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## The Ghost of Tom Joad

### Visceral reaction journal (version 1)

Who's singing this song?

Who do you think wrote it? When do you think it was written?

How does this band approach the content?

Use vivid adjectives to describe the emotions in this song. How does it make you feel? What emotions are the musicians exhibiting? Are the musicians asking you to do anything? Do you "connect with" the musicians? Why or why not?

Jot down your immediate reactions.

## Visceral reaction journal (version 2)

Who is singing this version?

How is the **performance** different from the first?

How are the **emotions** different from the first version?

What do these two performances have in common?

Consider the content. What are these musicians talking about? Where does the song take place? Why is the narrator **searching for**, then **waiting for**, then **with** the ghost of Tom Joad?

What does the stanza starting with "Now Tom said..." mean to you?

Take a guess: **Who is Tom Joad?**