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Song **You can get it if you really want**

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a Listen to the song and complete the missing verbs.

You can get it if you really want

You can get it if you really want,
You can get it if you really want,
You can get it if you really want,
But you 'm _____ try, try and try,
Try and try,
You'll ² s _____ at last.

Persecution you ³ m_____ bear
⁴ W_____ or ⁵ I_____ , you've got to ⁶ g_____
your share
Got your mind set on a dream
You can ⁷ g_____ it, though hard it seems
Now

You can get it if you really want, etc.

Rome was not ⁸ b_____ in a day,
Opposition will ⁹ c_____ your way
But the harder the battle you ¹⁰ s_____,
Is the sweeter the victory
Now

You can get it if you really want, etc.



b Read the lyrics with the glossary and find a phrase which means:

- 1 You will get what you want in the end.
- 2 You have a clear idea what you want to do or get.
- 3 It takes a long time to do something well.
- 4 There will be difficulties.
- 5 If something is very difficult to do, you'll enjoy it more when you've done it.

Glossary

persecution = making someone suffer for what they believe
your share = the part that belongs to you
got your mind = you have your mind
set on = fixed on
opposition = people or things that are against you

Song facts

You can get it if you really want was written and first recorded by Jimmy Cliff, and was also a number 2 hit in the UK charts hit for Desmond Dekker, another Jamaican singer. It later appeared on the soundtrack to the 1973 film *The harder they come*, which starred Jimmy Cliff and which introduced reggae music and Jamaican culture to an international audience.