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The Road Playlist-

She's Not There-The Zombies

I feel like this song matched well with how the Man really thinks about his wife “leaving” him and his son. Although, in *The Road*, whenever the man has a memory of his wife, it is always about how they used to live before the apocalypse and never about her death. He’d much rather remember the happy version of her and not come to terms with the truth of what she’d done to herself. “Please don't bother tryin' to find her. She's not there,” which in my opinion, explains how he avoids the truth by looking at the memories of their old marriage and happy memories. It’s almost like this lyric from the song could be his subconscious telling him not to look for her in his brain and stick with the memories that are being played repeatedly.

It's not over yet (for King & Country)

This song just goes with the basis and general meaning of not giving up in *The Road*. The man and boy see this literal road as their hope and it’s one of the main things that keeps them going. It’s something that grounds them to earth, it symbolizes hope for the future and a mission for them to do. Without this road, they wouldn’t have any purpose or any path to follow, “ And even when you think you're finished It's not over yet It's not over yet Keep on fighting Out of the dark Into the light It's not over, Hope is rising.” When they do eventually find whatever destination they are looking for

on the road it won't be over because they can't stay in one place for too long so they keep searching for hope.

NF- How Could You leave us(Boy wants to die to be with mom)

Although this song is about drug addiction I feel like some of it still matches up really well with the boy's feelings toward the mom. One of the main pieces of the song is how he couldn't deal with the loss of his mom. He talks about how much he needs her and throughout the song the sentence "Why would you leave us?" repeats many times. It talks about the despair and sadness that came from the death and the regret he felt in not helping her get through the addiction. Now for the boy, it might not match up with the whole addiction but it does match up with a lot of other things. For example, "I wish I was with my mom. He didn't answer. He sat beside the small figure wrapped in the quilts and blankets. After a while, he said: You mean you wish you were dead. Yes,"(55) This was a mini conversation that the man and the boy had. We learn how the boy misses his mom so much and would rather be dead than alive just to be with her. He never got to meet her since she died when he was just a baby.

Listen before I go Billie Eilish

There isn't one specific scene this song goes with because I just feel like it would go with almost any scene in the book. From reading *The Road* by Cormac McCarthy, it is very clear that from the beginning of the book it was going to be filled with a bunch of despair and depression-related things. This song in simple terms is about giving up, not being able to push through anymore, and just letting go of everything. That's why one of the lyrics in the song is "If you need me Wanna see me Better hurry 'Cause I'm leaving soon." The main reason why I chose this song is that I believe that if the man and the

boy didn't have the road as their hope for the future then they would've killed themselves by now just like the wife did.

Timothy The Bouys

I'm just gonna start off by saying that I have never listened to this song until today, I found it while trying to find a song to fit one of my topics and this came up. The song itself is really weird but oddly enough it fits in with the cannibalism part of *The Road*. The song talks about these three men who had been trapped in a cave and were practically starving to death and when they were found only two of them remained. The other two had eaten the man named Timmy for survival and in the end, even though it's gross it did save them and they got rescued. It reminds me of the book so much because it's a very similar situation. The remaining survivors of this apocalyptic world are forced to eat human beings because all animals have gone extinct and it is very hard to come across normal food from the past.

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