



Always On My Mind - Elvis Presley – Notes



- **Activity type:** gap fill.
- **Grammar:** Past Simple negatives. Comparatives: 'as *adjective* as'.
- **Time:** 20 mins.
- **Note:** Originally recorded by Brenda Lee in 1972, Elvis Presley's version the same year (recorded a few weeks after his separation from his wife Priscilla) is the most famous version of this song. Willie Nelson won a Grammy for his recording in 1982, and The Pet Shop Boys version was the UK Christmas Number One in 1987.

- 1) Ask students what is on their mind. Do they know this expression? Tell them they will hear a song by Elvis Presley. He tells a girl that he was thinking about her all the time. Elicit the title of the song.
- 2) Give each student a copy of the worksheet, folded so they cannot see the lyrics. Ask students to complete the first activity. There is no need to correct at this stage.
Key: note – the numbers are the key to the next activity
 - I didn't treat you well - 1
 - I never took the time to say and do things - 3
 - I made you feel second best - 6
 - I don't hold you often - 4
 - I never told you I'm happy - 5
 - I didn't love you a lot - 2
- 3) Play the song – students check their answers to the previous activity and number the sentences as they hear them in the song. Note, they will only hear what they have written (i.e. *I didn't treat you*, without *well*, etc.)
Key: see previous activity.
- 4) Tell students to unfold the worksheet. Working in pairs, they try to complete the lyrics with the missing words based on context and their answers to Activity 3).
- 5) Play the song again. Students check and correct.
- 6) Further grammar work: Examine the use of 'as *adjective* as' for comparisons.
- 7) Sing together.



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Elvis is explaining to a friend why his relationship is successful.

His last relationship wasn't successful. Complete the notes he wrote to his last girlfriend.

I treat her well
 I always take the time to say and do things
 I don't make her feel second best
 I hold her often
 I always tell her I'm happy
 I love her a lot

I didn't treat you well
 I _____ to say and do things
 I _____ second best
 I _____ often
 I _____ I'm happy
 I _____ a lot

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Complete the lyrics with Elvis's notes.

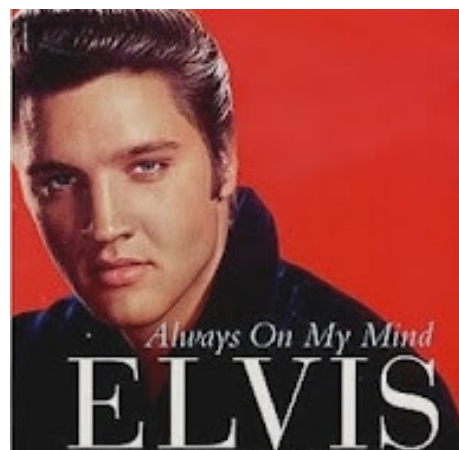
Maybe I _____
 Quite as good as I should have
 Maybe I _____
 Quite as often as I could have
 Little things I should've said and done
 I just _____ the time
 You were always on my mind
 You were always on my mind

Maybe I _____
 All those lonely, lonely times
 I guess I _____ you
 I'm so happy that you're mine
 If I _____ second best
 I'm so sorry I was blind
 You were always on my mind
 You were always on my mind

Tell me, tell me that your sweet love hasn't died
 Give me, give me one more chance
 To keep you satisfied, satisfied
 Little things I should've said and done
 I just _____ the time
 You were always on my mind
 You were always on my mind

You were always on my mind

Maybe I _____
 Quite as good as I should have
 Maybe I _____
 Quite as often as I could have
 Maybe I _____
 All those lonely, lonely times
 I guess I _____ you
 I'm so happy that you're mine
 Maybe I _____





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Maybe I didn't treat you
Quite as good as I should have
Maybe I didn't love you
Quite as often as I could have
Little things I should have said and done
I just never took the time
You were always on my mind
You were always on my mind

Maybe I didn't hold you
All those lonely, lonely times
And I guess I never told you
I'm so happy that you're mine
If I made you feel second best
Girl, I'm sorry I was blind
You were always on my mind
You were always on my mind

Tell me, tell me that your sweet love hasn't died
Give me, give me one more chance
To keep you satisfied, satisfied

Little things I should have said and done
I just never took the time
You were always on my mind
You were always on my mind

You were always on my mind

Maybe I didn't treat you
Quite as good as I should have
Maybe I didn't love you
Quite as often as I could have
Maybe I didn't hold you
All those lonely, lonely times
And I guess I never told you
I'm so happy that you're mine
Maybe I didn't treat you...