**Two Songs by Pink Martini**

Overview: We will discuss this pair of songs in terms of how they reveal the characters of Maria and Lorenzo, the speakers (respectively) of the first and second song.

1. Read them first as poetry (aloud), and record your impressions of the two characters.
2. If you can, listen to them as music, and consider what the dimensions of sound visuals adds to your response and to your understanding of character.
3. Finally, watch the videos on You Tube (warning, they’re a little racy.) Do you find your interpretations and/or sympathies shifting? (Note: we’ll watch the videos in class, as well, in case you don’t have access.)
4. The elements to consider here are **plot, character, point of view,** and **tone**. I know we haven’t covered all of these yet, but I’m sure you have the rudiments already to consider these features.

**"And Then You're Gone"**

My dear Lorenzo you take my hand
And understand the tears that I have cried
We light the candles and pour the wine
and laugh as if you'll never leave my side
you take me in your arms and tell me
that I'll always be the only one
and then you're gone

you come to see me on a Saturday
presenting peonies knowing just what to say
we dance until the break of dawn
I turn my back and then you're gone
Swirling in a sea of stars
Twirling to the strum of guitars
No one tangos quite the way you do
But now my dancing days with you are through

You think I miss you each time you disappear
Maybe I used to but it's becoming clear
I know your tricks I've heard your songs
You swear your love and then you're gone

Remember last time it was a perfect day
You took me sailing and then you sailed away
Now here you are outside my door
you want back in just like before
Well save your breath don't make me yawn
You've had your chance now just be gone

# But Now I'm Back Lyrics

My dear Maria
I'm here to see ya
Won't you please, please open the door
I brought ya flowers
Been waitin' hours
Can't stand it anymore

So here's what happened
While you were nappin'
I just went out for a snack
I was feelin' famished
And then I vanished...
But now I'm back

Now he's back
Had a snack
Now he's back

My heart is burning
For that love of ours
Yearning
For that sea of stars
Let me in so I can prove to you
That no one else
Can love you, girl
The way that I do

Oh, how I miss ya
I wanna kiss ya
And hold you close
From dusk untill dawn
So let's just make up
And when you wake up
I promise not to be gone

You know I love ya
Dream only of ya
So please, please cut me some slack
I went away
Just a couple of days...
But now I'm back

Now he's back
Cut him slack
Now he's back

Maria, baby,
I guess that maybe
You're still a little angry with me
But it's getting late and
The boys are waitin'
Gotta get something to eat

I better go now
I hope you know now
I love you, that is a fact
Gotta hurry
But don't you worry, babe...
Cause I'll be back

He'll be back
It's a fact
He'll be back
Don't attack...

For a video version of the first: You Tube spot: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=15WZMF7Fk9I>

And the second: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ovXfwzeZpfo>