**Turning Tables – Adele**

**Teacher’s Notes**

1. At this stage, accept all suggestions, and encourage students to come up with multiple options for what the song could be about. Also encourage students to look for possible connections between the words. (10 mins)

2. Answers: *1 war, 2 floor, 3 God, 4 tables, 5 thumb, 6 time, 7 goodbye, 8 skies, 9 love, 10 ghost, 11 storms, 12 saviour, 13 thunder, 14 feet* (10 mins)

3. Students may need to listen twice. Answers: *enough, knows, always, keep up, hurt, desert, think, under, lost, found, never, next, own, calls, next, own, standing*. Before moving on, check that students understand the phrases “to be under someone’s thumb” “to stand on one’s own two feet” “to turn the tables on someone” “God only knows” (15 mins)

4. Encourage students to use language of deduction and speculation, e.g. *must have, might have, can’t have, I reckon, that seems possible/likely/unlikely* etc. Also encourage them to give specific details and a range of different possibilities. (15 mins)

5. This video includes the whole of Adele’s “chat” between two songs. The introduction to “Turning Tables” really starts at 1:10. It goes quite quickly and students may well need to hear it twice, possibly with pauses while you help them get the meaning. Finally, it is probably worth discussing the double meaning of the phrase “turning tables” which this story reveals. (10 mins)

Turning Tables

~ Adele ~

1. This box contains all the nouns in this song. Look at them, and try to guess what the song could be about.

feet floor goodbye love saviour

skies storms tables thumb thunder

God time ghost war

2. Listen to the song, and number the words in the order you hear them.

3. Listen to the song, and fill in the gaps in the lyrics (over the page). Check the meanings of any words or phrases that you’re not sure of.

4. Read the lyrics again, and discuss with your partner what you think might have happened in the singer’s life to inspire this song.

5. Watch this video where Adele describes the inspiration for this song, and see to what extent your guesses were correct.

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Close ……………… to start a war

All that I have is on the floor

God only ………………… what we're fighting for

All that I say, you ……………….. say more

*I can't ………………………………. with your turning tables*

*Under your thumb, I can't breathe*

*So I won't let you close enough to ………………... me*

*No, I won't ask you, you to just ……………………. me*

*I can't give you, what you …………….. you give me*

*It's time to say goodbye to turning tables*

*To turning tables*

………………. haunted skies I see you, ooh

Where love is ………………… , your ghost is ……………………..

I braved a hundred storms to leave you

As hard as you try, no I will ……………… be knocked down

*-- Chorus --*

……………… time I'll be braver

I'll be my …………… saviour

When the thunder ………………… for me

……………… time I'll be braver

I'll be my …………… saviour

……………………… on my own two feet

*-- Chorus --*