

**LISTENING COMPREHENSION**  
**Paint the Town Green (The Script)**

*This song is very reminiscent of traditional Irish music as well as patriotic anthems. It talks of how the celebrity lifestyle forces the singer to move around so much and it hurts him to be away from home, but at least he can pretend to be back home by painting the town "Green" (representing Ireland).*

Listen to the song & fill in the gaps.

I know you're missing home  
It's been so long since you've been  
And that \_\_\_\_\_ you had in Dublin  
Now ain't nothing but a dream  
To be right there in the moment  
You'd give anything to be

It's alright  
'Cause \_\_\_\_\_  
We're gonna paint the town green

Your \_\_\_\_\_ are on the phone there  
It's so close to Paddy's Day  
And it kills you not to be there  
But life got in the way  
If I had to break the bank  
Spend every penny on your dreams

It's alright  
'Cause \_\_\_\_\_  
We're gonna paint the town green

Just like home  
Let's color the \_\_\_\_\_ like our own  
Let's make this place feel like our own  
It's just you and me

It's alright  
'Cause \_\_\_\_\_  
We're gonna paint the town green

And we \_\_\_\_\_ on the subway  
Like it was the Luas line  
Chase the Hudson to the Liffey  
Where we \_\_\_\_\_ for the first time  
Turn the city into Dublin  
Yeah, wherever we may be

It's alright  
'Cause \_\_\_\_\_  
We're gonna paint the town green

Just like home  
Let's color the \_\_\_\_\_ like our own  
Let's make this place feel like our own  
It's just you and me

It's alright  
'Cause tonight  
We're gonna paint the town green

Just like home  
Let's color the streets like our own  
Let's make this place feel like our own  
It's just you and me

It's alright  
'Cause tonight  
We're gonna paint the town green

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1. What is the song about?
- a) Partying with friends
  - b) Feeling lonely & homesick
  - c) Painting streets in the city
  - d) Falling in love

2. Read the lyrics & find words that rhyme with
- a) green
  - b) home
  - c) day
  - d) line
  - e) tonight
  - f) be

3. "Paint the town green" comes from the idiom "Paint the town (red)", which means "to go out and enjoy yourself by drinking alcohol, dancing, laughing with friends, etc."

*I'm ready to paint the town red with a few of my closest friends.*

*We're on our way to paint the town.*

Why do you think the band changed the colour from 'red' to 'green'?

4. Which of the following verb tenses are there in the lyrics? Write 'OK' next to the verb tense & exemplify.

Present simple

Present continuous

Present perfect simple

Past simple

Past continuous

Past perfect simple

Future 'Be going to'

Future simple 'will'

Future continuous

Future perfect simple