

"Crossroads" Lyric History

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Composer/Lyricist Debbie Hamlin

- BHMS Choral Director
- Moved to Fitzgerald Ga in 1991
- Singer and Pianist



Historical Period

- Crossroad was written in 1994.
- "Crossroad" was written in the Modern Era.
- Crossroads sounds like familiar music and uses modern language.
- Crossroad was commissioned for the dedication of a bridge sculpture at BHMS.



Culture

- Crossroads has a local culture and the language it was made in is English.
- Fitzgerald was founded as a veterans (Northern and south) and freed blacks.
- Song reflects the history of the city



Style

- The style is pop and its form is ABABCB
- intro-verse-chorus-verse-chorus-bridge-chorus
- uses a single melody with accompaniment.





The Bridge

- The bridge was a symbol of saying we are all equal and even if we are different colors, we still are the same
- It stayed up but then got moldy and they had to take it down for safety reasons, but they still talk about it till this day
- In the Middle School everyone comes together, and we all get along.



Crossroad Meaning

- It means that there are many roads you can take.
- Crossroads can take you in different paths in life.
- And just for you to follow your dreams



About Fitzgerald

- Settled in 1896 by a land company under the direction of Philander H. Fitzgerald, the town is best known as a place of reconciliation among Civil War (1861-65) veterans. A festival in downtown Fitzgerald. The town is still known today as the "City Where America Reunited."
- Annual Pioneer Picnics were held in Blue & Gray Park to honor the veterans until their numbers dwindled away in the 1940s. Their legacy lives today in the Blue & Gray Museum housed in the restored A,B,&A depot. Artifacts brought home from the war reside along with tokens of early life in Fitzgerald.
- It was settled in 1895 after the governor of **Georgia**, William J. Northern, sponsored a relief train to Midwesterners suffering from a severe drought.





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