(I've Had) The Time Of My Life – B. Medley & J. Warnes – Notes

- **Activity types**: Listening for specific words, gap fill, watching films, writing
- **Level**: Intermediate/Upper-Intermediate
- **Language**: Tenses Review
- **Notes**: This song was featured in the 1987 film *Dirty Dancing*, starring Patrick Swayze and Jennifer Grey. Written by Franke Previte, John DeNicola, and Donald Markowitz, it was recorded by Bill Medley and Jennifer Warnes, and won the 1988 Grammy Award for Best Duet, an Academy Award for Best Original Song, and the Golden Globe Award for Best Original Song. Bill Medley was also one half of The Righteous Brothers, whose version of *Unchained Melody* featured on another Patrick Swayze film, *Ghost*. There is also a worksheet for this song on www.tuneintoenglish.com.

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1. Hand out the worksheet. Ask students to fold the page and do Activity 1. Play the song. Students number the verbs in the order they hear them, in any form or tense. If they appear more than once, refer to the first time.


2. Ask students to unfold the page. Students fill in the gaps based on context and their answers to Activity 1.

3. Play the song again. Students check their answers in pairs or in groups.

4. Correct in open class, play the song and sing (and dance, why not?) together!

5. **Grammar focus (Tenses Review)**: Students can group the verbs of the song according to their form or tense (base form, imperative, conditional, present simple, past simple, present perfect, present perfect continuous, future with *will*)

6. **Follow up.** In class, show the film *Dirty Dancing* (in English!). At home students can write a summary of the plot, describe the main characters and give their opinions.
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Activity 1. Number the verbs in the order you hear them in any form or tense.

be  get  lose  see  take
can  go  owe  seem  tell
disguise  have  remember  stand  understand
girl  know  say  stay  wait
find  let  search  swear  want

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FOLD

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Boy: Now I'_________ the time of my life
No, I never ________ like this before
Yes, I ________ it'____ the truth
and I ________ it all to you

Girl: 'Cause I'________ the time of my life
and I ________ it all to you

Boy: I'_________ for so long
Now I'______ finally ________ someone
To ________ by me

Girl: We ________ the writing on the wall
As we ________ this magical fantasy

Both: Now with passion in our eyes
There'_____ no way we ________ it secretly
So we ________ each other's hand
'Cause we ______ to ________ the urgency

Boy: Just ________

Girl: You'_________ the one thing

Boy: I ________ enough of

Girl: So I'________ you something

Both: This ________ love because

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Both: I'_________ the time of my life
No, I never ________ this way before
Yes, I ________ it's the truth
And I ________ it all to you
'Cause I'_________ the time of my life
And I'_________ through every open door
Till I ________ the truth
and I ________ it all to you

*Instrumental*

Boy: Now I'_________ the time of my life
No, I never ________ this way before
(Girl: Never ________ this way)

Boy: Yes, I ________ it's the truth
and I ________ it all to you

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Both: I'_________ the time of my life
No, I never ________ this way before
Yes, I ________ it'____ the truth
And I ________ it all to you
'Cause I'_________ the time of my life
And I'_________ through every open door
(fading) Till I ________ the truth
and I ________ it all to you

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Boy: Now I've had the time of my life
No, I never felt like this before
Yes, I swear it's the truth
and I owe it all to you

Girl: 'Cause I've had the time of my life
and I owe it all to you

Boy: I've been waiting for so long
Now I've finally found someone
To stand by me

Girl: We saw the writing on the wall
As we felt this magical fantasy

Both: Now with passion in our eyes
There's no way we could disguise it secretly
So we take each other's hand
'Cause we seem to understand the urgency

Boy: Just remember
Girl: You're the one thing

Boy: I can't get enough of
Girl: So I'll tell you something
Both: This could be love because

(CHORUS)

Both: I've had the time of my life
No, I never felt this way before
Yes, I swear it's the truth
And I owe it all to you
'Cause I've had the time of my life
And I've searched through every open door
Till I found the truth
and I owe it all to you

*Instrumental*

Boy: Now I've had the time of my life
No, I never felt this way before

(Girl: Never felt this way)

Boy: Yes, I swear it's the truth
and I owe it all to you

(CHORUS)

Both: I've had the time of my life
No, I never felt this way before
Yes, I swear it's the truth
And I owe it all to you
'Cause I've had the time of my life
And I've searched through every open door
(fading) Till I found the truth
and I owe it all to you