

1A SONG Rio



Rio

Moving on the floor now babe, you're a bird of paradise
 1 Cherry ice cream smile, I suppose it's very nice (*a fruit*)
 With a step to your left and a flick to the right you catch that
 mirror way out 2 _____ (*a point of the compass*)
 You know you're something special and you look like you're
 the best

CHORUS

Her name is Rio and she dances on the 3 _____
 (*sth you find at the beach*)
 Just like that river twisting through a dusty land
 And when she shines she really shows you all she can
 Oh Rio, Rio, dance 4 _____ the Rio Grande
 (*a preposition of movement*)

I've seen you on the 5 _____ and I've seen you on TV
 (*a place where you can sunbathe*)
 Two of a billion 6 _____ - it means so much to me
 (*things that you can see in the sky*)
 Like a 7 _____ or a pretty view (*an important day*)
 But then I'm sure that you know it's just for you

CHORUS

Hey now, look at that, did she nearly run you down?
 At the end of the drive the lawmen 8 _____
 (*to get there*)
 You make me feel alive, alive, alive
 I'll take my chance 'cause luck is 9 _____
 _____ or something (*agrees with me*)

I know what you're thinking, I tell you something, I know what
 you're thinking

Her name is Rio, she don't need to understand
 And I might find her if I'm looking like I can
 Oh Rio, Rio, hear them 10 _____ across the land
 (*to speak loudly*)
 From 11 _____ in the north down to the Rio Grande
 (*big hills*)
 Do do do do, etc.

- a** Listen to the song and write the missing words 1–11. Use the clues in brackets to help you.
- b** Read the lyrics with the glossary and answer the questions.
- Who is Rio?
 - What do you think she looks like?
 - Is she a woman who is confident about her looks? If so / not, where does it say this in the song?
 - How do you think the singer feels about her?
 - How do you think she feels about the singer?

GLOSSARY

flick = a quick or sudden smile or look at sb
 twisting = bending and changing direction often
 dusty = full of dust (dry dirt)
 run sb down = hit sb in a vehicle and knock them to the ground
 lawman = a (US) officer responsible for keeping law and order
 'cause = because
 she don't need to = she doesn't need to

SONG FACTS

Rio was the single from Duran Duran's album of the same name. It was released worldwide on 1st November 1982 and reached number 9 in the UK singles charts in December. Since then, groups like Goldfinger and Nirvana have made cover versions of this song and it's appeared in music video games such as Band Hero and Dance Dance Revolution. Manchester United football fans sing 'His name is Rio, Rio, Rio Ferdinand' (like the first line of the chorus) whenever the footballer is playing in a match!

SOLUTIONS OF SONG 1A

A)

2 west

3 sand

4 across

5 beach

6 stars

7 birthday

8 arrive

9 on my side

10 shout

11 mountains

B)

1 A woman the singer is attracted to.

2 Probably very attractive (e.g. “bird of paradise”, “cherry ice cream smile”, “when she shines”).

3 Yes, she is (“You know you’re something special”).

4 He would like to get know her but she’s out of his league (“I’ve seen you on the beach and I’ve seen you on TV”).

5 She doesn’t know that he exists.