

# Heatwave

Whenever I'm <sup>1</sup> **with** him  
 Something <sup>2</sup> **i** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Starts to burning\*  
 And I'm <sup>3</sup> **f** \_\_\_\_\_ with desire  
 Could it be a devil in me?  
 Or is this the way love's supposed to be?

## Chorus

It's like a heatwave  
 Burning in my <sup>4</sup> **h** \_\_\_\_\_  
 I can't keep from <sup>5</sup> **cr** \_\_\_\_\_  
 It's tearing me apart

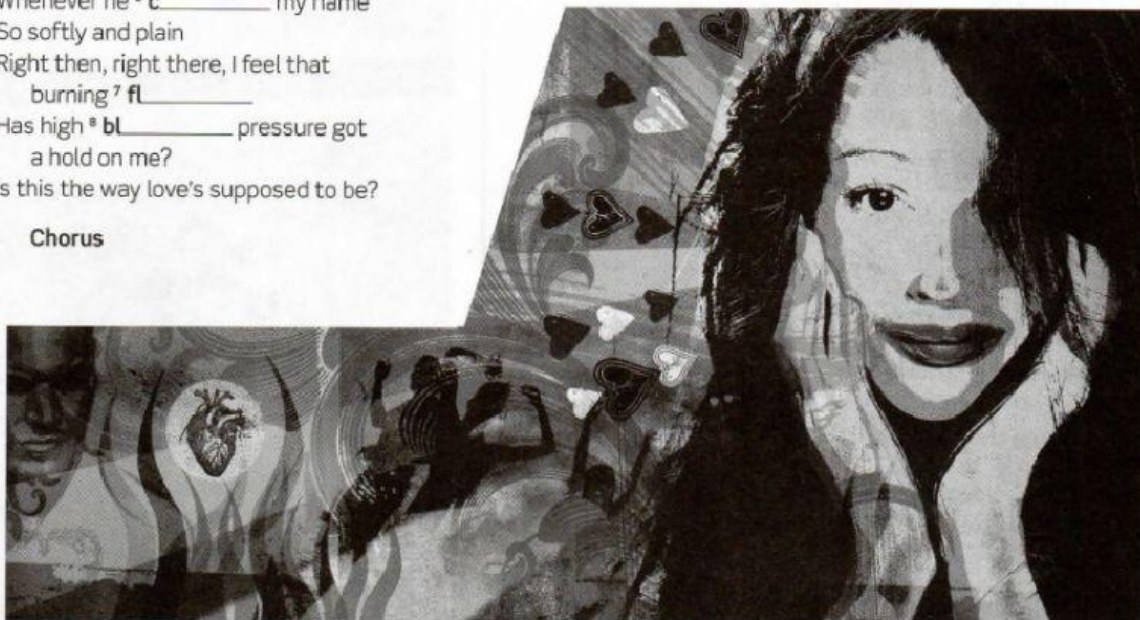
Whenever he <sup>6</sup> **c** \_\_\_\_\_ my name  
 So softly and plain  
 Right then, right there, I feel that  
 burning <sup>7</sup> **fl** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Has high <sup>8</sup> **bl** \_\_\_\_\_ pressure got  
 a hold on me?  
 Is this the way love's supposed to be?

## Chorus

Sometimes I stare in space  
 Tears all over my <sup>9</sup> **f** \_\_\_\_\_  
 I can't explain it, don't <sup>10</sup> **u** \_\_\_\_\_ it,  
 I ain't <sup>11</sup> **n** \_\_\_\_\_ felt like this before  
 Now this funny <sup>12</sup> **f** \_\_\_\_\_ has me amazed  
 Don't know what to do, my head's in a haze  
 It's like a heatwave.

I feel it burning, right here in my heart,  
 Don't you know it's like a heatwave

Yeah, don't you know it's like a heatwave?  
 Burning right here in my heart.



NB the phrase *to burning* is non-standard

- Listen and complete the words.
- Listen to the song again with the lyrics. Complete the glossary with the highlighted words or phrases.

## GLOSSARY

- \_\_\_\_\_ = to look at sb / sth for a long time
- \_\_\_\_\_ = to destroy sb / sth completely
- \_\_\_\_\_ = an evil spirit
- \_\_\_\_\_ = very surprised
- \_\_\_\_\_ = to stop yourself (from doing sth)
- \_\_\_\_\_ = air that is difficult to see through because it contains very small drops of water, especially caused by hot weather

## SONG FACTS

This song was the first top ten hit for the 'Motown' group Martha Reeves and the Vandellas in 1963. The original title was *(Love is like a) Heat Wave* and it talks about a teenage girl falling in love for the first time. The song was included in the list of The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame's *500 Songs that Shaped Rock and Roll* and the music magazine *Rolling Stone* included the group in their list of the 100 Greatest Artists of All Time. Martha Reeves and the Vandellas are still playing and they recently toured the UK.