

## **“Call Me, Maybe?” by Carly Rae Jepsen**

When you were younger, maybe MUCH younger, did you have an idea of the type of person you wanted to date and/or marry? In your mind, did you have an ideal “perfect guy” or “perfect girl” pictured? Today’s song is about that very thing ... this girl is looking for that perfect guy ... and finds him! She’s flushed with enthusiasm ... he’s looking good in ripped jeans ... he’s EVERYTHING she’s been wishing for ... [play snippet #1]

I threw a wish in the well, Don't ask me, I'll never tell  
I looked to you as it fell, And now you're in my way

I'd trade my soul for a wish, Pennies and dimes for a kiss  
I wasn't looking for this, But now you're in my way

Your stare was holdin', Ripped jeans, skin was showin'  
Hot night, wind was blowin'  
Where do you think you're going, baby?

She’s totally attracted to this guy. Maybe too attracted, ‘cause she says “I’d trade my soul for a wish ...” and everyone here probably knows someone who fell for somebody, fell hard, and paid a big price for yielding to that attraction.

So today I want to help you understand attraction. Specifically, I want to give you a Jesus-perspective on how to be attractive.

### **“How to be Attractive”**

This brief guide to attraction is different than what you might find in the supermarket checkout line ... because I think you want the truth about attraction, instead of what people who want you to buy their product think about attraction.

Want to be attractive from the viewpoint of popular? Buy product \_\_\_\_\_ and use it regularly ... in 6 to 8 weeks you’ll begin to see improvement!

Try my advice from God’s Word, use it regularly ... and become the creature of beauty God created!

## **A. Fix up the inside.**

1 Peter 3:3-4, Don't be concerned about the outward beauty of fancy hairstyles, expensive jewelry, or beautiful clothes. <sup>4</sup> You should clothe yourselves instead with the beauty that comes from within, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is so precious to God.

This is a great verse to live by! Basically, it says "real treasure is within, that's the kind of beauty God views as precious."

Let's look at Carly Rae's attitude about inward/outward beauty, [Play snippet #2]:

Hey, I just met you, And this is crazy,  
But here's my number, So call me, maybe!  
It's hard to look right At you baby,  
But here's my number, So call me, maybe!  
Hey, I just met you, And this is crazy,  
But here's my number, So call me, maybe!  
And all the other boys, Try to chase me,  
But here's my number, So call me, maybe!

"Hey, I just met you, and this is crazy ..." Agreed! Boy crazy! This girl is just fixed on this dude. It's love at first sight. But love built on explosive first impressions can be dangerous. Here's her REAL trouble ... "and all the other boys, try to chase me." The only person she's more wrapped up in than him is HER. She's saying "I can get all the guys I want ... but not the one I really want."

I'd bet that if she took the time to fix up her inside she wouldn't be consumed with her outside, or his.

Remember, "You should clothe yourselves instead with the beauty that comes from within, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is so precious to God."

NOTE: When you're dating obviously a person's appearance is part of what grabs your attention ... but what keeps your attention, what's truly attractive over time, is that inward beauty that comes through.

## **B. Get your thoughts in order.**

Philippians 4:8, And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise.

Specifically, what makes for inner beauty?

- truth.
- honor.
- rightouesness.
- purity.
- things that are lovely, admirable, excellent and worthy of praise.

If you want to be attractive focus your thoughts on these things!

What is occupying Carly Rae's mind? [Play snippet #3]

You took your time with the call,  
I took no time with the fall  
You gave me nothing at all,  
But still, you're in my way

I beg, and borrow and steal  
Have foresight and it's real  
I didn't know I would feel it,  
But it's in my way

So, finally, he gets around to calling her ... and she instantly falls for him. Now look, he "gives her nothing at all" it's completely a one-sided thing. She's rounding up more coins to throw in that wishing well, begging, borrowing, stealing, whatever it takes to keep the charade going. But, to her, it's not charade at all ... she peers into the future ... her foresight ... and to her "it's real"!

We get to pick what we focus on in life: "...on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable" or "ripped jeans with skin showing through." Now I know this is just a fun song and not meant to be a treatise on male-female

relationships ... but, how many people end up disappointed and hurt because they've pursued the physical instead of the spiritual? Way too many.

### **C. Let your actions draw attention.**

Proverbs 31:30-31, Charm is deceptive, and beauty does not last; but a woman who fears the LORD will be greatly praised. <sup>31</sup> Reward her for all she has done. Let her deeds publicly declare her praise.

This chapter of the Bible describes an incredible woman in exquisite detail, and not one mention of her exterior shape, dimensions, or appearance. What makes her so attractive is what she does, says, and thinks. It's all about her relationships with others and how she helps her community. When people talk about her, it's nothing but praise and adoration.

Carly Rae talks about this guy. To her, he's everything, even before she met him!  
[Play snippet #4]

Before you came into my life, I missed you so bad  
I missed you so bad, I missed you so, so bad  
Before you came into my life, I missed you so bad  
And you should know that  
I missed you so, so bad (bad, bad)

This is actually very powerful part of her lyric ... it speaks to this romantic notion we have that there's this one soul mate out there for us ... one magical person who, when I meet him, will be the answer to all my problems. And this guy is THAT ONE GUY for her.

It's fairy-tale thinking. She wants to be the princess that discovers her knight in shining armour. Problem is, armour gets rusty. No guy, no girl, can be the answer to all of our problems, and actually some guys and girls 'cause more problems than they solve!

The woman of Proverbs 31 is no fairy-tale princess. She's a hard-working, intelligent, talented woman who has her priorities straight. She's truly beautiful, attractive in every way.

MAIN POINT: Attraction flows from the depth of your character.

One last thing ... make yourself attractive for the kind of person you want to attract. If you want someone who is 90% focused on outward physical attraction, go for that. If you want someone who looks beyond the shell to what's deep inside, go for *that*. Your choice.

A closing prayer ... "Dear God, make us irresistibly attractive! Fix us up on the inside and focus our thoughts properly. May our actions and behavior reflect what You are doing within us. In Jesus' name, amen."