



Call Me Maybe – Carly Rae Jepsen – Notes



- **Activity types:** gap fill, ordering.
- **Level:** Elementary / Pre-Intermediate
- **Note:** Released in Carly Rae Jepsen's native Canada in 2011, it became a huge international hit when Justin Bieber promoted it to its fans. One of the biggest selling singles of 2012, it has been described as a song about "infatuation and inconvenience of a love at first sight."

1) Tell students they are going to listen to a song about a girl who likes a boy. Brainstorm to elicit words and phrases about love that students expect to hear in this kind of song, and love songs in general.

Possible answers:

LOVE: I love you, I miss you, I hate you, baby, sweetie, hot, sexy, meet, crazy, simple, easy, complicated, chase, seduce, call, dump, time, lie, cheat, boyfriend / girlfriend, boys / girls, phone number, date, good / bad, jealousy ...

- 2) Play the song. Ask students to note which words from the brainstorming activity they hear.
- 3) Give each student a copy of the worksheet and ask them to complete the first activity. They are probably very familiar with the song, so they can try this before listening. Play the first part of the song (up to 0'28") and ask them to check and correct if necessary.
Key: (see complete lyrics) 3, 1, 5, 11, 9, 2, 8, 4, 10, 6, 7
- 4) Point out the apostrophe used in goin', blowin', holdin', showin', lookin'. What letter does this replace, and why?
Key: The letter G – it is often easier to pronounce this way in a song.
- 5) Ask students to complete the chorus – again, they are probably familiar enough with the song to be able to do this before listening. Then play the song and allow them to check, complete and correct as necessary. Feedback.
Key: See complete lyrics.
- 6) Ask them to complete the next activity. They can try before listening, then play the second verse of the song (from 1'04" to 1'27") and allow them to check and correct.
Key: See complete lyrics.
- 7) Ask students to find the word 'look' in the lyrics. What three prepositions is it used with? How does the meaning change? You can also elicit other possibilities.
Key: look for: to search, look at: to look directly, look to: to look towards
- 8) Explain any difficult vocabulary.
- 9) COMPREHENSION: 1. Who is the narrator?
- a beautiful girl (we don't know her age, but the line "all the other boys try to chase me" shows she is beautiful)
2. Who is she singing to?
- a boy she has fallen in love with, but who is not very interested in her. ("you took the time with the call, you gave me nothing at all")
3. Is she in search of love?
- no, she says "I wasn't looking for this" and "I didn't know I would feel it".
4. How does she behave with the person she is singing to?
- she has difficulty looking at him ("it's hard to look right at you"), she does things she would not usually do (like giving him her number and asking him to call), she would do anything for him ("I beg, burrow and steal").
- 10) Sing the song together.



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Number the lines of the song in the order you hear them.

- ___ I looked at you as it fell
- ___ I threw a wish in the well
- ___ I trade my soul for a wish
- ___ Where (do) you think you're goin', baby?
- ___ Your stare was holdin', ripped jeans, skin was showin'
- ___ Don't ask me, I'll never tell
- ___ but now you're in my way
- ___ and now you're in my way
- ___ hot night, wind was blowin'
- ___ pennies and dimes for a wish
- ___ I wasn't lookin' for this



Do you remember the words of the chorus? Fill in the blanks, then listen and check.

Hey, I just _____ you
 and this is _____
 but here's my _____
 so _____ me, _____?

It's hard to _____
 at you, baaaaaaaabeh,
 but here's my _____
 so _____ me, maybe?

And all the _____ boys,
 try to _____ me,
 but here's my _____,
 so _____ me, maybe?

Put the words in the correct order to form the lines of the song.

- call / time / took / you / your / the / with _____
- fall / time / took / I / no / the / with _____
- gave / nothing / all / at / you / me _____
- but / still / my / in / way / you're _____
- steal / borrow / beg / I / and / and _____
- real / foresight / have / it's / and _____
- feel / know / didn't / would / I / I / it _____
- way / it's / my / in / but _____

Repeat Chorus

Before you came into my life
 I missed you so bad
 I missed you so bad
 I missed you so, so bad

Before you came into my life
 I missed you so bad
 And you should know that
 I missed you so, so bad

Repeat Chorus



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I threw a wish in the well,
Don't ask me, I'll never tell
I looked to you as it fell,
and now you're in my way

I trade my soul for a wish,
pennies and dimes for a kiss
I wasn't looking for this,
but now you're in my way

Your stare was holdin', Ripped jeans, skin was showin'
Hot night, wind was blowin'
Where you think you're going, baby?

Chorus

Hey, I just met you,
and this is crazy,
but here's my number,
so call me, maybe?

Hey, I just met you,
and this is crazy,
but here's my number,
so call me, maybe?

It's hard to look right,
at you baby,
but here's my number,
so call me, maybe?

And all the other boys,
try to chase me,
but here's my number,
so call me, maybe?

You took your time with the call,
I took no time with the fall
You gave me nothing at all,
but still, you're in my way

I beg, and borrow and steal
Have foresight and it's real
I didn't know I would feel it,
but it's in my way

Your stare was holdin', Ripped jeans, skin was showin'
Hot night, wind was blowin'
Where you think you're going, baby?

Repeat Chorus

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I missed you so bad
I missed you so bad
I missed you so, so bad

Before you came into my life
I missed you so bad
And you should know that
I missed you so, so bad

Repeat Chorus

(from "It's hard to look right")

Before you came into my life
I missed you so bad
I missed you so bad
I missed you so so bad

Before you came into my life
I missed you so bad
And you should know that

So call me, maybe?