

**Focus:** Listening, pronunciation and Interpretive skill

## LISTENING – R.E.M. – LOSING MY RELIGION

**Listen to the song and complete the activities below.**

### 1) Write the missing word.

Oh life is \_\_\_\_\_. It's bigger than you, and you are not me

The lengths that I will go to

The \_\_\_\_\_ in your eyes

Oh no, I've \_\_\_\_\_ too much, I set it up

That's me in the corner. That's me in the spot-light

Losing my religion

Trying to \_\_\_\_\_ up with you

And I don't know if I \_\_\_\_\_ do it

Oh no, I've said too much. I \_\_\_\_\_ said enough

### 2) Say the missing word. Click on the microphone to record your answers.

I \_\_\_\_\_ that I heard you laughing

I \_\_\_\_\_ that I heard you sing

I think I \_\_\_\_\_ I saw you try

### 3) Rewrite the verses correctly.

Every whisper of every waking flower, I'm choosing my confessions

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Trying to keep an ear on you, like a hurt, lost and blinded fool, fool

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Oh no, I've seen too much, I set it up

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Consider this. Consider this the wind of the century. Consider this the slip

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That brought me to my tears, failed

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What if all these fantasies come flailing above

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Now I've said too much

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**4) Say the missing word. Click on the microphone to record your answers.**

I \_\_\_\_\_ that I heard you laughing

I \_\_\_\_\_ that I heard you sing

I think I \_\_\_\_\_ I saw you try

**5) Sing along!**

But that was just a dream. That was just a dream

That's me in the corner. That's me in the spot-light

Losing my religion

Trying to keep up with you and I don't know if I can do it

Oh no I've said too much, I haven't said enough

I thought that I heard you laughing

I thought that I heard you sing

I think I thought I saw you try

But that was just a dream... Try, cry, fly, try

That was just a dream... Just a dream... Just a dream, dream

**6) What is the main theme of "Losing My Religion"?**

- a. Love and happiness
- b. The challenges of faith and doubt
- c. Social justice
- d. Environmental concerns

**7) In the song, what does the phrase "That's me in the corner, that's me in the spotlight" suggest?**

- a. Confidence and self-assurance
- b. A feeling of being ignored or overlooked
- c. A desire for attention
- d. Nostalgia for the past

**8) What emotion is most strongly conveyed in the lyrics of the chorus?**

- a. Joy
- b. Sarcasm
- c. Desperation
- d. Indifference

**9) According to the song, what is the consequence of losing one's religion?**

- a. Finding true happiness
- b. Being ostracized from society
- c. Gaining a deeper understanding of spirituality
- d. Feeling a sense of liberation