Song Analysis

“Red Hands” by Walk Off the Earth

# Lyrics

oh yeah oh yeah

that gun is loaded

I know that I messed up a few times

or what you wanna call it

I know that if I fell down

you'd change the way that I saw it

I put it on the line for this time only

is that what you really want?

I can't see that I got red hands

I'm color blind sing day-oh

don't put the blame on me child

the damn thing gone wild all day-oh

never wanted to be foolin' you

can't believe I was ruinin' you

is that what you really want?

oh yeah oh yeah

that gun is loaded

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but it's not in my hand

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but it's not in my hand

the fire burns

I'm not the one with the match man

that gun is loaded

but it's not in my hand

oh yeah oh yeah

that gun is loaded

I've seen it all before

you back down

and everything's changin'

I needed something more

you stepped down

so what are you chasin'?

I put it on rewind for this time only

is that what you really want?

I realize that I got red hands

don't wanna change this day-oh

don't ask me why I choose to lie

I stay blind all day-oh

it's clear to me that you are fuming too

your accusations are burning through

is that what you really want?

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# Analysis

The song “Red Hands” uses is basically about standing up for your actions, and it uses metaphors to illustrate the point. The band repeats the line “that gun is loaded but it’s not in my hand”, which means that the person has done wrong before, but wouldn’t think to do it again.

Other metaphors include “the fire burns I'm not the one with the match man” which further illustrates the point with the gun. Another crucial metaphor is “I can't see that I got red hands I'm color blind”, which means that the person isn’t guilty but he is not blaming anyone else for the “crime”.

Near the end of the song the line “I realize that I got red hands

don't wanna change this day-oh” means you should own up if you do something wrong and to not blame others.

They use repetition by repeating “That gun is loaded (but it’s not in my hand)”. They also use phrases like “red hand(ed)” and “put it on the line”.

The song has a very inspirational message and their music video is stunning using the manipulation of time.