

SONG You Can't Hurry Love

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

You Can't Hurry Love

I need love, love To ease my mind

I ¹ *need to* find, find someone to call mine

But mama said,

CHORUS

'You ² *have to* hurry love

No, you just ³ *can't* wait'

She said, 'Love don't come easy

It's a game of give and take.'

You ⁴ *can't* hurry love,

No, you just ⁵ *have to* wait

You've got to trust, give it time

No matter how long it takes

But how many heartaches

⁶ *I can't* 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 long ⁷ *do I have to* wait

How much more ⁸ *can I* take

Before loneliness will cause my heart

Heart to break?

No, I ⁹ *can't* bear to live my life alone

I grow impatient for a love to call my own

But when I feel that I, I ¹⁰ *have to* 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).

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| 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.