

# The Script: #3

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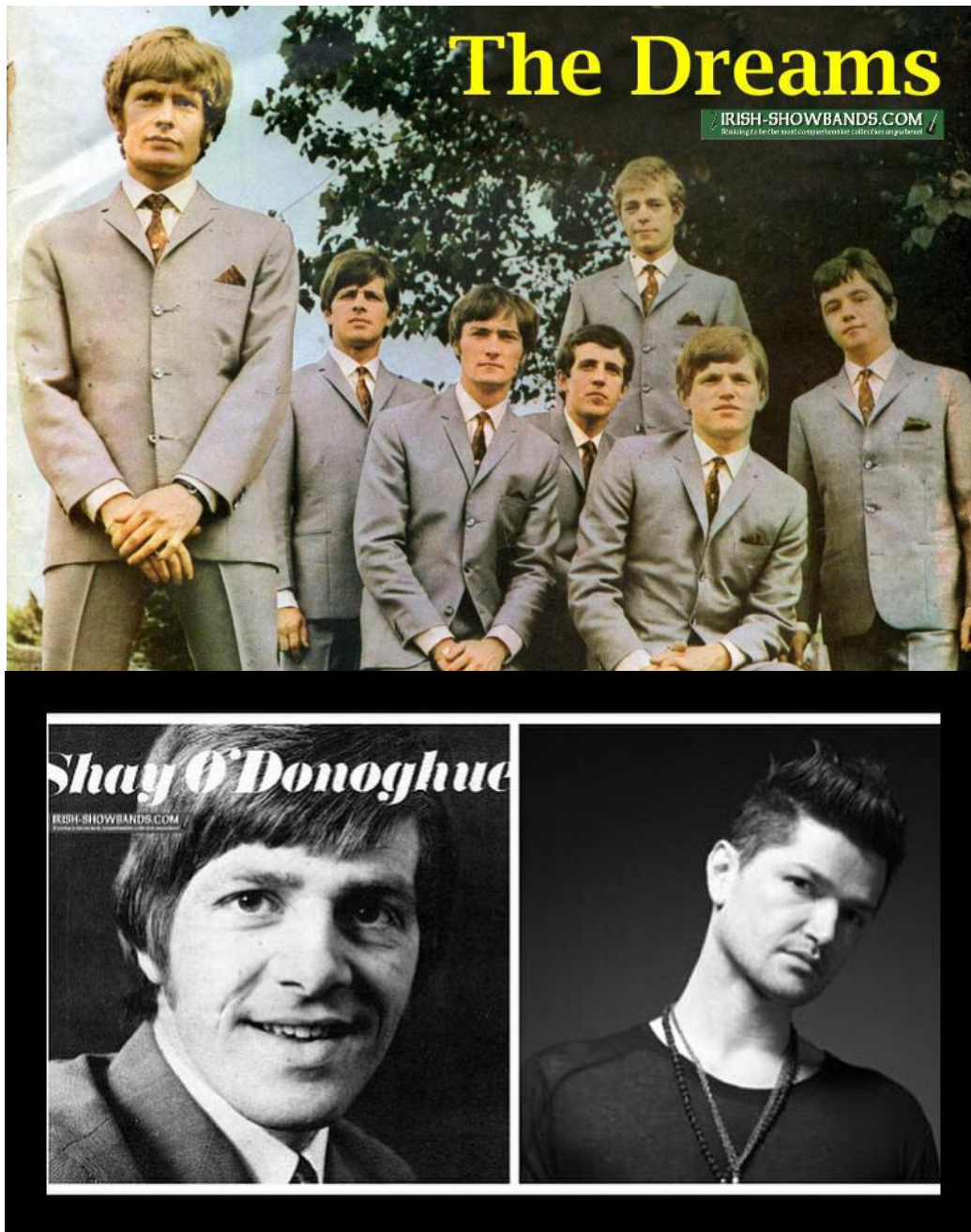
## The band :



The Script is a rock band formed with only three members, Danny O'Donoghue as the lead vocalist and keyboardist, lead guitarist Mark Sheehan and the drummer Glen Power. It was formed in 2008 in Dublin, Ireland.



Danny was born on Oct 9, 1979, Dublin, Ireland. Danny's father was also a member to the band The Dreams. Danny and Mark were originally members of the 1990's band Mytown, they later moved to LA to write songs and produce for artists like Britney Spears, Boyz II Men....



Glen Power was born on July 5<sup>th</sup>, 1980. He primarily plays drums in the band and he was inspired by his mother to play drums. Glen started playing drums at the age of 8, by the age of 16 he started playing professionally in Ireland.



Mark Sheehan, born on July 5<sup>th</sup>, 1980(same birthday with Glen Power).

Lead guitar and backing vocals. He invited Glen to LA to meet Danny and later on they formed the band.



The band started off releasing its first album “The Script”, which had peaked #1 in Ireland and the UK. The next three album they made had also topped the album chart in Ireland and the UK , consisting “Science and Faith”, “#3”, and “No Sound Without Silence”. Remarkably, the album “Science and Faith” also made it to the 3<sup>rd</sup> in the United States. Among their albums, the one that I would like to share their third album “#3”.



### **“#3”:**

This is their third album released on September 7, 2012. The band announce the completion of their third album #3 on June 2, 2012 through the band’s official twitter account. The album started off with the song “Hall of Fame”—a duet with Danny’s co-judge from The Voice UK, Will.I.i.am. The album opened at #2 in UK and #13 in



the United States. The band received negative reviews from the critics on the album. At Metacritic, they gave the album an average score of 38/100.

### *Song # 1. Hall of Fame*

Music video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mk48xRzuNvA>



Danny tells how Will was involved: *"I played Will a few demos backstage early on in The Voice. We got to Hall Of Fame and he immediately asked if he could have it for his new album, as it was exactly what he was looking for. I wasn't having it, it was our lead single but I asked if he'd be on it. He agreed and we booked in time to record it. The problem is, he's either late or completely flakes, so it took four attempts to get to record his part. Eventually we put it together in his hotel room in 15 minutes. It's a classic duet, I do one line and he responds."*

I personally think it is very inspiring and motivating lyrically. From the way they rap to Danny's wide- ranged vocals, it is like a progress bar loading as if it is going to be 100%. And another thing about the song that is fascinating is the way Danny and Will do the duet, it is like they are talking and encouraging each other while they are singing. This song could definitely be one of those song for people to listen to when they are working out. I would rate Hall of Fame a 4.5 out 5.0.

### ***Chart Performance:***

Hall of Fame topped in Ireland for 4 weeks which made it their second number one single and the fifth top-ten hit by far. It debuted at number two in the UK Singles Chart, a week later it reached number one. It later became one of the best-selling singles in the UK. It peaked at 25<sup>th</sup> in both the US and Canada and was certified platinum in the US. By April 2016, 2,912,000 copies of the song were sold.



*Song #2. If You Could See Me Now*

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SGlkwKA-t\\_4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SGlkwKA-t_4)



The song was the third single of the album released on March 4, 2013. The song was said to be the “emotional tribute to Shay O’Donoghue (father of Danny) and the parents of Mark Sheehan”.

This song is about loss, the loss of loved ones. Mark had lost his father Gerard at the age of 14, and after that he



had not shed even a drop of tear. Mark revealed that when he wrote the song he was not even sure if he could sing it

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because of the emotional subject matters.

The song was said to be “an inspirational to young people around the world from simply the raw lyrics”, and I believe I am one of those young people. The most appealing part of the song to me is the desire of receiving recognition from their parents. How they wished their parents were there to see what they have accomplished.

I would give this song a 4/5 for the inspirational lyrics. It reminds me of how lucky I am to still have my parents being proud of me and supporting me in the choices that I make , although we are in different places.

*Song #3. Six Degrees of Separation*

*Music Video:*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FCT6Mu-pOeE>

This song was released as the second single of the album in 2012, November 25. The song described the six stages of an ending of a relationship.



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The song was commented that “ it is the kind of song that will make you feel heartbroken when you did not enter a relationship in the first place.”

1st you think the worst is a broken heart  
What's gonna kill you is the 2nd part  
And the 3rd is when your world splits  
down the middle  
And the 4th you're gonna think that you <sup>fixed</sup> yourself  
5th you see them out with <sup>someone</sup> else  
And the 6th is when you admit that  
you may have messed up a little.

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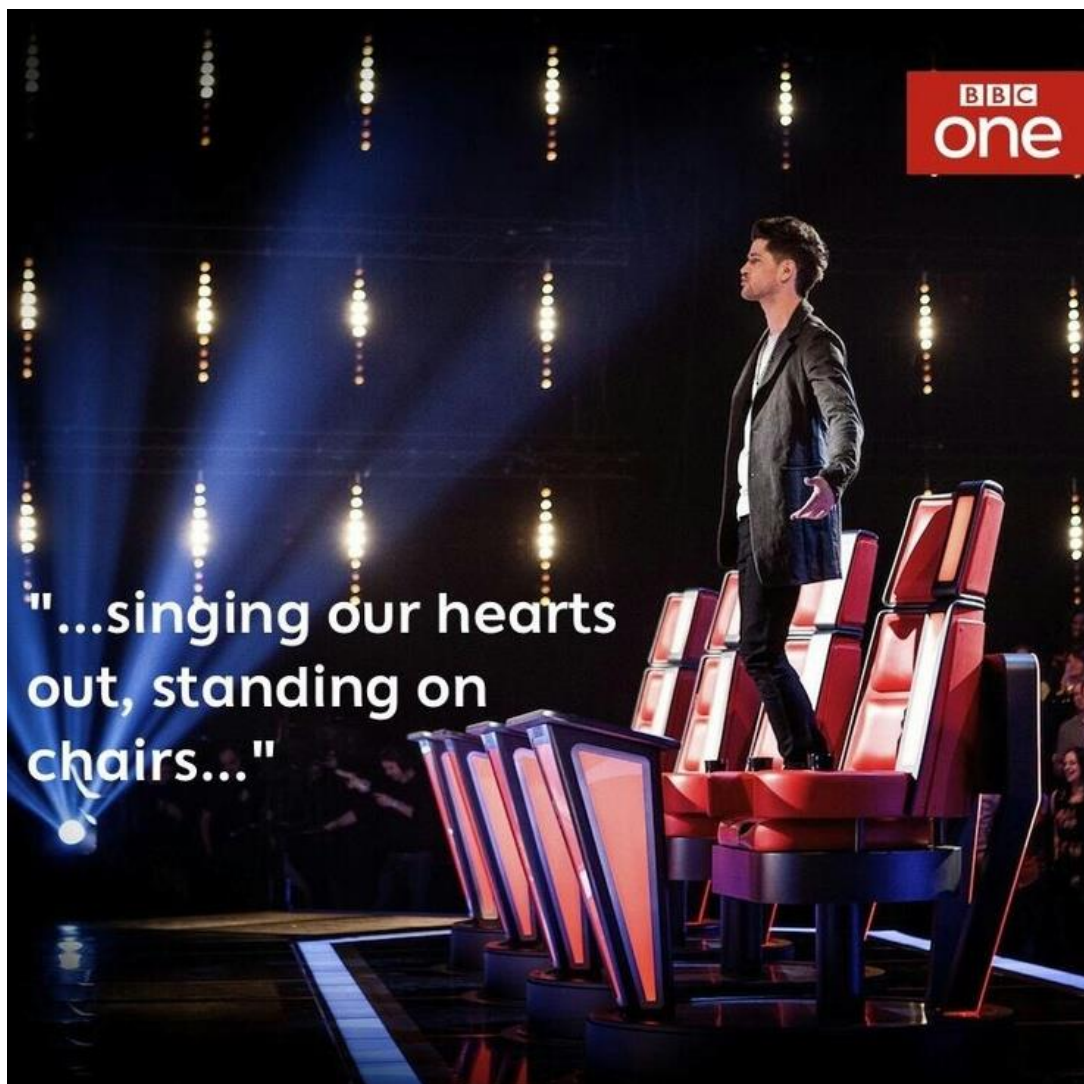
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I think this is a very emotional song that showed us the different stages people go through after breakup. It is



something that anyone of us can be connected to. The has very touching lyrics that can lead us into the imagination of the actual event that they are trying to express. In my opinion the band had done a great job expressing the idea and impacted the feelings of those who listened to it. I would give the son a 4/5 basing on these two reasons.

#### ***Song #4: Millionaires***



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gV1-M4uRiiw>

Millionaires was the fourth single released by the band. It had decent airplay before it was released and the band also performed it live on BBC 1's Big Weekend on 26 May 2013. The song expressed the apex - feeling of being with the one that you love no matter how rich or poor you are.



Singing our hearts out  
Standing on chairs  
Spending our time  
like we are Millionaires

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when



It demonstrated the simple happiness of

lovers  
they

*We're leaning on each other trying to beat the cold*



just fell in love. No matter where they are, no matter what they do, as long as they are together they are happy and content.



In conclusion, the album #3 was not critically successful, but it had gained recognition from the people. To me , the above songs are the significant songs of the album. A few of them featured hip-hop and some of them had amazing vocals. And most importantly, they were all relevant to the life of most people, ordinary people.



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