



Son Of A Preacher Man - Notes



Activity type: gap fill, rhyming words.

Grammar: "would" for a repeated action in the past.

Time: 15 mins.

1. Write the following words on the board:

**along - alright - easy - eyes - grown - knowing - me - mine - reach - talking
- teach - time - tonight - try - sly - son - surprise - walking**

2. Match the rhyming pairs

Note that not all of these are direct rhymes, but follow the phonetic chart:
/i/ etc.

3. Play the song. Students put the words in the correct order, as they hear them.

4. Give each student a copy of the worksheet. They should try to insert the missing words, as listed above, in the correct gaps, based on context and the rhymes, as well as on their answers to the previous activity. They can work in alone or in pairs.

5. Play the song. Students correct and complete the text.

6. Correct, and sing together.

Follow up: Many years later the singer meets the protagonist of the song at a party. Imagine their conversation.



Son Of A Preacher Man - Dusty Springfield



Billy-Ray was a preacher's _____
And when his daddy would visit he'd come _____
When they'd gather 'round and started _____
Is when Billy would take me _____
A' through the backyard we'd go _____
And then he'd look into my _____
And lord knows to my _____

The only one who could ever _____ me
Was the son of a preacher man
The only boy who could ever _____ me
Was the son of a preacher man
Yes he was, yes he was
Oh, yes he was

Being good isn't always _____
No matter how hard I'd _____
When he started sweet-talkin' to _____
He'd come and tell me everything is all _____
He'd kiss and tell me everything is all _____
And can we get away again _____?

The only one who could ever _____ me
Was the son of a preacher man
The only boy who could ever _____ me
Was the son of a preacher man
Yes he was, yes he was
Oh, yes he was

How well I remember
The look that was in his _____
Stealin' kisses from me on the _____
Takin' time to make _____
Tellin' me that he's all _____
Learnin' from each other's _____
Lookin' to see how much we've _____

And the only one who could ever _____ me
Was the son of a preacher man
The only boy who could ever _____ me
Was the son of a preacher man
Yes he was, yes he was
Oh

And the only one who could ever _____ me
Was the sweet-talkin' son of a preacher man
The only boy who could ever _____ me
Was the son of a preacher man



Son Of A Preacher Man - Complete



Billy-Ray was a preacher's **son**
And when his daddy would visit he'd come **along**
When they'd gather 'round and started **talking**
Is when Billy would take me **walking**
A' through the backyard we'd go **walking**
And then he'd look into my **eyes**
And lord knows to my **surprise**

The only one who could ever **reach** me
Was the son of a preacher man
The only boy who could ever **teach** me
Was the son of a preacher man
Yes he was, yes he was
Oh, yes he was

Being good isn't always **easy**
No matter how hard I'd **try**
When he started sweet-talkin' to **me**
He'd come and tell me everything is all **alright**
He'd kiss and tell me everything is all **alright**
And can we get away again **tonight?**

The only one who could ever **reach** me
Was the son of a preacher man
The only boy who could ever **teach** me
Was the son of a preacher man
Yes he was, yes he was
Oh, yes he was

How well I remember
The look that was in his **eyes**
Stealin' kisses from me on the **sly**
Takin' time to make **time**
Tellin' me that he's all **mine**
Learnin' from each other's **knowing**
Lookin' to see how much we've **grown**

And the only one who could ever **reach** me
Was the son of a preacher man
The only boy who could ever **teach** me
Was the son of a preacher man
Yes he was, yes he was
Oh

And the only one who could ever **reach** me
Was the sweet-talkin' son of a preacher man
The only boy who could ever **teach** me
Was the son of a preacher man