

a Listen to the song and fill the gaps with the missing adjectives (one of them is a comparative and one is a superlative).

b Read the lyrics with the glossary. Match the **highlighted** words to their definitions.

- 1 _____ very bad weather with heavy rain, etc.
- 2 _____ air that is moving fast
- 3 _____ the loud noise that you hear during a storm
- 4 _____ a bright flash of light that appears in the sky during a storm
- 5 _____ a large amount of water (from a river, the sea, or heavy rain)

Holding out for a hero

Where have all the ¹ g _____ men gone

and where are all the Gods?

Where's the streetwise Hercules

to fight the rising odds?

Isn't there a ² w _____ knight upon a fiery steed?

³ L _____ at night I toss and I turn and I dream of what I need.

I need a hero

I'm holding out for a hero till the end of the night.

He's got to be ⁴ s _____ and he's got to be ⁵ f _____

and he's got to be ⁶ f _____ from the fight.

I need a hero

I'm holding out for a hero till the morning light.

He's got to be ⁷ s _____ and it's got to be ⁸ s _____

And he's got to be ⁹ l _____ than life

(⁹) L _____ than life.

Somewhere after midnight

In my ¹⁰ w _____ fantasy

Somewhere just beyond my reach

There's someone reaching back for me.

Racing on the **thunder** and rising with the heat

It's gonna take a Superman to sweep me off my feet.

I need a hero, etc.

Up where the mountains meet the heavens above

Out where the **lightning** splits the sea

I could swear there is someone somewhere watching me.

Through the **wind** and the chill and the rain

and the **storm** and the **flood**

I can feel his approach like a fire in the blood.

I need a hero, etc.



Glossary

streetwise = a person who can look after himself

rising odds = the opposition, people who are against us

fiery steed = a wild horse

toss and turn = move, in bed

I'm holding out for = I'm waiting for
beyond my reach = too far away for me to touch

reaching back for me = trying to take my hand

it's gonna take a Superman = he'll have to be a Superman

to sweep me off my feet = for me to fall in love with him

chill = cold

his approach = he's coming nearer

Song facts

Holding out for a hero was written for Bonnie Tyler in 1982 by Jim Steinman and Dean Pitchford. Steinman also wrote all of Meat Loaf's hits as well as *Total eclipse of the heart* for Tyler. A version by Jennifer Saunders was the theme song to *Blackadder*.