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“ Every Day,” from the general country music group Rascal Flatts, is about how the working class of America saves lives everyday. The thing is that no one ever really gives those people thanks or the gratitude they deserve. Rascal Flatts was recognized, as well as many other country bands, from Nashville, Tennessee. After they landed a record deal with Lyric Street Records, Rascal Flatts recorded a mix of country, pop, R&B, and more, releasing it as the trio’s debut self-titled album (Rascal Flatts Biography).

Their music shows two themes, hard work and having fun. They were on tour for two years when their debut album came out. “ We completely worked our tails off and we will continue to do that, because you can’t keep a career going without more work.” (Rascal Flatts Biography). Singer0guitarist Joe Don Rooney said when he was being interviewed when the band came into the “ big-time.” The song “ Every Day” is on the album Still Feels Good. When the band was first being introduced they were being called a boy band that sang more pop than country (Rascal Flatts Biography). Then Rascal Flatts got their first number one hit and a grasp on the country feel and sailed through the country music industry.

Of the three band members, two of them are second cousins. Gary Levox and Jay DeMarcus who both share the love of music. DeMarcus convinced Levox to quit his job and start a band and soon the third member, Don Rooney, came into the picture. DeMarcus moved to Nashville and Levox followed, they were a duet band that performed in clubs and soon Rooney joined. Rooney was also playing in country star Chely Wright’s band at the time (Rascal Flatts Biography).

When Gary and Jay asked him to sit in as guitar, then has an instant connection, and the rest is history. The well-known band Rascal Flatts was soon created. Since 2000, when the band was recognized, they have released three albums and have been recognized at numerous country award ceremonies for their stunning vocal abilities. They have won five consecutive CMA awards for best vocal group. When Rascal Flatts was first signed in 2000 they sent three songs to the top 10 immediately.

Their first three albums sold more than six million copies (Dietrich). They have had three sold-out tours in 2003, 2004, and 2005. Supposedly the name " Rascal Flatts" was given to the band by a man who suggested it because Joe, Don, and Gary were not satisfied with their current name Oklaho (a combination of the two states the three guys were from (Dietrich)).

The tone that " Every Day" puts forward is somewhat sad, and has a feeling of hope, like to continue on will not be bad. The song portrays a slow moving rhythm and it gives determination, motivation, and thought. The instruments that are used are the guitar and the piano. They play in sync to get the mood of thankfulness towards the heroes of America that help us continuously. There is a realization of how many people there are who do unrecognized deeds that save peoples lives. The song is saying every day there are a million instances where people's lives are saved and the people who save them are just doing their daily job. The lyrics,

" You could've owed out gracefully But you didn't You knew enough to know To leave well enough alone But you wouldn't" (Rascal Flatts Every), shows so much. The tone that is felt from these mere few lines is that these people (paramedics, firemen, a doctor, our troops in Iraq, 911, ect.) do so much for

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us, to where they could just give up and not try but they do not. They keep fighting for the sake of everyone else.

These lines say that they could have backed off and left us to ourselves, where harm could have been done, but no they help us. It can be the smallest of things or the biggest, most traumatic; they still put the other person first. In the music video there is a scene where a man is not paying attention and is talking on the phone when he unknowingly steps onto the road in front of a bus, and a woman sees this and pulls him back. This is just a small deed that goes unrecognized by everyone except those two people, but it saved that man's life. In the lyrics, " Sometimes I swear, I don't know if I'm comin' or goin' But you always say something Without even knowin'" (Rascal Flatts Every) they are saying that the people that have an impact on someone else's life are not even aware that they do so much. Just saying something as simple as " It is going to be alright" or " Don't worry, I'm here for you", could help someone tremendously in knowing someone will be there for him or her. Knowing that they are not alone in this crazy, traumatic world. Even though it seems so impossible, moving on is a possibility with someone there with him or her. Also the lyrics, " That I'm hangin' on to your words

With all of my might and it's alright Yeah, I'm alright for one more night" (Rascal Flatts Every) these lines are saying that some people take what others say to them to heart. The advice or how the person cares means a lot. They hang on to the words and they feel okay. Like nothing is going to happen, that there is hope to be on earth for one more night. That that

person is there for them no matter what, they can count on them. In the third verse it says, " I come around all broken down and

Crowded out And you're comfort" (Rascal Flatts Every), the meaning of these lines is that when a person is lost, hurt, confused, or just needs someone to be with, the comfort of someone else is needed. And when they get that comfort they can let the pain go. They can be happy again. These lyrics, the most important ones are, " How every day, Every day, every day You save my life" (Rascal Flatts Every), this is the chorus. It is saying that there is a person who gets saved by caring soul and they are blessed with one more day of life.

In conclusion, " Every Day" is an emotional, moving song by Rascal Flatts on their Still Feels Good album, which is thanking all the people who help our nation as a whole. The people who do a deed in order to save someone else's are really appreciated and need to be thanked more often. Rascal Flatts is just a band that realizes that there is a more to people than the eye can see. Paramedics do not really think they deserve a thank you for all they do, but they give someone one more day to live their life. Where would America be without the doctors, firefighters, the troops, ect. that work so hard to make sure there will be a tomorrow? America would be a hopeless and pitiful without these amazing people. Stop and really think; how grateful are you that these people put everyone else's life before their own.