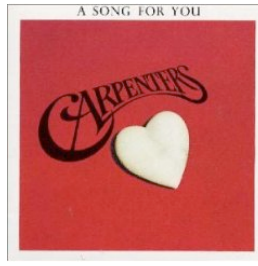


Yesterday Once More

By Carpenters



Section A: Warm Up

In small groups, answer the following questions.



"We're half way through the nostalgia hour, call me old fashioned, but I genuinely feel it's not as good now as it was when we started."

- What is nostalgia? Can you think of some pleasant memories of childhood?
- What kind of music did you listen to when you were younger?
- How do you feel when you hear a favorite song on the radio or TV?
- Why do think songs sometimes remind us of good or bad memories?

Section B: CHAT

In pairs / groups, decide which of these topics or words from the article are most interesting and which are most boring.

favorite songs / smile / break your heart / memories / melodies / make you cry

Section C: Bring me up to Speed

Use the words in the box to complete this paragraph. The first one has been done.

began	turned	one	language	over
nostalgic	everywhere	Venezuela	became	revival

As Richard and Karen (1) began preparing material for their 'Now & Then' album, the United States was in the midst of a '50s and '60s musical (2) _____. Entire radio stations were going oldie, groups not heard from in years were re-emerging. (3) _____ you looked, people were digging tunes out of the dust of '50s juke boxes. But as Richard observed, no one had written a song that was really a comment on this (4) _____ trend. After coming up with the title and writing music to suit the *shing-a-ling-a-ling* lyrics of those old '50s backgrounds, Richard (5) _____ the rest of the lyric writing over to his partner John Bettis, and *Yesterday Once More* was born. Perhaps because "*Sha-la-la-la*" is a sort of musical (6) _____ from the oldies revival that is universal, *Yesterday Once More* became the Carpenters' biggest international hit. During (7) _____ month the song was No. 1 in Japan, Israel, (8) _____, Belgium, Malaysia, Singapore, Hong Kong, and England. Naturally, in the U.S.A., home of *American Graffiti*, *Yesterday Once More* sold (9) _____ a million copies and (10) _____ the eighth gold single.

Section D: Cloze Listening

Listen to the song and fill in the missing words.

When I was (1) _____
I'd listen to the radio
Waitin' for my (2) _____ songs
When they played I'd sing along
It made me (3) _____.

Those were such (4) _____ times
And not so long ago
How I (5) _____ where
they'd gone
But (6) _____ back again
Just like a long lost friend
All the songs I loved so (7) _____

Every Sha-la-la-la
Every Wo-o-wo-o
Still shines
Every shing-a-ling-a-ling
That they're startin' to sing's
So (8) _____.

When they get to the part
Where he's breakin' her heart
It can really make me cry
Just like before
It's (9) _____ once more.
Lookin' back on how it was

In years (10) _____ by
And the good times that I had
(11) _____ today seem rather
sad
So much has (12) _____.

It was songs of love that
I would sing to then
And I'd (13) _____ each
word
Those old melodies
Still sound so good to me
As they (14) _____ the years
away.

Every Sha-la-la-la
Every Wo-o-wo-o
Still shines
Every shing-a-ling-a-ling
That they're startin' to sing's
So fine.

All my best (15) _____
Come back clearly to me
Some can even make me
(16) _____.
Just like before
It's yesterday once more

Section E: Grammar

Match the beginning of the sentences with the correct endings...

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| 1. <u> e </u> When I went out, | (a) I always go to the same place |
| 2. _____ When you're tired, | (b) I switched off the TV. |
| 3. _____ When Ann passed the exam, | (c) there was no answer. |
| 4. _____ When I phoned her, | (d) she was very happy. |
| 5. _____ When I go on holiday, | (e) it was raining. |
| 6. _____ When the program ended, | (f) don't drive. |