



Mirrors – Justin Timberlake – Notes



- **Activity types:** listening for specific words, gap fill.
- **Time:** 30 mins.
- **Note:** Taken from Justin Timberlake's 2013 album 20/20 Experience, this song was inspired by his grandparents' relationship. The video opens with a dedication to them, and traces an elderly couple throughout different stages of their lifetime as they "reflect" on their time together over the years. The song lasts over eight minutes.

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- 1) Give each student a folded copy of the worksheet. Play the first part of the song and ask them to number the words as they hear them.
Ask them also to count the number of times they hear the line "you are the love of my life".
Key: According to Wikipedia it is "over 35".
 - 2) Ask them to unfold the page to see the lyrics. Allow them to work in pairs to complete the first part using their answers to the previous activity, as well as context.
 - 3) Ask them to also complete the remainder of the song, using context.
 - 4) Play the complete song, students check and correct if necessary.
Key: See complete lyrics.
 - 5) Discuss any difficult vocabulary. (Point out that "beside of me" is incorrect!)



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1. Listen to the song and number the words as you hear them in the first part of the song.

easy
find
glass
anyone
strong

lose
me
mine
mirror
shine

show
side
space
staring
vacancy

FOLD

2. Complete the first part of the lyrics

Aren't you somethin' to admire?
'Cause your _____ is somethin' like a mirror
And I can't help but notice
You reflect in this heart of _____
If you ever feel alone and
The glare makes me hard to _____
Just know that I'm always
Parallel on the other _____

'Cause with your hand in my hand and a pocket
full of soul
I can tell you there's no place we couldn't go
Just put your hand on the _____
I'll be tryin' to pull you through
You just gotta be _____

Chorus:

'Cause I don't wanna _____ you now
I'm lookin' right at the other half of _____
The _____ that sat in my heart
Is a _____ that now you hold
_____ me how to fight for now
And I'll tell you, baby, it was _____
Comin' back here to you once I figured it out
You were right here all along
It's like you're my _____
My mirror staring back at me
I couldn't get any bigger
With _____ else beside of me
And now it's clear as this promise
That we're making two reflections into one
'Cause it's like you're my mirror
My mirror _____ back at me, staring back at me

3. Use the following words to complete the remainder of the song.

change - mystery - wanna - goodbye - time - history

Aren't you somethin', an original
'Cause it doesn't seem merely a sample
And I can't help but stare, 'cause
I see truth somewhere in your eyes
I can't ever _____ without you
You reflect me, I love that about you
And if I could, I would look at us all the _____

'Cause with your hand in my hand and a pocket
full of soul
I can tell you there's no place we couldn't go
Just put your hand on the glass
I'll be tryin' to pull you through
You just gotta be strong

Yesterday is _____
Tomorrow's a _____
I can see you lookin' back at me
Keep your eyes on me
Baby, keep your eyes on me

Repeat Chorus

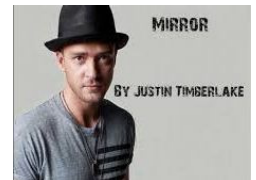
You are, you are the love of my life [x10]

Now you're the inspiration for this precious song
And I just _____ see your face light up since you
_____ put me on
So now I say _____ to the old me, it's already gone
And I can't wait wait wait wait wait to get you home
Just to let you know, you are

You are, you are the love of my life [x8]

Girl you're my reflection, all I see is you
My reflection, in everything I do
You're my reflection and all I see is you
My reflection, in everything I do

You are, you are the love of my life [x16]





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'Cause your **shine** is somethin' like a mirror
And I can't help but notice
You reflect in this heart of **mine**
If you ever feel alone and
The glare makes me hard to **find**
Just know that I'm always
Parallel on the other **side**

'Cause with your hand in my hand and a pocket
full of soul
I can tell you there's no place we couldn't go
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I'll be tryin' to pull you through
You just gotta be **strong**

'Cause I don't wanna **lose** you now
I'm lookin' right at the other half of **me**
The **vacancy** that sat in my heart
Is a **space** that now you hold
Show me how to fight for now
And I'll tell you, baby, it was **easy**
Comin' back here to you once I figured it out
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And if I could, I would look at us all the **time**

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I'm lookin' right at the other half of me
The vacancy that sat in my heart
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Show me how to fight for now
And I'll tell you, baby, it was easy
Comin' back here to you once I figured it out
You were right here all along

It's like you're my mirror
My mirror staring back at me
I couldn't get any bigger
With anyone else beside of me
And now it's clear as this promise
That we're making two reflections into one
'Cause it's like you're my mirror
My mirror staring back at me, staring back at me

Yesterday is **history**
Tomorrow's a **mystery**
I can see you lookin' back at me
Keep your eyes on me
Baby, keep your eyes on me

'Cause I don't wanna lose you now
I'm lookin' right at the other half of me
The vacancy that sat in my heart
Is a space that now you hold
Show me how to fight for now (please show me, baby)
I'll tell you, baby, it was easy
Comin' back here to you once I figured it out
You were right here all along

It's like you're my mirror
My mirror staring back at me
I couldn't get any bigger
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