

## Past modals

Listen to the song excerpts and fill in the gaps.

### 1. The Lumineers – Ho Hey

I don't think you're right for him

Think of what it 1. \_\_\_\_\_,

if you took a bus to China Town

I'd be standing on Canal and Bowery, and she'd be standing next to

### 2. George Ezra – Pretty Shining People

Took it in turns to dream about the lottery

What we 2. \_\_\_\_\_

If we had entered and had won

We're each convinced that nothing 3. \_\_\_\_\_

But if this were the case, why is it a conversation anyway?

### 3. Abba – The day before you came

I 4. \_\_\_\_\_ my house at eight, because I  
always do

My train, I'm certain, left the station just when it was due

I 5. \_\_\_\_\_ the morning paper going into  
town

And having gotten through the editorial, no doubt

I 6. \_\_\_\_\_

I 7. \_\_\_\_\_ my desk around a quarter after  
nine

With letters to be read, and heaps of papers waiting to be signed

I 8. \_\_\_\_\_ to lunch at half past twelve or  
so

The usual place, the usual bunch

And still on top of this I'm pretty sure it 9. \_\_\_\_\_

The day before you came

### 4. The Cardigans – Lovefool

Lately I have desperately pondered

Spent my nights awake and I wonder

What I 10. \_\_\_\_\_ in another way to make  
you stay

### 5. Imagine Dragons – On top of the world

I've tried to cut these corners

Tried to take the easy way out

I kept on falling short of something

I 11. \_\_\_\_\_ then but

Then again I 12. \_\_\_\_\_ 'cause

I've traveled all this way for something

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### 6. The Cranberries- Disappointment

Disappointment you 13. \_\_\_\_\_  
you 14. \_\_\_\_\_  
you 15. \_\_\_\_\_ the things you did then  
And we 16. \_\_\_\_\_ happy  
What a piteous thing, a hideous thing was tainted by the rest

### 7. Beastie Boys – She's crafty

So I made him stop the cab to get out of the place  
I 17. \_\_\_\_\_ back man I'll always regret it  
Something's going on and I'll probably never get it

### 8. Marina – Blue

We've broken up and now I regret it (I regret it)  
I said goodbye when I 18. \_\_\_\_\_ it (said it)  
I even cried but I never meant it (I regret it)  
And I don't know why but I can't forget it, forget it

### 9. Alanis Morissette – Hands Clean

If it weren't for your maturity none of this 19. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
If you weren't so wise beyond your years I 20. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ able to control myself  
If it weren't for my attention you 21. \_\_\_\_\_  
and  
If it weren't for me you 22. \_\_\_\_\_ to very  
much

### 10. The Everly Brothers – Ebony Eyes

On a weekend pass I 23. \_\_\_\_\_ time  
To get home and marry, that baby of mine  
So I went to the Chaplain and he authorized me to send for my Ebony Eyes

### 11. Justin Timberlake – Cry me a river

All of these things people told me  
Keep messing with my head  
24. \_\_\_\_\_ honesty  
Then you 25. \_\_\_\_\_ it

### 12. Ariana Grande – 7 rings

I'd rather spoil all my friends with my riches  
Think retail therapy my new addiction  
Whoever said money can't solve your problems  
26. \_\_\_\_\_ enough money to solve 'em  
They say, "Which one?" I say, "Nah, I want all of 'em"  
Happiness is the same price as red-bottoms

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### 13. Bruno Mars – When I was your man

Too young, too dumb to realise

That I **27.** \_\_\_\_\_ you flowers and held  
your hand

**28.** \_\_\_\_\_ you all my hours when I had  
the chance

Take you to every party 'cause all you wanted to do was dance

Now my baby's dancing, but she's dancing with another man

### 14. Beyonce – Single ladies

Just cried my tears, for three good years

You can't be mad at me

'Cause if you liked it then you **29.** \_\_\_\_\_ a  
ring on it

If you liked it then you **30.** \_\_\_\_\_ a ring on  
it

Don't be mad once you see that he want it

If you liked it then you **31.** \_\_\_\_\_ a ring on  
it

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