

NANCY MULLIGAN

by Ed Sheeran

www.youtube.com/watch?v=VSYfNd_r0as



1) Write the simple past forms of the verbs below (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.

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.

(Fantastic Irish music)



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



Wexford (it's a city in Ireland)

Belfast (it's a city in North Ireland)



Avril Lavigne has pink streak in her jet blond hair.



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..."