

7B SONG If I Could Build My Whole World Around You

- a Read the song lyrics and think about what the missing verbs could be.

If I Could Build My Whole World Around You

be grow ~~put~~ take wash

Oh, if I could build my whole world around you, darling
 First I'd 1 put heaven by your side
 Pretty flowers would 2 _____ wherever you walked, honey
 And over your head would 3 _____ the bluest sky
 And I'd 4 _____ every drop of rain
 And 5 _____ all your troubles away
 I'd have the whole world wrapped up in you, darling
 And that would be all right, oh yes it would

be give keep make put

If I could build my whole world around you
 I'd 6 _____ your eyes the morning sun
 I'd 7 _____ so much love where there is sorrow
 I'd put joy where there's never been love
 And I'd 8 _____ my love to you
 For you to 9 _____ for the rest of your life
 Oh, and happiness would surely 10 _____ ours
 And that would be all right, oh yes it would
 Doo doo doo doo doo, doo doo doo doo
 Doo doo doo doo doo, doo doo doo doo



be give (x2) make step

Oh, if I could build my whole world around you
 I'd 11 _____ you the greatest gift any woman could
 possess
 And I'd 12 _____ into this world you've created
 And 13 _____ you true love and tenderness
 And there'd 14 _____ something new with every
 tomorrow
 To 15 _____ this world better as days go by
 If I could build my whole world around you
 If I could build my whole world around you
 Then that would be all right, oh yeah
 (repeat to fade)

- b Listen to the song and complete gaps 2–15 with a verb from the list.

- c Read the lyrics and match the words and phrases.

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| 1 build my whole world around you | a every day would bring something different |
| 2 be all right | b make you happy when you've only ever been sad |
| 3 put joy where there's never been love | c make you the centre of my existence |
| 4 happiness would surely be ours | d be OK |
| 5 there'd be something new with every tomorrow | e there's no doubt we'd be happy |

GLOSSARY

honey = a way of addressing someone that you like or love
 wrapped up = enclosed
 sorrow = a feeling of great sadness
 joy = a feeling of great happiness
 tenderness = gentleness, love

SONG FACTS

If I Could Build My Whole World Around You was released in 1967. It was the third single for the singing duo of Marvin Gaye and Tammi Terrell. Together they had a total of seven hit singles in the late 1960s. When Terrell died aged only 24 from a brain tumour, Marvin Gaye was devastated at the loss of the singing partner he regarded as a sister.

SOLUTIONS OF SONG 7B

a)

2 grow

3 be

4 take

5 wash

6 make

7 put

8 give

9 keep

10 be

11 give

12 step

13 give

14 be

15 make

b)

1e 2d 3b 4e 5a