

Gimme some Love

a song by Alan Smith Robertson

<https://youtu.be/sB8Mbj26f1Q>

Pre-listening activities

- You are going to listen to a song called “Gimme some Love”. What does “gimme” mean?
- Look at the lyrics below, and put the correct preposition- ON, AT or IN- into each gap. Why did you use each preposition in each case?

VERSE 1 It happened ____ a Friday,
I think it was ____ April
I looked at you and smiled,
It was all so very playful
We began to talk ____ noon,
And by midnight we were friends
____ the weekend we went dancing,
And ____ Sunday we stayed in bed

CHORUS Gimme some love

VERSE 2 It happened one day late ____ June,
____ 5 o'clock ____ the afternoon
I was in bed with someone else,
You saw us and began to fume
You asked her name, where she was from,
How long it had been going on
And by half past one
You'd packed your bags and you had gone

CHORUS Gimme some love

BRIDGE Come back to me... come back some day...

VERSE 3 We met again ____ christmas,
Some time ____ mid-December
____ a cold Monday morning,
Five months later
You were happily married
With a kid on the way
____ winter it gets so cold
It's nice to have someone who'll say...

CHORUS Gimme some love

Now listen to the song to check your answers.

Post-listening activities

- In verse 2 we find the line: *“you saw us and began to fume”*
 - What do you think the verb “to fume” means? Choose one of the images below



- In verse 3 we find the line: *“you were happily married, with a kid on the way”*
 - What do you think “to have a kid on the way” means?
- In verse 1 we can read the lyrics *“by midnight we were friends”* and in verse 2 we find *“by half past one you’d packed your bags and you had gone”*.
 - What is the difference between “by midnight” and “at midnight”?
 - What is the difference between “by half past one” and “at half past one”?
- Tell the story of the couple (if possible from memory). Add any details you want to make the story more interesting.

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Teacher's answer sheet. Length: approximately 20 - 30 minutes

Notice: Both the song and this worksheet are designed for lower-intermediate level students. You can & should adapt the exercises according to your students' level.

Pre-listening activities

- You are going to listen to a song called "Gimme some Love". What does "gimme" mean?
"Gimme" is an abbreviated form of "give me"
- Look at the lyrics below, and put the correct preposition- ON, AT or IN- into each gap. Why did you use each preposition in each case?

VERSE 1	It happened ON a Friday, I think it was IN April I looked at you and smiled, It was all so very playful We began to talk AT noon, And by midnight we were friends AT the weekend we went dancing, And ON Sunday we stayed in bed	<i>We use ON with days We use IN with months We use AT with times (noon = 12pm) We use AT with holiday periods We use ON with days</i>
CHORUS	Gimme some love	
VERSE 2	It happened one day late IN June, AT 5 o'clock IN the afternoon I was in bed with someone else, You saw us and began to fume You asked her name, where she was from, How long it had been going on And by half past one You'd packed your bags and you had gone	<i>We use IN with months We use AT with times & IN with parts of the day</i>
CHORUS	Gimme some love	
BRIDGE	Come back to me... come back some day...	
VERSE 3	We met again AT christmas, Some time IN mid-December ON a cold Monday morning, Five months later You were happily married With a kid on the way IN winter it gets so cold It's nice to have someone who'll say...	<i>We use AT with holiday periods We use IN with months We use ON with days We use IN with seasons</i>
CHORUS	Gimme some love	

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Post-listening activities

- In verse 2 we find the line: “you saw us and began to fume”
 - What do you think the verb “to fume” means? Choose one of the images below



(to smoke)



(to fume)



(to make smoke signals)

Note: “to fume” means “to show anger” to an extent that you figuratively emit fumes.

- In verse 3 we find the line: “you were happily married, with a kid on the way”
 - What do you think “to have a kid on the way” means?
“to have a kid on the way” means “to be pregnant”
- In verse 1 we can read the lyrics “by midnight we were friends” and in verse 2 we find “by half past one you’d packed your bags and you had gone”.
 - What is the difference between “by midnight” and “at midnight”?
 - What is the difference between “by half past one” and “at half past one”?
“by” means “before”
- Tell the story of the couple (if possible from memory). Add any details you want to make the story more interesting.

Note: depending on your students’ level, you can have them write this story in the past simple or in the present simple

This song is about two people who... meet one day in April. They start to talk and they quickly become friends. They go out to discos at the weekend and soon their relationship becomes physical. However, one day the man has an affair with another woman and his girlfriend sees them together in bed and she leaves him. Five months later they meet again; the woman is married and she is also pregnant, the man thinks it must be nice to be in a relationship. (for example)