



Unchained Melody – Notes



- **Activity types:** vocabulary, rhyming, listening for specific words, gap fill.
- **Grammar:** Present simple.
- **Level:** Elementary
- **Note:** Written by Alex North and Hy Zaret in 1955, this is one of the most covered songs of all time – over 500 artists, including Elvis Presley and U2, have recorded it. It holds the U.K. record for the most versions of the same song in the same chart - on 20th June, 1955 Al Hibbler, The Les Baxter Orchestra, Jimmy Young and Liberace all had a hit with it, with Young's version in the Number One position. The Righteous Brothers' 1965 version is the best known and most successful version. Twenty five years after its initial release it became the UK's top selling single of 1990, when it was featured on the soundtrack of the film *Ghost*, starring Patrick Swayze and Demi Moore.

1) Hand out the worksheet, and ask students to fold the page so they cannot see the lyrics.

2) PRE-LISTENING ACTIVITIES:

Vocabulary and rhyming:

Look at the first exercise. Explain that one word in the left column rhymes with one word in the right column, and ask them to match the rhyming words.

Key: can – man
dove – love
wine – mine
flow – blow
time – crime
high – sigh
long – song
me – sea
speed – need
much – touch
plate – wait
still – fill

3) WHILE-LISTENING ACTIVITIES

a) Ask the students to **listen for 15 words** from the two lists (**Key:** the underlined words above) and to tick them. They can number them in the order they hear them (if they appear more than once, refer to the first time). Play the song.

b) Unfold the worksheet. Before playing the song again, ask the students to **fill in the gaps** with the missing words, based on their answers to the previous activity.

c) Play the song again. The students check their answers in pairs or in groups.

d) Correct in open class, play the song again and sing together.

4) **GRAMMAR FOCUS.** Ask the students to circle all the verbs in the present simple in any form.

5) **OPTIONAL ACTIVITY.** In class, show the film *Ghost* with Patrick Swayze and Demi Moore (in English!).



Unchained Melody – The Righteous Brothers



Match the rhyming words.

can
dove
wine
flow
time
high
long
me
speed
much
plate
still

blow
wait
sea
man
touch
fill
mine
sigh
song
love
crime
need



FOLD

Complete the song using 15 of the words.

Oh my _____, my darling
I've hungered for your _____
A _____ lonely _____

And _____ goes by so slowly
And _____ do so _____
Are you _____ ?

I _____ your _____
I _____ your _____
God _____ your _____ to _____

Lonely rivers _____
To the _____, to the _____
To the open arms of the _____,
yeah

Lonely rivers _____
_____ for _____,
_____ for _____
I'll be coming home
_____ for _____



Oh my _____, my darling
I've hungered, hungered for your _____
A _____ lonely _____

And _____ goes by so slowly
And _____ do so _____
Are you _____ ?

I _____ your _____
I, I _____ your _____
God _____ your _____ to _____



Unchained Melody – Complete



Oh my **love**
My darling
I've hungered for your **touch**
A **long** lonely **time**

And **time** goes by so slowly
And **time** can do so **much**
Are you **still mine**?

I **need** your **love**
I **need** your **love**
I **need** your **love**
God **speed** your **love** to **me**

Lonely rivers **flow**
To the **sea**, to the **sea**
To the open arms of the **sea**, yeah

Lonely rivers **sigh**
wait for **me**, **wait** for **me**
I'll be coming home
wait for **me**

Oh my **love**
My darling
I've hungered, hungered for your **touch**
A **long** lonely **time**

And **time** goes by so slowly
And **time** can do so **much**
Are you **still mine**?

I **need** your **love**
I, I **need** your **love**
God **speed** your **love** to **me**