



## Wings – Birdy – Notes



- **Activity types:** listening for specific words, gap fill, ordering.
- **Grammar:** Past Simple, possessive adjectives, prepositions.
- **Note:** Taken from English musician Birdy's 2013 album *Fire Within*, this song was written with Ryan Tedder from OneRepublic. Birdy described it as "about having a wonderful time and the memory of being with your friends and kind of wishing you were back there." The video shows a flamboyant party at a mansion.

- 1) Give each student copy of the worksheet. Ask them to look at the first activity and to work in pairs to guess which verb in which tense goes in each gap.
- 2) Play the first part of the song and allow them to check and correct.  
**Key:** See complete lyrics. Two Present Simple, five Past Simple.
- 3) Before listening to the next part of the song ask them match the two parts of the lines. Play the next part of the song. (Note: some versions of the song have four extra lines here, as used in the complete chorus later in the worksheet.)
- 4) Students work in pairs to order the words, then listen and check.
- 5) Complete the final two activities.  
**Key:**  
Prepositions: in, by, of, on, down  
Possessive adjectives: our, my, your  
Adjectives: lost, found, foreign  
The word: skin
- 6) Discuss any difficult vocabulary, then sing the song together.

Complete lyrics (Note: the lyrics in *italics* do not appear in all versions)

Sunlight **comes** creeping in  
Illuminates our skin  
We **watched** the day go by  
Stories of all we **did**  
It **made** me think of you  
It **made** me think of you

Under a trillion stars  
We **danced** on top of cars  
**Took** pictures of the state  
So far from where we **are**  
They **made** me think of you  
They made me think of you

Oh lights go down  
In the moment we're lost and found  
I just wanna be by your side  
If these wings could fly  
*Oh damn these walls*  
*In the moment we're ten feet tall*  
*And how you told me after it all*  
*We'd remember tonight*  
For the rest of our lives

I'm in the foreign state  
My thoughts they slip away

My words are leaving me  
They caught an aeroplane  
Because I thought of you  
Just from the thought of you

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**Complete the song with following verbs, then listen and check. What tenses are they in?**

be – come – dance – do – make – take – watch

Sunlight \_\_\_\_\_ creeping in, illuminates our skin  
 We \_\_\_\_\_ the day go by, stories of all we \_\_\_\_\_  
 It \_\_\_\_\_ me think of you (x2)  
 Under a trillion stars, we \_\_\_\_\_ on top of cars  
 \_\_\_\_\_ pictures of the state, so far from where we \_\_\_\_\_  
 They \_\_\_\_\_ me think of you (x2)



**Match the two halves to form the lines of the Chorus, then listen and check.**

For the rest \_\_\_\_  
 I just wanna be \_\_\_\_  
 Oh, lights \_\_\_\_  
 In the moment we're \_\_\_\_  
 If these wings \_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ could fly  
 \_\_\_\_ by your side  
 \_\_\_\_ go down  
 \_\_\_\_ of our lives  
 \_\_\_\_ lost and found

**Order the words to form the lines.**

in / foreign / a / I'm / state

\_\_\_\_\_  
 My thoughts, they slip away

are / my / me / leaving / words

\_\_\_\_\_  
 They caught an aeroplane

I / of / thought / because / you

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Just from the thought of you

**Sing along with the Chorus.**

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 I just wanna be by your side  
 If these wings could fly  
 Oh damn these walls  
 In the moment we're ten feet tall  
 And how you told me after it all  
 We'd remember tonight  
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If these wings could fly

**Repeat Chorus**

**Underline the irregular verbs and complete the chart.**

Infinitive	Past Simple	Meaning

**Find the following in the song:**

- five prepositions
- three possessive adjectives
- three adjectives
- a word meaning the tissue that covers a human or animal body.