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Module C: Texts and Society - Story of Tom Brennan.

The process of transition challenges attitudes and beliefs. This is evident in the novel "The Story of Tom Brennan" ~~and~~ by J C Burke, and the song "Fast Car" by Tracey Chapman. Both of these texts explore how transitions can lead to new and exciting pathways, it is through our hardest transitions that we often find who we really are, and transitions can often uncover things we are trying to hide.

In "The story of Tom Brennan" it is evident that transitions can lead to new and exciting pathways. The process of these transitions challenges the attitudes and beliefs of the Brennan family. Tom faces many challenging transitions throughout the novel and at the time, he struggles to cope. Although as the story progresses ~~he see~~ Tom moves into new and exciting pathways. When the Brennan family first move to a new town, Tom finds it hard to accept the fact that this is their life now. As time goes on Tom learns to cope with things and starts to open up and let people into his life. This transition challenges

his belief that everyone is against him and results in him forming a relationship with Krissy - who then leads him to new and exciting pathways.

This is also evident in "Fast Car" as the characters are challenged through their attitudes as they move through different transitions. Transitions lead these characters to new and exciting pathways ~~then~~ and this is evident when they say "maybe together we can get somewhere". This line shows that they are hopeful for new and exciting things to take place.

"The story of Tom Brennan" shows that it is through our hardest transitions that we often find out who we really are. This is evident through Tom's older brother, Daniel. Since Daniel goes to ~~the~~ gaol, he is forced to break down barriers and work through things that he doesn't want to face. This leaves Daniel struggling and having his attitudes and beliefs challenged. As the story progresses and Daniel begins to break through the hardest transitions he has had to face, he then starts to realise who

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he really is. The whole process of these transitions challenges Daniel as a person. "Fast Car" represents how hard transitions can help discover who it is we really are. This is evident in the line "Wanted more from life than he could give", as it shows how transitioning through personal growth and emotional realisation allows you to figure out who you are. Although this process of transition can challenge attitudes and beliefs.

Transitions can often uncover things that we are trying to hide. This is shown in "The Story of Tom Brennan" when Tom tries to hide his past from everyone in his new town, Coghill. What happened to the Brennan family in Mumbilli challenged their attitudes and beliefs and this results in Tom trying to hide it. When Tom's younger sister, Kylie spills the news of why they moved and what happened to Daniel to everyone Tom feels embarrassed. This transition uncovered things that Tom was trying to hide.

"Fast Car" also explores how transitions



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can often uncover things that we are trying to hide. As the characters move on and grow up to start a family themselves, they try to shelter and protect their children from experiencing the same thing they did. This challenges the attitudes and beliefs of the couple when the children experience the same thing they did. What they attempted to hide, becomes ~~that~~ uncovered.

The process of transitions challenges attitudes and beliefs. This is evident in the novel, "The story of Tom Brennan" and the song "Fast car". This is explored through analysing how transitions can lead to new and exciting pathways, it is through our hardest transitions that we often find who we ~~are~~ really are, and how transitions can often uncover things we are trying to hide.