7B SONG If I Could Build My Whole World Around You

a Read the song lyrics and think about what the missing verbs could be.



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be grow ~~put~~ take wash

Oh, if I could build my whole world around you, darling
First I'd 1 *put* heaven by your side
Pretty flowers would [2]_____ wherever you walked, honey
And over your head would [3]_____ the bluest sky
And I'd [4]_____ every drop of rain
And [5]_____ all your troubles away
I'd have the whole world wrapped up in you, darling
And that would be all right, oh yes it would

be give keep make put

If I could build my whole world around you
I'd [6]_____ your eyes the morning sun
I'd [7]_____ so much love where there is sorrow
I'd put joy where there's never been love
And I'd [8]_____ my love to you
For you to [9]_____ for the rest of your life
Oh, and happiness would surely [10]_____ ours
And that would be all right, oh yes it would

Doo doo doo doo doo, doo doo doo doo
Doo doo doo doo doo, doo doo doo doo

be give (x2) make step

Oh, if I could build my whole world around you
I'd [11]_____ you the greatest gift any woman could possess
And I'd [12]_____ into this world you've created
And [13]_____ you true love and tenderness
And there'd [14]_____ something new with every tomorrow
To [15]_____ this world better as days go by

If I could build my whole world around you
If I could build my whole world around you
Then that would be all right, oh yeah
(repeat to fade)

b Listen to the song and fill in blanks 2–15 with a verb from the list.

c Read the lyrics and match the words and phrases.

1 build my whole world around you	a every day would bring something different
2 be all right	b make you happy when you've only ever been sad
3 put joy where there's never been love	c make you the center of my existence
4 happiness would surely be ours	d be OK
5 there'd be something new with every tomorrow	e there's no doubt we'd be happy

GLOSSARY

honey = a way of addressing someone that you like or love
wrapped up = enclosed
sorrow = a feeling of great sadness
joy = a feeling of great happiness
tenderness = gentleness, love

SONG FACTS

If I Could Build My Whole World Around You was released in 1967. It was the third single for the singing duo of Marvin Gaye and Tammi Terrell. Together they had a total of seven hit singles in the late 1960s. When Terrell died aged only 24 from a brain tumor, Marvin Gaye was devastated at the loss of the singing partner he regarded as a sister.

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