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The first problem is from Calculus I. In this problem, students apply their knowledge of increasing/decreasing functions and concavity to analyze the lyrics of a song. The other two problems deal with population density. One problem is based in the world of Mother Goose and involves a density function for a rectangular area. The follow-up problem extends this world and uses a density function for a circular area. (Received September 02, 2005)