

ASSIGNMENT: Complete a close reading focusing on persona, occasion, audience, purpose, and subject.

OHIO
LYRICS BY NEIL YOUNG



"Ohio" is a song written by Neil Young, a member of Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young. This song is about the events of May 4, 1970, when the US National Guard shot four unarmed students at Kent State University in Ohio. Neil Young wrote it shortly after seeing a news report on the tragedy. It was released 10 days after the shootings (Songfacts.com, 2013).

Tin soldiers and Nixon coming,
We're finally on our own.
This summer I hear the drumming,
Four dead in Ohio.

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