Because You Loved Me – Céline Dion - Notes

- **Activity types:** gap fill.
- **Grammar:** Past Simple – regular and irregular. (Passive)
- **Level:** Elementary / Pre-Intermediate

**Note:** A tribute to songwriter Diane Warren’s father, this was one of Céline Dion’s most successful releases, reaching Number One in the U.S.A. in 1996. Used in the Robert Redford and Michelle Pfeiffer film *Up Close & Personal* the same year, it also won a Grammy Award.

1) Elicit the Past Simple of the verb “to love”. Play the song, and ask students to count the number of times they hear the verb “loved”.  
**Key:** 6, one for each chorus, the last line of the song and the last line of the second verse. (This one is however a Past Participle in the Passive form – you can point this out at higher levels.)

2) Give each student a copy of the worksheet and ask them to fold it so they cannot see the lyrics. In pairs ask them to complete the first exercise. Do not correct at this stage.

3) When they have completed, play the song. Ask them to listen for the verbs, and to put them in the order they hear them. If they hear them more than once, count just the first time.  
**Key:**
- to be – 8
- to believe - 12
- to bring - 3
- can (not) – 9
- to carry - 18
- to find - 4
- to give - 11
- to have - 17
- to hold – 5
- to lift - 10
- to lose - 15
- to love - 13
- to make – 2
- to let – 6
- to stand - 1
- to say - 16
- to see - 7
- to touch - 14

4) Ask students how many of these verbs are regular? (**Key:** 5) Irregular? (**Key:** 13)

5) Ask them to unfold the page to see the lyrics. They can complete these with the verbs - they should be able to this without listening to the song, using context and their answers to the previous activity.

6) Ask them to also complete the lyrics of the second verse with the pictures.

7) Play the song, students check and correct.

8) Sing the song together.
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1. Write the Past Simple form of each of these verbs.

- to be, to find, to lift, to see
- to believe, to give, to lose, to say
- to bring, to have, to love, to stand
- can, to hold, to make, to touch
- to carry, to let

2. Now listen to the song – you will hear the Past Simple verbs. In what order do you hear them?

__________________________________________________ FOLD __________________________________

3. Complete the lyrics with the verbs.

For all those times you ______ by me
For all the truth that you ______ me see
For all the joy you ______ to my life
For all the wrong that you ______ right
For every dream you ______ come true
For all the love I ______ in you
I'll be forever thankful baby
You're the one who ______ me up
Never ______ me fall
You're the one who ______ me through, through it all

Chorus:
You ______ my strength when I ______ weak
You ______ my voice when I ______ speak
You ______ my eyes when I ______ see
You ______ the best there ______ in me
________ up when I ______ reach
You ______ me faith 'cos you ______
I'm everything I am
Because you ______ me

Complete the broken lines with one of the pictures

You ______ me _ _ _ _ _ and ______ me fly _ _ _ _
You ______ my _ _ _ _ _ I ______ touch the _ _ _ _
I _______ my faith, you _______ it back to me
You said no _ _ _ _ _ _______ out of reach
You _______ by me and I _______
I ______ your love I ______ it all
I'm grateful for each day you ______ me
Maybe I don't know that much
But I know this much is true
I was blessed because I was loved by you

Repeat Chorus

You _______ always there for me
The tender wind that ______ me
A light in the dark shining your love into my life
You've been my inspiration
Through the lies you ______ the truth
My world is a better place because of you

Repeat Chorus twice
I'm everything I am
Because you loved me
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For all those times you stood by me
For all the truth that you made me see
For all the joy you brought to my life
For all the wrong that you made right
For every dream you made come true
For all the love I found in you
I’ll be forever thankful baby
You're the one who held me up
Never let me fall
You’re the one who saw me through through it all

Chorus:
You were my strength when I was weak
You were my voice when I couldn't speak
You were my eyes when I couldn’t see
You saw the best there was in me
Lifted me up when I couldn't reach
You gave me faith 'cos you believed
I’m everything I am
Because you loved me

Ooh, yeah

You gave me wings and made me fly
You touched my hand I could touch the sky
I lost my faith, you gave it back to me
You said no star was out of reach
You stood by me and I stood tall
I had your love I had it all
I’m grateful for each day you gave me
Maybe I don't know that much
But I know this much is true
I was blessed because I was loved by you

Repeat Chorus

You were always there for me
The tender wind that carried me
A light in the dark shining your love into my life
You’ve been my inspiration
Through the lies you were the truth
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Repeat Chorus twice

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