

## FAIRYTALE

by ALEXANDER RYBAK

**Grammar:** Past Simple, Past and Simple Tenses review**Vocabulary:** love**Level:** Elementary

🎵 CD track 6

**Teacher's notes**

1. Play an instrumental intro of the song. Ask students if they have ever heard this song. How is it called? What is it about? Is it about fairytales? Is it about love?

2. Students listen to the whole song trying to guess its topic. They can also make some notes helping them to prove their opinion.

3. Discuss the topic, then write out some 'love expressions': *to be in love, to fall in love, to be sweethearts, to fall apart*. Check students' understanding.

4. Hand out the worksheets and explain the task. Play the song again. Students do the task. Then they can check their answers in small groups. Finally, check the answers in an open group, playing the 'Fairytale' again and pausing it if necessary.

5. Get back to the 'love expressions' written out. Ask students to find them in the text and explain why the forms are changed.

6. Ask the class to find more examples of Past Simple (both regular and irregular) in the lyrics.

7. Ask your students if the main character's love still alive. – *Yes, it is.* - *How did you manage to understand it?* – *Because of the refrain which is in the Present Simple tense.*

**Answers**

G, F, D, J, B, H, L, T, K, N, O, R, Q, S, P, C

A. I didn't like the girl I knew _____	B. I'm in love with a fairytale <u>5</u>	C. But when I do, we'll get a brand new start <u>16</u>	D. She was mine and we were sweethearts <u>3</u>
E. I kindly liked the girl I knew _____	F. I kinda liked a girl I knew <u>2</u>	G. Years ago, when I was younger <u>1</u>	H. Even though it hurts <u>6</u>
I. That was great and that was true _____	J. That was then and then it's true <u>4</u>	K. Every day we started fighting <u>9</u>	L. 'Cause I don't care if I lose my mind <u>7</u>
M. No one else could make me better _____	N. Every night we fell in love <u>10</u>	O. No one else could make me sadder <u>11</u>	P. Nowadays, I cannot find her <u>15</u>
Q. I don't know, what I was doing <u>13</u>	R. But no one else could lift me high above <u>12</u>	S. When suddenly we fell apart <u>14</u>	T. I'm already cursed <u>8</u>

'Fairytale' is a song written and composed by Norwegian violinist/singer **Alexander Rybak**, and the first single from Rybak's debut album *Fairytales*. This song was the winner of the 2009 Eurovision Song Contest in Moscow, Russia.

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*Listen to the song and order the lines (A – T). There are 4 extra lines.*

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E. I kindly liked the girl I knew ____	F. I kinda liked a girl I knew ____	G. Years ago, when I was younger ____	H. Even though it hurts ____
I. That was great and that was true ____	J. That was then and then it's true ____	K. Every day we started fighting ____	L. 'Cause I don't care if I lose my mind ____
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