# NANCY MULLIGAN

**by Ed Sheeran**

**www.youtube.com/watch?v=VSYfNd_r0as**





**1**) Write the simple past forms of the verbs bellow (don't worry about the numbers):

Ask (1x): _____
Be (12x): _____ /_____
Borrow (1x): _____
Buy (1x): _____
Find (1x): _____
Get (2x): _____
Go (3x): _____
Make (1x): _____
Meet (2x): _____
Propose (1x): _____
Say (1x): _____
See (1x): _____
Sit (1x): _____
Worry (1x): _____




**2)** Listen to the song and complete it with the verbs above, as many times as the numbers into parentheses.

I _____ twenty-four years old
When I _____the woman I would call my own
Twenty-two grandkids now growing old
In the house that *your* brother _____ya

*(Irish music)*

On the summer day when I _____
I _____ that **wedding ring** from dentist gold
And I _____her father, but her daddy
_____no
You can't marry my daughter

**She and I _____on the run.**
**Don't care about religion.**
**I'm gonna marry the woman I love.**
**Down by the Wexford border.**
**She _____Nancy Mulligan**
**I_____William Sheeran.**
**She _____my name and then we _____one**
**Down by the Wexford border.**



*(Irish music)*

Well I _____ her at **Guys** in the Second World War
She _____working on a soldier's **ward**.
**Never had I seen** such beauty before
The moment that I _____ her.

Nancy _____ my yellow rose,
And we _____ married wearing _____ clothes
We _____ eight children now **growing** old.
Five sons and three daughters.

**She and I _____on the run.**
**Don't care about religion.**
**I'm gonna marry the woman I love**
**Down by the Wexford border.**
**She _____Nancy Mulligan and I**
**_____William Sheeran.**
**She _____my name and then we _____one**
**Down by the Wexford border.**

*(Irish music)*

From her snow white **streak** in her **jet** black hair
Over sixty years **I've been loving** her.
Now we are _____ by the fire in our old armchairs
You know Nancy, I adore you.
From a farm boy born near **Belfast town**.
I never _____ about the King and Crown.
Cause I _____my heart upon the southern ground
There's no difference. I assure you.

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*(Fantastic Irish music)*




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**3)** Answer the questions:

a) How old was Willian Sheeran when he met Nancy?

__ 22 __ 24 __ 32 __ 34 __ 42 __ 44

b) How many children did they have?

_____

c) How many grandchildren did they have?

_____

d) Where did they meet each other?

_____

e) The song is sang in the first person, by:

__ Nancy __ William __ Their grandson Ed Sheeran

f) Correct the sentences:

They worked hard to buy their house.

_____

Nancy's father was happy with their wedding.

_____

Nancy had yellow hair.

_____

They had eight sons.

_____

Willian was born in a big city.

_____

William loves the royal family.

_____

**4)** Open discussion questions:

**a)** What do you think about Willian and Nancy's love story? (Why?)

**b)** Did you like Ed's homage to his grandparents? (Why?)

**c)** Would you like to see this story into a movie? (Why?)

Song Facts

* This song is about Ed Sheeran's Irish grandparents, Anne and William Sheeran. (Nancy is a diminutive of Anne, and Bill is short for William.) It tells the story of how they fell in love and married, despite their Catholic-Protestant divide.
* "One was Protestant and from Belfast and one was Catholic from southern Ireland. They got engaged and no one turned up to the wedding. He melted all his gold teeth in his dental surgery and melted them down into a wedding ring. They wore borrowed clothes to get married and had this sort of Romeo and Juliet romance which is like the most romantic thing. I thought I'd write a song about it and make it a jig" – Sheeran explained to Zane Lowe on his Beats 1 show.

## Pictionary

Wedding rings





Avril Lavigne has pink **streak** in her **jet** blond hair.

Wexford (it's a city in Ireland)
Belfast (it's a city in North Ireland)




This flower is **growing.**



**Guys:** a hospital's name, in London.
**Ward:** like a hospital
**Never had I seen:** "I never saw before in my life..."
**I've been loving:** "I love..."

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