"Somebody That I Used To Know"
(feat. Kimbra)

*[Gotye:]*
Now and then I think of when we were together
Like when you said you felt so happy you could die
Told myself that you were right for me
But felt so lonely in your company
But that was love and it's an ache I still remember

You can get addicted to a certain kind of sadness
Like resignation to the end, always the end
So when we found that we could not make sense
Well you said that we would still be friends
But I'll admit that I was glad that it was over

But you didn't have to cut me off
Make out like it never happened and that we were nothing
And I don't even need your love
But you treat me like a stranger and that feels so rough
No you didn't have to stoop so low
Have your friends collect your records and then change your number
I guess that I don't need that though
Now you're just somebody that I used to know

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*[Kimbra:]*
Now and then I think of all the times you screwed me over
But had me believing it was always something that I'd done
But I don't wanna live that way
Reading into every word you say
You said that you could let it go
And I wouldn't catch you hung up on somebody that you used to know

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(That I used to know)
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Somebody

1. Determine the subject of the poem

* This poem is story about man who has mutually ended a relationship, and the melancholy from how the person he once loved is now a nobody stranger to him
* It is about lost love

2. Identify the poem’s narrator

* Australian singer Gotye, from the perspective of the man, and Kiwi singer Kimbra from the perspective of the woman
* It details thoughts going through the mind of both characters
* It takes place within the characters mind

3. Note the dictions of the poet

* All words are understood

4. Determine the tone of the poem

* It is melancholic, similar to having a feeling of “difficulty letting go”. Sadness with a tone of “it’s too bad this couldn’t work out”
* It begins very nostalgic, remembering the good days of a relationship. Then proceeds to the downfall of the relationship and eventual end. It then skips to the present and how the narrators feel that there is zero connection between the two anymore, saying “Now you’re just somebody that I used to know.”
* “so happy you could die”
* “addicted to a certain kind of sadness”
* “treat me like a stranger”
* These all set the tone of melancholy
* It then switches perspectives to see that the woman never really felt the same about the downfall or end of their relationship as the man did.

5. Determine the rhythmical devices used by the poet

* The song and rhythm is in 4:4 time therefore 4 quarter beats per bar
* Each verse is 5 lines, each chorus is 10 lines. The refrain is 6.
* Rhyme scheme of the verses is A, B, C, C, D
* Chorus is A,B,C,C,D,E,F,F,F,F
* There is word and line repetition to emphasize the point.
* Closed poem

6. Note the use of other literary devices

* No allusions
* The sounds make a big point of emphasizing rhythm throughout syllables. “Have your friends collect your RE-cords AND THEN CHANGE your NUM-ber”
* There’s a bit of irony, that the girl was never actually happy, and the breakup was not mutual. She has anger when he thought it was good tension.
* Lot’s of imagery about emotions people.
* There are a couple uses of similie (like a stranger), and symbolism (somebody represents that they don’t know each other anymore)
* The title is excellent and sums up everything the poem is about.

7. Determine the Values

* Yes the poet recreates the feelings he has about losing your connection with someone.
* I think he experience could be felt in certain situations if the reader has had similar experiences
* The poem gives insight onto what both people might be feeling in a certain situation and gives two perspectives.