



Make You Feel My Love – Adele – Notes



- **Activity types:** Phonetics, listening for specific words, gap fill, summarising.
- **Level:** Pre-intermediate/Intermediate
- **Notes:** Bob Dylan wrote this song for his 1997 album *Time Out Of Mind*, but it has been recorded by numerous artists, including Billy Joel, Garth Brooks and, most notably, Adele. From her debut album *19*, Adele's version was voted the UK's number one song of all time in Heart Radio's Hall of Fame Top 500 in January 2013. These four versions are on www.tuneintoenglish.com – students can compare the different recordings.

Pre-listening activities

1. Give each student a folded copy of the worksheet and ask them to do **Activity 1**. (The numbers are the number of times the word appears in the song.)

Key:

/e/	/ɪ:/	/u:/	/eɪ/	/ɒ/
met	appear	avenue	case	belong
regret	free	blue	embrace	wrong
yet	sea	do	face	
	tears	true		
	years	you		

Note: There is a Phonetic Chart on the Teacher's Area of www.tuneintoenglish.com

Listening activities

2. Ask students to listen for the words in Activity 1, numbering them in the order they hear them (refer to just the first time).
3. Play the song.
Key: 1. face 2. case 3. embrace 4. appear 5. tears 6. years 7. yet 8. wrong 9. met 10. belong 11. blue 12. avenue 13. do 14. sea 15. regret 16. free 17. yet 18. true 19. do 20. you
4. Ask them to unfold the page and complete the lyrics (**Activity 2**) with the words from Activity 1, according their answers to the previous activity and context.
5. Play the song again. Students check their answers in pairs or in small groups.
6. Correct in open class.
7. Ask students to look at **Activity 3**. Match the phrases from the song to their definitions, then work in pairs or small groups to summarize the meaning of the song.

Key:

somebody is on your case = somebody is insisting that you do something (in an irritating way)
to make your mind up = to decide
to do somebody wrong = to do a bad/incorrect thing to somebody
to go black and blue = to turn black and blue after an accident
to crawl = to move on your hands and knees (e.g. like a baby)
to rage = to act in a very angry way
ain't = isn't/aren't/haven't/hasn't (a colloquial way to make a sentence negative)

8. Play the song and sing together!



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Activity 1. List the words below in the correct column according to their final sounds:

**appear - avenue - belong - blue - case - do (2) - embrace - face - free
met - regret - sea - tears - true - wrong - years - yet (2) - you**

/e/	/ɪ:/	/u:/	/eɪ/	/ə/

FOLD

Activity 2. Complete the song with the words from Activity 1.



When the rain is blowing in your _____
And the whole world is on your _____
I could offer you a warm _____
To make you feel my love

When the evening shadows and the stars _____
And there is no-one there to dry your _____
I could hold you for a million _____
To make you feel my love

I know you haven't made your mind up _____
But I would never do you wrong
I've known it from the moment that we _____
No doubt in my mind where you belong

I'd go hungry, I'd go black and _____
And I'd go crawling down the _____
You know there's nothing that I wouldn't _____
To make you feel my love

The storms are raging on the rolling _____
And on the highway of _____
The winds of change are blowing wild and _____
You ain't seen nothing like me _____

I could make you happy, make your dreams come _____
Nothing that I wouldn't _____
Go to the ends of the Earth for _____
To make you feel my love, To make you feel my love

Activity 3. Match the phrases with their meanings, then summarise the basic idea of the song in two short sentences.

*somebody is on your case
to make your mind up
to do somebody wrong
to go black and blue
to crawl
to rage
ain't*

*isn't/aren't/haven't/hasn't (a colloquial negative form)
somebody is irritatingly insisting that you do something
to act in a very angry way
to decide
to do a bad/incorrect thing to somebody
to move on your hands and knees (e.g. like a baby)
to turn black and blue after an accident*



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When the rain is blowing in your face
And the whole world is on your case
I could offer you a warm embrace
To make you feel my love

When the evening shadows and the stars appear
And there is no one there to dry your tears
I could hold you for a million years
To make you feel my love

I know you haven't made your mind up yet
But I would never do you wrong
I've known it from the moment that we met
No doubt in my mind where you belong

I'd go hungry I'd go black and blue and
I'd go crawling down the avenue
You know there's nothing that I wouldn't do
To make you feel my love

The storms are raging on the rolling sea
And on the highway of regret
The winds of change are blowing wild and free
You ain't seen nothing like me yet

I could make you happy make your dreams come true
Nothing that I wouldn't do
Go to the ends of the Earth for you
To make you feel my love, To make you feel my love