



4B SONG You Can't Hurry Love

a Complete the song with *have to*, *need to*, *must*, *can*, or *can't*.

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I need love, love to ease my mind
I¹ need to find, find someone to call mine
But mama said,

CHORUS
"You² hurry love
No, you just³ wait"
She said, "Love don't come easy
It's a game of give and take."

You⁴ hurry love,
No, you just⁵ wait
You've got to trust, give it time
No matter how long it takes

But how many heartaches
6 I stand
Before I find a love
To let me live again?
Right now the only thing
That keeps me hanging on
When I feel my strength, yeah
Is almost gone

I remember mama said,

CHORUS
How long⁷ I wait
How much more⁸ I take
Before loneliness will cause my heart
Heart to break?

No, I⁹ bear to live my life alone
I grow impatient for a love to call my own
But when I feel that I, I¹⁰ go on
These precious words keep me hanging on
I remember mama said,

CHORUS
"You can't hurry love
No, you just have to wait"
She said, "Trust, give it time
No matter how long it takes"

No, love, love don't come easy
But I keep on waiting
Anticipating for that soft voice
To talk to me at night
For some tender arms
To hold me tight
I keep waiting
I keep on waiting
But it ain't easy
It ain't easy
But mama said,

You can't hurry love
No, you just have to wait
She said, "Trust, give it time
No matter how long it takes"

CHORUS



b Match the phrases from the song (1–6) with their meanings (a–f).

1 ease my mind	a it's hard to find love
2 love don't come easy	b stops me giving up and want to continue
3 a game of give and take	c I can't stand
4 keeps me hanging on	d a matter of accepting things that the other person wants, and not doing some of the things that you want
5 I can't bear	e give me a warm hug
6 hold me tight	f make things less painful

GLOSSARY

don't come easy = doesn't come easy
heartaches = strong feelings of sadness
stand = endure or tolerate
strength = noun from the adjective "strong"
ain't = isn't

SONG FACTS

This song was originally recorded by The Supremes in 1966 and reached the top five in the UK that same year. The Supremes' version is included in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame's list of "500 songs that shaped rock and roll". The song was used in the 1995 film *Runaway Bride*, with Julia Roberts and Richard Gere.