

3A SONG 500 Miles

- a Listen to each line of the song carefully.
If you hear an extra word, cross (X) it out.
If the line is correct, tick (✓) it.

500 Miles

- 1 When I wake up, ~~body~~ well I know I'm gonna be,
- 2 I'm gonna be the man who wakes up next to you. ✓
- 3 When I go out tonight, yeah I know I'm gonna be,
- 4 I'm gonna be the man who always goes along with you.
- 5 If I get drunk, well I'll know I'm gonna be,
- 6 I'm gonna be the man who gets drunk next to you.
- 7 And if I haver, yeah I know I'm gonna be,
- 8 I'm gonna be the man who's hawering to you.

CHORUS

- 9 But I would walk five hundred miles
- 10 And I would walk five hundred and more
- 11 Just to be the man who walked a thousand miles
- 12 To fall down at your front door.
- 13 When I'm working hard, yes I know I'm gonna be,
- 14 I'm gonna be the man who's working hard for you.
- 15 And when all the money comes in for the work I do,
- 16 I'll pass almost every penny on to you.
- 17 When I come home (when I come home),
- 18 Oh I know I'm gonna be,
- 19 I'm gonna be the man who comes back home to see you.
- 20 And if I grow old, well I know that I'm gonna be,
- 21 I'm gonna be the man who's growing old with you.

CHORUS

Da da da da, etc.



- 26 When I'm feeling lonely, well I know I'm gonna be,
- 27 I'm gonna be the man who's lonely without you.
- 28 And when I'm dreaming, well I know I'm gonna dream,
- 29 I'm gonna dream about the fun time when I'm with you.
- 30 When I go out (when I go out), well I just know I'm gonna be,
- 31 I'm gonna be the man who goes along with you
- 32 And when I come home (when I come home),
- 33 Yes, I know I'm gonna be I'm gonna be the man who always comes back home with you.
- 34 I'm gonna be the man who's coming home with you.

CHORUS

Da da da da, etc.

REPEAT CHORUS

- b Read the lyrics with the glossary and answer the questions.

- 1 Who is the singer singing to?
- 2 How do we know how the singer feels about this person?
- 3 Does he think their relationship will last for a long time? If so / not, where does it say this in the song?
- 4 What kind of things does he promise his partner?

GLOSSARY

gonna = going to
haver = (an old Scottish word) to say silly things
when the money comes in = when I start earning money
pass every penny on = give all my money
go along with = colloquial way of saying 'travels beside'

SONG FACTS

I'm Gonna Be (500 Miles) was originally written and sung by the Scottish group The Proclaimers in 1988. It was the favourite song of Ling Hsueh, who lives in south-east China. When her boyfriend, Liu Peiwen, asked her to marry him in 2011, she accepted. However, she joked that it was on condition that he walked to her door from his home in Henan Province – 1,000 miles away. To her surprise, he did exactly that.

SOLUTIONS OF SONG 3A

3 tonight

4 always

5 'll

6 (well)

7 (well)

8 (well)

9 (well)

10 and

11 (well)

12 front

13 hard

14 (well)

15 all

16 (well)

17 (well)

18 (well)

19 see

20 that

21 (well)

22 (well)

23 and

24 (well)

25 front

26 feeling

27 (well)

28 (well)

29 fun

30 just

31 (well)

32 (well)

33 always

34 (well)

Example answers .

1 He's singing to someone that he's in love with, and will do anything to be with.

2 He declares his love by saying that he would walk 1,000 miles (500 miles and 500 more) to be in the same place as her. He states his intention (using going to) to always be there for her.

3 Yes. In lines 20 and 21 he says if I grow old well I know I'm gonna be the man who's growing old with you.

4 To give almost all the money he earns to her, be faithful to her, dream about her, etc.