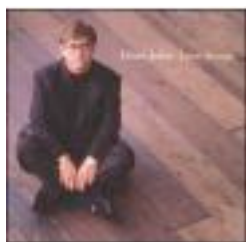


## Your Song By Elton John



### Section A: Warm Up

*In small groups, answer the following questions.*

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"You should know I'll never forgive you if I don't get this year's big toy, whatever it is."

- What are some expensive/inexpensive gifts?
- What gift would you like to have for your birthday?
- Do men and women choose different gifts?
- How would you feel if someone wrote a song about you?

### Section B: CHAT

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

*Sculptor / potions / verses / wonderful life / dominant / inducted / renounce /  
bisexuality / addiction / knighted / AIDS*

### Section C: Bring me up to Speed

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

English	successful	four	instead
bisexual	fight	records	rock

Sir *Elton Hercules John CBE* (born Reginald Kenneth Dwight on 25 March 1947) is an (1) English singer-songwriter, **composer** and pianist. In his **four-decade** career, John has been one of the **dominant** forces in (2) \_\_\_\_\_ and popular music, especially during the 1970s. He has sold over 200 million (3) \_\_\_\_\_, making him one of the most (4) \_\_\_\_\_ artists of all time. John was **inducted** into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1994. In a 1976 Rolling Stone interview, he announced that he was (5) \_\_\_\_\_. John married German recording engineer *Renate Blauel* on Valentine's Day, 1984, in Sydney, but they **divorced** (6) \_\_\_\_\_ years later. John later **renounced** his **bisexuality** and came out as being **gay** (7) \_\_\_\_\_. Throughout his career, John has **battled addictions** to alcohol and **cocaine**. He has been **heavily involved** in the (8) \_\_\_\_\_ against AIDS since the late 1980s, and was **knighted** in 1998.

## Section D: Cloze Listening

*Listen to the song and fill in the missing words.*

It's a little bit funny this  
(1) \_\_\_\_\_ inside  
I'm not one of those who can  
(2) \_\_\_\_\_ hide  
I don't have much money but boy if I  
did. I'd buy a big (3) \_\_\_\_\_  
where we both could live  
If I was a (4) \_\_\_\_\_, but then  
again, no.  
Or a man who makes potions in a  
(5) \_\_\_\_\_ show.  
I know it's not much but it's the best I  
can do  
My gift is my song and this one's for  
you.  
And you can tell (6) \_\_\_\_\_  
this is your song  
It may be quite simple but now that it's  
done I hope you don't (7) \_\_\_\_\_  
I hope you don't mind that I put down in  
words

How (8) \_\_\_\_\_ life is while  
you're in the world  
I sat on the roof and (9) \_\_\_\_\_  
off the moss  
Well a few of the verses well they've  
got me quite cross  
But the sun's been (10) \_\_\_\_\_  
kind while I wrote this song  
It's for people like you that keep it  
(11) \_\_\_\_\_ on  
So excuse me (12) \_\_\_\_\_ but  
these things I do  
You see I've forgotten if they're green or  
they're (12) \_\_\_\_\_  
Anyway the thing is what I really mean  
Yours are the  
(13) \_\_\_\_\_ eyes I've ever  
seen

## Section E: Matching

*Match the following phrases to their meanings.*

1.  b  It's a little but funny, this feeling inside.
  2. \_\_\_\_\_ If I was a sculptor, but then again, no.
  3. \_\_\_\_\_ And you can tell everybody that this is your song.
  4. \_\_\_\_\_ How wonderful life is while you're in the world.
  5. \_\_\_\_\_ I sat on the roof and kicked off the moss.
  6. \_\_\_\_\_ I hope you don't mind.
- (a) You can say to everyone that this is a song about you.  
(b) I am in love with you. It's a wonderful feeling, but at the same time it feels a bit strange.  
(c) If I were an artist, I could make a special gift to show you how much I love you, but I'm not.  
(d) I just wanted to say that you make me happy everyday. I'm so happy that I know you.  
(e) I hope that it doesn't upset you that I wrote this song for you.  
(f) While I was writing the song, I was on the roof of my house. I kicked the moss off the roof tiles. It's so quiet and peaceful there. Being alone in that place helped me to think better.