

LISTENING COMPREHENSION
Paint the Town Green (The Script)

This song is very reminiscent of traditional Irish music as well as patriotic anthems. It talks of how the celebrity lifestyle forces the singer to move around so much and it hurts him to be away from home, but at least he can pretend to be back home by painting the town "Green" (representing Ireland).

Listen to the song & fill in the gaps.

I know you're missing home
It's been so long since you've been
And that _____ you had in Dublin
Now ain't nothing but a dream
To be right there in the moment
You'd give anything to be

It's alright
'Cause _____
We're gonna paint the town green

Your _____ are on the phone there
It's so close to Paddy's Day
And it kills you not to be there
But life got in the way
If I had to break the bank
Spend every penny on your dreams

It's alright
'Cause _____
We're gonna paint the town green

Just like home
Let's color the _____ like our own
Let's make this place feel like our own
It's just you and me

It's alright
'Cause _____
We're gonna paint the town green

And we _____ on the subway
Like it was the Luas line
Chase the Hudson to the Liffey
Where we _____ for the first time
Turn the city into Dublin
Yeah, wherever we may be

It's alright
'Cause _____
We're gonna paint the town green

Just like home
Let's color the _____ like our own
Let's make this place feel like our own
It's just you and me

It's alright
'Cause tonight
We're gonna paint the town green

Just like home
Let's color the streets like our own
Let's make this place feel like our own
It's just you and me

It's alright
'Cause tonight
We're gonna paint the town green

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1. What is the song about?
- a) Partying with friends
 - b) Feeling lonely & homesick
 - c) Painting streets in the city
 - d) Falling in love

2. Read the lyrics & find words that rhyme with
- a) green
 - b) home
 - c) day
 - d) line
 - e) tonight
 - f) be

3. "Paint the town green" comes from the idiom "Paint the town (red)", which means "to go out and enjoy yourself by drinking alcohol, dancing, laughing with friends, etc."

I'm ready to paint the town red with a few of my closest friends.

We're on our way to paint the town.

Why do you think the band changed the colour from 'red' to 'green'?

4. Which of the following verb tenses are there in the lyrics? Write 'OK' next to the verb tense & exemplify.

Present simple

Present continuous

Present perfect simple

Past simple

Past continuous

Past perfect simple

Future 'Be going to'

Future simple 'will'

Future continuous

Future perfect simple