



Only When I Sleep – The Corrs – Notes



- **Activity types:** Vocabulary, rhyming pairs, gap fill.
- **Note:** This was the first single taken from *Talk On Corners*, The Corrs' second album, released in 1997.

1. Brainstorming: Ask students the semantic difference between "sleep" and "dream"?

Key: "To sleep" means to rest with your eyes closed and your mind and body not active; and "to dream" means to experience a series of images, events and feelings in your mind when you are asleep. (Note that you can also dream while you are awake, but you have control over this)

2. Syntactically, what kind of verbs are they? Regular or Irregular?

Key: "sleep" is irregular, "dream" can be regular or irregular.

3. Elicit their past simple and past participle forms

Verb / Infinitive	Past Simple	Past Participle
TO SLEEP	SLEPT	SLEPT
TO DREAM	DREAMED/DREAMT	DREAMED/DREAMT

4. Elicit as many words (verbs, nouns, adjectives, adverbs) related to "sleep" and "dream" as possible.

Possible Key: dream, nightmare, ghost, bed, tired, asleep, brain, to sleep, to wake, to lie, to rest...

5. Play the song and ask students which, if any, of the words from the previous activity they hear.

Related words in song: dreams, sleep, bed, wake, slumber, lying/ lie.

6. Write the following words on the board. Students match the rhyming pairs.

breast
red

die
skin

fly
sky

head
within

high
yet

Key: red-head; breast-yet; skin-within; sky-fly; die-high

7. Elicit the five senses. Play the song again, and order the senses in the order they appear (in any form). One of them is not mentioned.

Key: 1) SMELL 2) TOUCH 3) SEE (sight) 4) HEAR (hearing) Not mentioned: TASTE

8. Give students a copy of the worksheet. Students complete the gaps, based on their answers to the previous activities and context.

9. Play the song, students check their answers.

10. Correct and sing together. Point out that the stress in "body" (third verse) is on the second syllable, whereas it should go on the first one.



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You're only just a dreamboat
Sailing in my _____
You swim my secret oceans
Of coral blue and _____
Your _____ is incense burning
Your _____ is silken _____
It reaches through my _____
And moving from _____
It clutches at my _____

But it's only when I _____
_____ you in my _____
You got me spinning round and round
Turning upside (down)
But I only _____ you breathe
Somewhere in my sleep
Got me spinning round and round
Turning upside (down)
But its only when I sleep

And when I _____ from

Your shadows disappear
Your breath is just a sea mist
Surrounding my body
I'm workin' through the daytime
But when it's time to _____
I'm _____ in my _____
Listening to my breath
Falling from the edge

But it's only when I _____
_____ you in _____,
(dreams)
You got me spinning round and round
Turning upside (down)
But I only hear you breathe
Somewhere in my sleep, (in my sleep)
Got me spinning round and round
Turning upside (down)
But its only when I sleep, yeah-yeah, yeah
It's only when I sleep

Up to the _____
Where angels _____
I'll never _____
Hawaiian _____

It reaches through my _____
And moving from _____
It clutches at my _____



But it's only when I sleep
See you in my dreams, (dreams)
You got me spinning round and round
Turning upside (down)
But I only _____ you breathe

In bed I lie
No need to cry
My sleeping cry
Hawaiian High

yeah-yeah, yeah
yeah-yeah, yeah

But it's only when I sleep, aaaaaaa
Got me spinning round and round
Turning upside (down)



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You're only just a dreamboat
Sailing in my head
You swim my secret oceans
Of coral blue and red
Your smell is incense burning
Your touch is silken yet
It reaches through my skin
And moving from within
It clutches at my breast

But it's only when I sleep
I see you in my dreams
You got me spinning round and round
Turning upside (down)
But I only hear you breathe
Somewhere in my sleep
Got me spinning round and round
Turning upside (down)
But it's only when I sleep

And when I wake from slumber
Your shadows disappear
Your breath is just a sea mist
Surrounding my body
I'm workin' through the daytime
But when it's time to rest
I'm lying in my bed
Listening to my breath
Falling from the edge

But it's only when I sleep
See you in my dreams, (dreams)
You got me spinning round and round
Turning upside (down)
But I only hear you breathe

Somewhere in my sleep, (in my sleep)
Got me spinning round and round
Turning upside (down)
But its only when I sleep, yeah-yeah,
yeah

yeah-yeah, yeah

It's only when I sleep

Up to the sky
Where angels fly
I'll never die
Hawaiian High

It's reaching through my skin
Movin' from within
And clutches at my breast

But it's only when I sleep
See you in my dreams, (dreams)
You got me spinning round and round
Turning upside (down)
But I only hear you breathe

In bed I lie
No need to cry
My sleeping cry
Hawaiian High
yeah-yeah, yeah
yeah-yeah, yeah

But it's only when I sleep, aaaaaaa
Got me spinning round and round
Turning upside (down)