



10A SONG Greatest Love of All

a With a partner, read the lyrics and think what the missing verbs could be. Write your suggestions in the column on the right. The first letter has been given for you, but pay attention to the form of each missing verb.

Greatest Love of All

1

I¹ _____ the children are our future
 2 _____ them well and let them lead the way
 Show them all the beauty they³ _____ inside
 Give them a sense of pride to⁴ _____ it easier
 Let the children's laughter remind us how we
 used to be

Verbs

b *believe*
 t _____
 p _____
 m _____

2

Everybody's⁵ _____ for a hero
 People⁶ _____ someone to look up to
 I never found anyone who fulfilled my needs
 A lonely place to be
 And so I learned to⁷ _____ on me

s _____
 n _____
 d _____
 f _____
 b _____

CHORUS

I decided long ago, never to walk in
 anyone's shadows
 If I⁸ _____, if I succeed
 At least I'll live as I⁹ _____
 No matter what they take from me
 They can't take away my dignity
 Because the greatest love of all
 Is¹⁰ _____ to me
 I found the greatest love of all
 Inside of me
 The greatest love of all
 Is easy to achieve
 11 _____ to love yourself
 It is the greatest love of all

h _____
 l _____

Repeat verse 1

CHORUS

3

And if, by chance, that special place
 That you've been¹² _____ of
 Leads you to a lonely place
 Find your strength in love

d _____



b Listen and check.

c Look at the words (1–6). Find the correct form of the words in the song and complete the column on the right.

1 belief (noun) _____ (verb)
 2 failure (noun) _____ (verb)
 3 success (noun) _____ (verb)
 4 beautiful (adj) _____ (noun)
 5 proud (adj) _____ (noun)
 6 laugh (verb) _____ (noun)

d Use the correct form of some of the words from the list in c to complete the summary of the song below.

We all need someone to respect and admire, but when you're alone in life you have to find the strength to¹ _____ *believe* in yourself. It doesn't matter if you've been lucky and you're² _____, or even if you've³ _____ in life, because you've learned to be⁴ _____ of yourself and what you can do. That's why we should teach children that they are all⁵ _____ inside: when children⁶ _____, they show us what we used to be like when we were younger.

GLOSSARY

pride = the feeling of pleasure that you have when you do something good
 fulfilled my needs = made me feel happy and satisfied
 never to walk in anyone's shadows = never feel inferior to anybody else
 no matter = it doesn't matter

SONG FACTS

Greatest Love of All is a song about how to be strong when you are faced with life's challenges. It was originally recorded by George Benson for a 1977 film about the great sporting icon, Muhammad Ali. Whitney Houston released her version in 1986. It was a worldwide hit and became one of her most popular songs. Whitney Houston is a pop and soul icon whose sad death in 2012 gives this song extra poignancy.