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 **Maroon 5**

**Introduction**

 Maroon 5 is a pop-rock band in America from Los Angeles, California. It is comprised of 5 members as the lead singer Adam Levine, Jesse Carmichael is the keyboardist, James Valentine is the lead guitarist and Ryan Dusick is the drummer. All the members hail from Los Angeles with an exception for Valentine who was born in Nebraska. Levine and Dusick were familiar with each other since their childhood. In high school, they collaborated with Carmichael and Madden to establish a rock band namely Kara’s Flower. However, they struggled to excel in academic life because of the influence of songs and rock culture. In 1995, the foursome played the first gig at the prominent Los Angeles club of the Whiskey-a-Go-Go (music et al.). Afterward, they advanced to grab a record deal with the Warner Brothers. The early success made it challenging for them to thrive in their academic career as they had a bright career ahead. In mid-1997, the first album of Kara’s Flower was released and it made them stars with a substantial fan base in Los Angeles.

 In addition, it is essential to shed a light on the personal life of Adam Levine. He remained a coach of the reality show The Voice and won it thrice with a member in his team. He made his acting debut in 2012 in America Horror Story: Asylum for the second season of the series. He was also featured in The Clapper and Begin Again. The career of Levine is an explicit illustration of the diverse skill set and the immense talent he possesses. He worked as an entrepreneur to initiate the eponymous fragrance line in 2013. Meanwhile, he collaborated with ShopYourWay and K-Mart to establish own menswear collection. A Hollywood reporter stipulated in 2013 that Levine would be likely earning approximately 37$ million that year as per his business ventures (*Maroon 5 Biography - Life, Name, School, Young, Old, Information, Born, College, Contract, Time*). The Father and grandfather of Levine were Jewish and the grandmother was Protestant. He deemed himself to be a Jewish. Unfortunately, his parents got divorced when he was seven. Levine used to spend the weekdays with the mother and the weekend with the father. However, he suffered from severe mental trauma after the divorce and had to undergo therapy.

 His mother was the primary factor to generate his interest in music. He used to listen to the music which was sung by the ideals of her mother. In high school, he never showed any interest in studies because of the impact of music. Hallucinogenic drugs were used by Levine in adolescence. In an interview, he revealed he never aimed at abusing the drugs and only used mushrooms. He further said he left utilizing prescription drugs soon after his encounter with the detrimental drug Ambien that made him unconscious for more than an hour. In 2010, he entered a relationship with the Russian Sports model Anne Vyalitsyna. They broke up in 2012. Later, he married a Namibian model Behati Prinsloo in 2014. They have two daughters Gio Grace, 1-year-old, and Dusty Rose who is three years old. Moreover, he is a staunch advocate of LGBT rights and same-sex marriage(“Maroon 5 | Biography & History”).

In 2013, he got mentioned in a lawsuit which stated that pervasive drug use was being reported in a studio. Besides, he actively took part in business ventures, featured in television in reality shows and movies. The own menswear collection and scent established by him are worthy to be mentioned here. The immense popularity of Levine outside the framework of music has tagged him as the stand-alone star.

**Professional Life**

Maroon 5 is privileged to have been awarded 3 Grammy Awards, 3 People’s Choice Awards, 3 American Music Awards, 8 Billboard Music Awards and 5 Teen Choice Awards. In 2011, the band released an album where a song featuring Christina Aguilera became the second song of the band to be placed on the top spot in the Hot 100 chart. The Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) ranked the band on the fifteenth number. The band ranked fifth as the 94th best artist of based on the Top 100 Artists at Billboard Hot 100’s 50th Anniversary. Maroon 5 was ranked 11th on Billboard, The Top 60Groups/Duos of All Time.

 In 2001, the additional members joined the band and they released several songs which were rejected. However, a song namely Sunday Morning referred to as the genius song caught the attention of the executive of Octone Record. Berkman, the executive encouraged them to include a guitarist in the band and further urged them to change the name of the band to sound rock. Maroon 5 merged as the new name of the band. By 2004, Songs About Jane manifested to reach the Top Twenty of the Billboard 200 while harder to breath made it to the Top 20 of the single charts (“Maroon 5 Biography and Life Story”). More than 10 million copies of the album were sold. In the next three Years, Maroon 5 visited seventeen states and it seemed like a non-stop rock show across several nations. Ultimately, Song About Jane acquired the top slot in the Australian Albums (ARIA). The second album, recorded from 2006-08 namely it Won’t Be Soon Before Long was released. After the release, the album shocked everyone and broke the iTunes sales record by selling more than 102,000 copies.

 In addition, the third album of Maroon 5 was released in 2009 in Switzerland. Hands All Over, the third album advanced to sell more than 142,000 copies which were disappointing. The very first album sold more than 429,000 copies and the sales of the third album were way below that. It is essential to highlight the band recorded a song for the movie: The Hunger Games namely Come Away to the Water. In 2012, Maroon 5 announced James Carmichael would be taking a break. V was the 5th album released by the band in 2014 which was a significant success as it reached number 1 on the Billboard 200 chart.

 Essentially, the musical style of the band is dance-pop, pop rock and soft rock. Several popular stars have been cited by them as Michael Jackson, Marvin Gayes and Justin Timberlake. All of these stars represent the name of the influencers. A critical appraisal reflects the style keeps changing in different albums. Retro, love, infatuation and a dance themes prominent in several albums released by the Maroon 5. The songs of the band tend to have a heavy flavor of the guitar accompanied by synthesizer or piano. The cynics faced difficulties to categorize the band. In the majority of reviews, several writers referred to the multi-hyphenated terms because of the diverse kinds of music borrowed by Maroon 5. For instance, they were called funk-soul-pop-rock which used to make the band members excited. It was an explicit reflection of diversity in the songs of the band. Maroon 5 has extended services to serve humanity by partnering with several organizations to save the environment and raise voice for human rights issues as LGBT marriages.

**Song: Girls Like You**

Spent 24 hours
I need more hours with you
You spent the weekend
Getting even, ooh ooh
We spent the late nights
Making things right, between us
But now it's all good baby
Roll that Backwood baby
And play me close

'Cause girls like you
Run around with guys like me
'Til sundown, when I come through
I need a girl like you, yeah yeah

Girls like you
Love fun, yeah me too
What I want when I come through
I need a girl like you, yeah yeah

Yeah yeah yeah
Yeah yeah yeah
I need a girl like you, yeah yeah

Yeah yeah yeah
Yeah yeah yeah
I need a girl like you, yeah yeah

I spent last night
On the last flight to you
Took a whole day up
Trying to get way up, ooh ooh
We spent the daylight
Trying to make things right between us
And now it's all good baby
Roll that Backwood baby
And play me close

'Cause girls like you
Run around with guys like me
'Til sundown, when I come through
I need a girl like you, yeah yeah

Girls like you…….

(“Maroon 5”)

 The song delivers a potential message rotating around the woman. An intriguing thing in the song is the appearance of 26 different kinds of girls in the song. Various perceptions and themes can be derived from the appearance of 26 girls. However, a common observation reveals all of these girls are from the different parts of the world and thus is unique. They are beautiful in their own self which urges them to raise the emblem of women empowerment. All of these girls have different heights, ages and races. The same thing is being said in the song several times where Cardi B also has a role. There is an addictive yet scratchy guitar with the message of crying for forgiveness and bleeding hearts.

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