

## 7B SONG If I Could Build My Whole World Around You

- a Read the song lyrics and think about what the missing verbs could be.

### If I Could Build My Whole World Around You

be grow put take wash

Oh, if I could build my whole world around you, darling  
First I'd 1 put heaven by your side  
Pretty flowers would 2 \_\_\_\_\_ wherever you walked, honey  
And over your head would 3 \_\_\_\_\_ the bluest sky  
And I'd 4 \_\_\_\_\_ every drop of rain  
And 5 \_\_\_\_\_ all your troubles away  
I'd have the whole world wrapped up in you, darling  
And that would be all right, oh yes it would

be give keep make put

If I could build my whole world around you  
I'd 6 \_\_\_\_\_ your eyes the morning sun  
I'd 7 \_\_\_\_\_ so much love where there is sorrow  
I'd put joy where there's never been love  
And I'd 8 \_\_\_\_\_ my love to you  
For you to 9 \_\_\_\_\_ for the rest of your life  
Oh, and happiness would surely 10 \_\_\_\_\_ ours  
And that would be all right, oh yes it would  
  
Doo doo doo doo doo, doo doo doo doo  
Doo doo doo doo doo, doo doo doo doo



be give (x2) make step

Oh, if I could build my whole world around you  
I'd 11 \_\_\_\_\_ you the greatest gift any woman could  
possess  
And I'd 12 \_\_\_\_\_ into this world you've created  
And 13 \_\_\_\_\_ you true love and tenderness  
And there'd 14 \_\_\_\_\_ something new with every  
tomorrow  
To 15 \_\_\_\_\_ this world better as days go by  
  
If I could build my whole world around you  
If I could build my whole world around you  
Then that would be all right, oh yeah  
(repeat to fade)

- b Listen to the song and fill in blanks 2–15 with a verb from the list.

- c Read the lyrics and match the words and phrases.

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| 1 build my whole world around you              | a every day would bring something different     |
| 2 be all right                                 | b make you happy when you've only ever been sad |
| 3 put joy where there's never been love        | c make you the center of my existence           |
| 4 happiness would surely be ours               | d be OK                                         |
| 5 there'd be something new with every tomorrow | e there's no doubt we'd be happy                |

#### GLOSSARY

honey = a way of addressing someone that you like or love  
wrapped up = enclosed  
sorrow = a feeling of great sadness  
joy = a feeling of great happiness  
tenderness = gentleness, love

#### SONG FACTS

*If I Could Build My Whole World Around You* was released in 1967. It was the third single for the singing duo of Marvin Gaye and Tammi Terrell. Together they had a total of seven hit singles in the late 1960s. When Terrell died aged only 24 from a brain tumor, Marvin Gaye was devastated at the loss of the singing partner he regarded as a sister.