whole world standing up
Damn I'm glad I picked ya, took a chance on love
Babe you're up
The time is now and now the wait is over

The wait is over, the wait is over
The wait is over, the wait is over (just wait your turn)
The wait is over, the wait is over
The wait is over, the wait is over (just wait your turn)

It's getting crowded over here, but babe the wait is over
Sometimes it takes a thousand tries to win, the wait is over
Fumble, don't you fumble that's a flag on the play
Babe if you don't wanna then you don't have to wait
But together we gon' be taking over

It's just the way the game is played
It's best if you just wait your turn

The wait is over, the wait is over
The wait is over, the wait is over
2. Photograph

Lyrics:

Here's a little story I've gotta tell
Bout this boy I know so well
Back in the day was cool and all
Fell in love, I fell in love
Thought he was the one for me
Other boys I could not see
And look what happened to our love
I'm like how could it be?

It should have been me and you
It could have been you and me
Boy you broke my heart and now I'm standing here
It should have been me and you
It could have been you and me
Now all I've got are these photographs

All I've got, all I've got
All I've got are these photographs
All I've got, all I've got
All I've got is nothing without you
You, you,
Got nothing without you
You, you,

Got nothing without you

Now baby it's killing me

I'm saying it's killing me

The fact that you ain't around

Baby I'm falling down

I need me a remedy

Been looking for remedies

I need you to be around

And baby I'm hurting now

I know you're a better man

(When I was your girl)

This land is a better land

(When you're in my world)

Today will be better babe

If it were like yesterday

So happy and lovely... hey, hey, hey

All I've got, all I've got

All I've got are these photographs

All I've got, all I've got

is nothing without you

You, you,
Got nothing without you
You, you,
Got nothing without you

All I've got are these photographs
I remember when I used to make you laugh
I don't wanna be stuck in the past
But you're all that I have that I had
And I don't wanna lose what we built this far
This is me and you, you're my superstar
I'd give anything, baby here's my heart
My heart, my heart...

My heart don't stop, my heart be beating over
My loving never stop, even though that it's over
Girl I've been reminiscing when I play that Casanova
Way back when we was kissing on your grand momma's sofa
Girl I got this lovey dovey o my photo album
I got them pictures back when I was rocking Calvin... Klein
You had your Guess jeans on looking sexy, oh no
Girl why couldn’t I be the one?

Why? Why? Why?
I am not the one
Why? Why? Why?
Why couldn't you be the one?
Why? Why? Why?
Why couldn't you be the one?
Why? Why? Why?

All I've got, all I've got
Is nothing without you
All I've got, all I've got
Is nothing without you
You, you,
Is nothing without you
You, you,
Is nothing without you
All I've got, is nothing without

All I've got are these photographs
All I've got are these photographs
3. Hole In My Head

Lyrics:

You got a hole in your head
You got a hole in your head girl
You got a hole in your head
You got a hole in your head girl
You got a hole in your head
You got a hole in your head girl

[Rihanna:]  
No use, your lips keep moving
But I got a couple screws loose
Them other boys talkin' about me
They say I'm bad news, and
Probably best for you to keep this short
It's my time to interrupt,
It's time to start me up

[Bridge:]  
I don't think you wanna do that right now
And not with me, don't start with me I got a gun on me
I don't think you really wanna run your mouth
I gotta feeling, I'll burn it down, I'll burn you down
All over your radio, see me in the stadium
I'll spin your body,
Let these ladies know
Don't bring this hoe around me
Don't push my buttons
You don't really wanna see me get wild
Wanna see me get wild

[Chorus:]
I got a hole in my head A
hole in my head
Sometimes I get crazy and
I ain't scared of nobody
Don't look at me funny
Like you ain't hear what I said
I gotta hole in my head
Ay ay ay I gotta hole in my head
Ay ay ay I gotta hole in my head
Don't look at me funny
Like you ain't hear what I said
Ay ay ay I gotta hole in my head

Buckle up, I ride this like a fast car
Suck it up, don't even try to act hard
And you can try to run But you won't get very far
And you can try to hide but I know where you are
Let loose, I see right through you,
you got a hole in your head too
And I knew it the very moment i met you
So I hope you got your swagger up
You know just what I love
Really take a lot to start me up

[Bridge]

Catch me on your mind baby
Don't waste my time baby
Now watch me wind
You can take that as a sign baby
So left and right baby
So push my buttons
You see me get wild
Uh go wild baby

[Chorus]

Uh oh uh oh
Sometimes I go crazy
Uh oh uh oh
Watch me Watch me
Uh oh uh oh
Sometimes I go crazy

[Justin Timberlake:]  
Break it down

I hear voices in my head
they go oh oh oh

[x6]

[Rihanna:]  
I got a hole in my head A
hole in my head
Sometimes I get crazy and
I ain't scared of nobody
Don't look at me funny
Did you hear what I said
I gotta hole in my head
Ay ay ay I gotta hole in my head
Ay ay ay I gotta hole in my head
Don't look at me funny
Like you ain't heard what I said
Ay ay ay I gotta hole in my head

[Justine Timberlake:] You got a hole in your head
You got a hole in your head girl
You got a hole in your head
You got a hole in your head girl
You got a hole in your head
You got a hole in your head girl
4. Only Girl (In The World)

Lyrics:

La la la la
La la la la
La la la la
(Uh, yeah)
La la la la

I want you to love me, like I'm a hot ride
Keep thinkin' of me, doin' what you like
So boy forget about the world cause it's gon' be me and you tonight
I wanna make you beg for it, then I'm a make you swallow your pride

Ooh
Want you to make me feel like I'm the only girl in the world
Like I'm the only one that you'll ever love
Like I'm the only one who knows your heart
Only girl in the world...
Like I'm the only one that's in command
Cause I'm the only one who understands how to make you feel like a man (yeah)
Want you to make me feel like I'm the only girl in the world
Like I'm the only one that you'll ever love
Like I'm the only one who knows your heart
Only one...

Want you to take it, like a thief in the night
Hold me like a pillow, make me feel right
Baby I'll tell you all my secrets that I'm keepin', you can come inside
And when you enter, you ain't leavin', be my prisoner for the night

Want you to make me feel like I'm the only girl in the world
Like I'm the only one that you'll ever love
Like I'm the only one who knows your heart
Only girl in the world...
Like I'm the only one that's in command
Cause I'm the only one who understands, like I'm the only one who
knows your heart
Only one...

Take me for a ride, ride
Oh baby, take me high, high
Let me make you first, first
Oh make it last all night, night
Take me for a ride, ride
Oh baby, take me high, high
Let me make you first, first
Make it last all night

Want you to make me feel like I'm the only girl in the world
Like I'm the only one that you'll ever love
Like I'm the only one who knows your heart

Only girl in the world...

Like I'm the only one that's in command
Cause I'm the only one who understands how to make you feel like a man

Only girl in the world...

Girl in the world...

Only girl in the world...

Girl in the world
5. Fading

Lyrics:

You say you love me
But they feel
Like words to me
Well this just
Ain't working
Stop thinking
You can run over me
Drifting
Settling
Off to
A foreign place
If I can't see
What's in front of me
It's a mystery
Well then apparently

[Chorus:]
Things just ain't the same
And I'm ready for change
Go on, begone, bye bye, so long
Can't you see that you're
Fading, fading, fading, fading
Away, away, away, away
I opened up my eyes, and I finally realized
Today, today, it's too late
You're fading away

Put a sock in it
Just stop running your mouth
Got my mind made up
I ain't coming back again
No way, no way, no way, no way
Cause I'm so fed up
You got me messed up
If we hooking back up
Don't press your luck today, today
I'm blowing you away

[Chorus:]
Things just ain't the same And
I'm ready for a change Go on,
begone, ta ta, so long Can't
you see that you're Fading,
fading, fading, fading Away,
away, away, away
I opened up my eyes and I finally realized
Today, today, it's too late
You're fading away

Saw you turn into a ghost right in front of my eyes
Tell me what's a girl to do when she's crying inside?
I'm about to go insane, I'm jumping off this train
Whether wrong or right I'll be gone by night

[Chorus:]
Can't you see that you're
Fading, fading, fading, fading
Away, away, away, away
I opened up my eyes and I finally realized
Today, today, it's too late
You're fading away
6. Man Down

Lyrics:

I didn't mean to end his life
I know it wasn't right
I can't even sleep at night
Can't get it off my mind
I need to get out of sight
'Fore I end up behind bars

What started out as a simple altercation
Turned into a real sticky situation
Me just thinking on the time that I'm facing
Makes me wanna cry

'Cause I didn't mean to hurt him
Could've been somebody's son
And I took his heart when
I pulled out that gun

Rum, pum, pum rum, pum, pum, pum rum, pum, pum, pum
Man down
Rum, pum, pum, pum rum, pum, pum, pum rum, pum, pum, pum
Man down
Oh, mama, mama, mama
I just shot a man down
In central station
In front of a big ol' crowd
Oh, why? Oh, why?
Oh, mama, mama, mama
I just shot a man down
In central station

It's a 22
I call her Peggy Sue
When she fits right down in my shoes
What you expect me to do
If you're playing me for a fool
I will lose my cool
And reach for my fire arm

I didn't mean to lay him down
But it's too late to turn back now
Don't know what I was thinking
Now he's no longer living
So I'm 'bout to leave town (yeah)

'Cause I didn't mean to hurt him
Could've been somebody's son
And I took his heart when
I pulled out that gun

Rum, pum, pum, pum rum, pum, pum, pum rum, pum, pum, pum
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Rum, pum, pum, pum rum, pum, pum, pum rum, pum, pum, pum
Man down

Oh, mama, mama, mama
I just shot a man down
In central station
In front of a big ol' crowd
Oh, why? Oh, why?
Oh, mama, mama, mama
I just shot a man down (criminal)
In central station

And I never thought I'd do it
Never thought I'd do it
Never thought I'd do it
Oh, gosh
Whatever happened to me
Ever happened to me
Ever happened to me

Why did I pull the trigger

Pull the trigger, pull the trigger – boom

And end a nigga, end a nigga life so soon

When me pull the trigger, pull the trigger, pull it 'pon you

Somebody tell me what I'm gonna, what I'm gonna do

Rum, pum, pum, pum rum, pum, pum, pum rum, pum, pum, pum

Me say one man down (oh, what me say)

Rum, pum, pum, pum rum, pum, pum, rum, pum, pum, pum, pum

When we went downtown

'Cause now I am a criminal, criminal, criminal

Oh, Lord, have mercy now I am a criminal

Man down

Tell the judge please gimme minimal

Run out of town none of them can see me now

Oh, mama, mama, mama

I just shot a man down

In central station

In front of a big ol' crowd

Oh, why? Oh, why?

Oh, mama, mama, mama
I just shot a man down

In central station
3.3 Kinds of Slangs

There are two kinds of slang used in Rihanna’s songs:

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3.5 Syntactic Structure of the Slang

1. Abbreviation of infinitive to

   e.g. Want to → Wanna

   Got to → Gotta

2. Abbreviation of to be am + not → ain’t

3. Loss of sound in final position

   e.g. Leaving → Leavin’

   Doing → Doin’

   Thinking → Thinkin’

4. Loss of initial sound

   e.g. About → Bout

5. Loss of initial syllable

   e.g. Because → Cause

   Before → ‘Fore
4. CONCLUSION AND SUGGESTION

4.1 Conclusions

The conclusions are as following:

a) It is found out that there are two kinds of slang:
   1. Abbreviation, 2. Grammatical Slangs

b) All meanings found are literal meaning

c) The syntactic structure of the slang are:
   1. Abbreviation of infinitive to
   2. Abbreviation of to be am + not
   3. Loss of sound in final position
   4. Loss of initial sound
   5. Loss of initial syllable
4.2 Suggestions

Suggestions are stated as the following:

a) It is advised to listeners of pop and R&B songs. The listeners must be carefully in using song as media of learning English because sometimes song contain several slang languages.

b) Who interested in hearing Rihanna’s song this analysis can help them to understanding slang meaning in Rihanna’s songs.
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Robyn Rihanna Fenty (born 20 February 1988) is a Barbadian singer, songwriter, actress, and businesswoman. Born in Saint Michael, Barbados and raised in Bridgetown, during 2003, she recorded demo tapes under the direction of record producer Evan Rogers and signed a recording contract with Def Jam Recordings after auditioning for its then-president, hip hop producer and rapper Jay-Z. In 2005, Rihanna rose to fame with the release of her debut studio album *Music of the Sun* and its follow-up *A Girl like Me* (2006), which charted on the top 10 of the US *Billboard* 200 and respectively produced the successful singles "Pon de Replay", "SOS" and "Unfaithful".

She assumed creative control for her third studio album *Good Girl Gone Bad* (2007) and adopted a public image as a sex symbol, while reinventing her music. Its lead single "Umbrella" became an international breakthrough
in her career, as she won her first Grammy Award at the 50th Annual Grammy Awards in 2008. She then annually released four consecutive RIAA multi-platinum certified studio albums, including the Grammy Award winner *Unapologetic* (2012). Her eighth studio album *Anti* (2016) topped the US Billboard 200 and became one of the most streamed albums of the year.[3] Many of her songs rank among the world's best-selling singles of all time, including the singles "Umbrella", "Take a Bow", "Disturbia", "Only Girl (In the World)", "S&M", "We Found Love", "Diamonds", "Stay" and "Work" in which she is the lead artist, and her collaborations "Live Your Life" (with T.I.), "Love the Way You Lie" and "The Monster" (both with Eminem).

Recognized as a pop icon of today's music, Rihanna is one of the best-selling music artists of all time, with 250 million records sold worldwide.[4] Rihanna is the youngest solo artist to earn fourteen number-one singles on the *Billboard* Hot 100, and has a total of thirty one top-ten singles. She was named the Digital Songs Artist of the 2000s decade, the top Hot 100 artist of the 2010s decade, as well as the all-time top Pop Songs artist by *Billboard*. Additionally, she is Spotify's most streamed female artist of all time. Among numerous awards and accolades, Rihanna has won nine Grammy Awards, twelve American Music Awards and twelve *Billboard* Music Awards. Furthermore, she was awarded with the inaugural American Music Award for Icon in 2013 and the Michael Jackson Video Vanguard Award in 2016. Rihanna received the Fashion Icon lifetime achievement award from the Council of Fashion Designers of America in
2014. In 2012, *Forbes* ranked her the fourth most powerful celebrity, while *Time* included her on the annual list of the most influential people in the world.

- *Good Girl Gone Bad* (2007, reissued in 2008 as *Good Girl Gone Bad: Reloaded*)
- *Rated R* (2009)
- *Talk That Talk* (2011)
- *Unapologetic* (2012)
- *Anti* (2016)
1. Wait Your Turn

Lyrics:

It's just the way the game is played
It's best if you just wait your turn

The wait is over, the wait is over
The wait is over, the wait is over
The wait is over, the wait is over
The wait is over, the wait is over

I pitch with a grenade
Swing away if you're feeling brave
There's so much power in my name
If you pop off and you say it stadium gon' do the wave
I'm such a fucking lady
You don't have to be so afraid
'Cause I got room up on my team you can play but hold up

It's just the way the game is played
It's best if you just wait your turn

It's getting crowded over here, but babe the wait is over
Sometimes it takes a thousand tries to win, the wait is over
Fumble, don't you fumble that's a flag on the play
Babe if you don't wanna then you don't have to wait
But together we gon' be taking over
It's just the way the game is played
It's best if you just wait your turn

So you don't wanna wait?
I hate to hear that such a shame
'Cause if you play it sideways
Ain't no timeout in my game, they already underway

I know you want to win
And you wish I would let you in
Get in line over here, you can play but hold up

It's just the way the game is played
It's best if you just wait your turn

It's getting crowded over here, but babe the wait is over
Sometimes it takes a thousand tries to win, the wait is over
Fumble, don't you fumble that's a flag on the play
Babe if you don't wanna then you don't have to wait
But together we gon' be taking over

It's just the way the game is played
It's best if you just wait your turn

Baby put the work in like a champion
But the crowd is screaming with their hands way up
Couldn't be with no one else
You're the only way I'll win
Baby got the whole world standing up
Damn I'm glad I picked ya, took a chance on love
Babe you're up
The time is now and now the wait is over
The wait is over, the wait is over
The wait is over, the wait is over (just wait your turn)
The wait is over, the wait is over
The wait is over, the wait is over (just wait your turn)
It's getting crowded over here, but babe the wait is over
Sometimes it takes a thousand tries to win, the wait is over
Fumble, don't you fumble that's a flag on the play
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But together we gon' be taking over
It's just the way the game is played
It's best if you just wait your turn
The wait is over, the wait is over
The wait is over, the wait is over
2. Photograph

Lyrics:

Here's a little story I've gotta tell
Bout this boy I know so well
Back in the day was cool and all
Fell in love, I fell in love
Thought he was the one for me
Other boys I could not see
And look what happened to our love
I'm like how could it be?

It should have been me and you
It could have been you and me
Boy you broke my heart and now I'm standing here
It should have been me and you
It could have been you and me
Now all I've got are these photographs

All I've got, all I've got
All I've got are these photographs
All I've got, all I've got
All I've got is nothing without you
You, you,
Got nothing without you
You, you,
Got nothing without you

Now baby it's killing me
I'm saying it's killing me
The fact that you ain't around
Baby I'm falling down
I need me a remedy
Been looking for remedies
I need you to be around
And baby I'm hurting now
I know you're a better man
(When I was your girl)
This land is a better land
(When you're in my world)
Today will be better babe
If it were like yesterday
So happy and lovely... hey, hey, hey

All I've got, all I've got
All I've got are these photographs
All I've got, all I've got
is nothing without you
You, you,
Got nothing without you
You, you,
Got nothing without you

All I've got are these photographs
I remember when I used to make you laugh
I don't wanna be stuck in the past
But you're all that I have that I had
And I don't wanna lose what we built this far
This is me and you, you're my superstar
I'd give anything, baby here's my heart
My heart, my heart...

My heart don't stop, my heart be beating over
My loving never stop, even though that it's over
Girl I've been reminiscing when I play that Casanova
Way back when we was kissing on your grand momma's sofa
Girl I got this lovey dovey o my photo album
I got them pictures back when I was rocking Calvin... Klein
You had your Guess jeans on looking sexy, oh no
Girl why couldn’t I be the one?

Why? Why? Why?
I am not the one
Why? Why? Why?
Why couldn't you be the one?
Why? Why? Why?
Why couldn't you be the one?
Why? Why? Why?

All I've got, all I've got
Is nothing without you
All I've got, all I've got
Is nothing without you
You, you,
Is nothing without you
You, you,
Is nothing without you
All I've got, is nothing without

All I've got are these photographs
All I've got are these photographs
3. Hole In My Head

Lyrics:

You got a hole in your head
You got a hole in your head girl
You got a hole in your head
You got a hole in your head girl
You got a hole in your head
You got a hole in your head girl

[Rihanna:]
No use, your lips keep moving
But I got a couple screws loose
Them other boys talkin' about me
They say I'm bad news, and
Probably best for you to keep this short
It's my time to interrupt,
It's time to start me up

[Bridge:]
I don't think you wanna do that right now
And not with me, don't start with me I got a gun on me
I don't think you really wanna run your mouth
I gotta feeling, I'll burn it down, I'll burn you down
All over your radio, see me in the stadium
I'll spin your body,
Let these ladies know
Don't bring this hoe around me
Don't push my buttons
You don't really wanna see me get wild
Wanna see me get wild

[Chorus:]
I got a hole in my head A
hole in my head
Sometimes I get crazy and
I ain't scared of nobody
Don't look at me funny
Like you ain't hear what I said
I gotta hole in my head
Ay ay ay I gotta hole in my head
Ay ay ay I gotta hole in my head
Don't look at me funny
Like you ain't hear what I said
Ay ay ay I gotta hole in my head

Buckle up, I ride this like a fast car
Suck it up, don't even try to act hard
And you can try to run But you won't get very far
And you can try to hide but I know where you are
Let loose, I see right through you,
you got a hole in your head too
And I knew it the very moment i met you
So I hope you got your swagger up
You know just what I love
Really take a lot to start me up

[Bridge]

Catch me on your mind baby
Don't waste my time baby
Now watch me wind
You can take that as a sign baby
So left and right baby
So push my buttons
You see me get wild
Uh go wild baby

[Chorus]

Uh oh uh oh
Sometimes I go crazy
Uh oh uh oh
Watch me Watch me
Uh oh uh oh
Sometimes I go crazy

[Justin Timberlake:]
Break it down

I hear voices in my head
they go oh oh oh

[x6]

[Rihanna:]
I got a hole in my head A
hole in my head
Sometimes I get crazy and
I ain't scared of nobody
Don't look at me funny
Did you hear what I said
I gotta hole in my head
Ay ay ay I gotta hole in my head
Ay ay ay I gotta hole in my head
Don't look at me funny
Like you ain't heard what I said
Ay ay ay I gotta hole in my head

[Justine Timberlake:]
You got a hole in your head
You got a hole in your head girl
You got a hole in your head
You got a hole in your head girl
You got a hole in your head
You got a hole in your head girl
4. Only Girl (In The World)

Lyrics:
La la la la
La la la la
La la la la
La la la la
(Uh, yeah)
La la la la

I want you to love me, like I'm a hot ride
Keep thinkin' of me, doin' what you like
So boy forget about the world cause it's gon' be me and you tonight
I wanna make you beg for it, then I'm a make you swallow your pride

Ooh

Want you to make me feel like I'm the only girl in the world
Like I'm the only one that you'll ever love
Like I'm the only one who knows your heart
Only girl in the world...
Like I'm the only one that's in command
Cause I'm the only one who understands how to make you feel like a man
(yeah)
Want you to make me feel like I'm the only girl in the world
Like I'm the only one that you'll ever love
Like I'm the only one who knows your heart

Only one...

Want you to take it, like a thief in the night
Hold me like a pillow, make me feel right
Baby I'll tell you all my secrets that I'm keepin', you can come inside
And when you enter, you ain't leavin', be my prisoner for the night

Want you to make me feel like I'm the only girl in the world
Like I'm the only one that you'll ever love
Like I'm the only one who knows your heart
Only girl in the world...
Like I'm the only one that's in command
Cause I'm the only one who understands, like I'm the only one who knows your heart
Only one...

Take me for a ride, ride
Oh baby, take me high, high
Let me make you first, first
Oh make it last all night, night
Take me for a ride, ride
Oh baby, take me high, high
Let me make you first, first
Make it last all night

Want you to make me feel like I'm the only girl in the world
Like I'm the only one that you'll ever love
Like I'm the only one who knows your heart
Only girl in the world...
Like I'm the only one that's in command
Cause I'm the only one who understands how to make you feel like a man
Only girl in the world...
Girl in the world...
Only girl in the world...
Girl in the world
5. Fading

Lyrics:

You say you love me
But they feel
Like words to me
Well this just
Ain't working
Stop thinking
You can run over me
Drifting
Settling
Off to
A foreign place
If I can't see
What's in front of me
It's a mystery
Well then apparently

[Chorus:]
Things just ain't the same
And I'm ready for change
Go on, begone, bye bye, so long
Can't you see that you're
Fading, fading, fading, fading
Away, away, away, away
I opened up my eyes, and I finally realized
Today, today, it's too late
You're fading away

Put a sock in it
Just stop running your mouth
Got my mind made up
I ain't coming back again
No way, no way, no way, no way
Cause I'm so fed up
You got me messed up
If we hooking back up
Don't press your luck today, today
I'm blowing you away

[Chorus:]
Things just ain't the same And
I'm ready for a change Go on,
begone, ta ta, so long Can't
you see that you're Fading,
fading, fading, fading Away,
away, away, away
I opened up my eyes and I finally realized
Today, today, it's too late
You're fading away

Saw you turn into a ghost right in front of my eyes
Tell me what's a girl to do when she's crying inside?
I'm about to go insane, I'm jumping off this train
Whether wrong or right I'll be gone by night

[Chorus:]
Can't you see that you're
Fading, fading, fading, fading
Away, away, away, away
I opened up my eyes and I finally realized
Today, today, it's too late
You're fading away
6. Man Down

Lyrics:

I didn't mean to end his life
I know it wasn't right
I can't even sleep at night
Can't get it off my mind
I need to get out of sight
'Fore I end up behind bars

What started out as a simple altercation
Turned into a real sticky situation
Me just thinking on the time that I'm facing
Makes me wanna cry

'Cause I didn't mean to hurt him
Could've been somebody's son
And I took his heart when
I pulled out that gun

Rum, pum, pum rum, pum, pum, pum rum, pum, pum, pum
Man down
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Man down
Oh, mama, mama, mama
I just shot a man down
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Oh, why? Oh, why?
Oh, mama, mama, mama
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It's a 22
I call her Peggy Sue
When she fits right down in my shoes
What you expect me to do
If you're playing me for a fool
I will lose my cool
And reach for my fire arm

I didn't mean to lay him down
But it's too late to turn back now
Don't know what I was thinking
Now he's no longer living
So I'm 'bout to leave town (yeah)

'Cause I didn't mean to hurt him
Could've been somebody's son
And I took his heart when
I pulled out that gun

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Oh, mama, mama, mama
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In central station
In front of a big ol' crowd
Oh, why? Oh, why?
Oh, mama, mama, mama
I just shot a man down (criminal)
In central station

And I never thought I'd do it
Never thought I'd do it
Never thought I'd do it
Oh, gosh
Whatever happened to me
Ever happened to me
Ever happened to me
Why did I pull the trigger
Pull the trigger, pull the trigger – boom
And end a nigga, end a nigga life so soon
When me pull the trigger, pull the trigger, pull it 'pon you
Somebody tell me what I'm gonna, what I'm gonna do

Rum, pum, pum, pum rum, pum, pum, pum rum, pum, pum, pum
Me say one man down (oh, what me say)
Rum, pum, pum, pum rum, pum, pum, pum, rum, pum, pum, pum
When we went downtown

'Cause now I am a criminal, criminal, criminal
Oh, Lord, have mercy now I am a criminal
Man down
Tell the judge please gimme minimal
Run out of town none of them can see me now

Oh, mama, mama, mama
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