

4A SONG Heatwave

- a Look at the song lyrics. With a partner, try to guess some of the missing words.

Heatwave

Whenever I'm ¹ **with** him
Something ² **i** _____
Starts to burning*
And I'm ³ **f** _____ with desire
Could it be a devil in me?
Or is this the way love's supposed to be?

Chorus

It's like a heatwave
Burning in my ⁴ **h** _____
I can't keep from ⁵ **cr** _____
It's tearing me apart

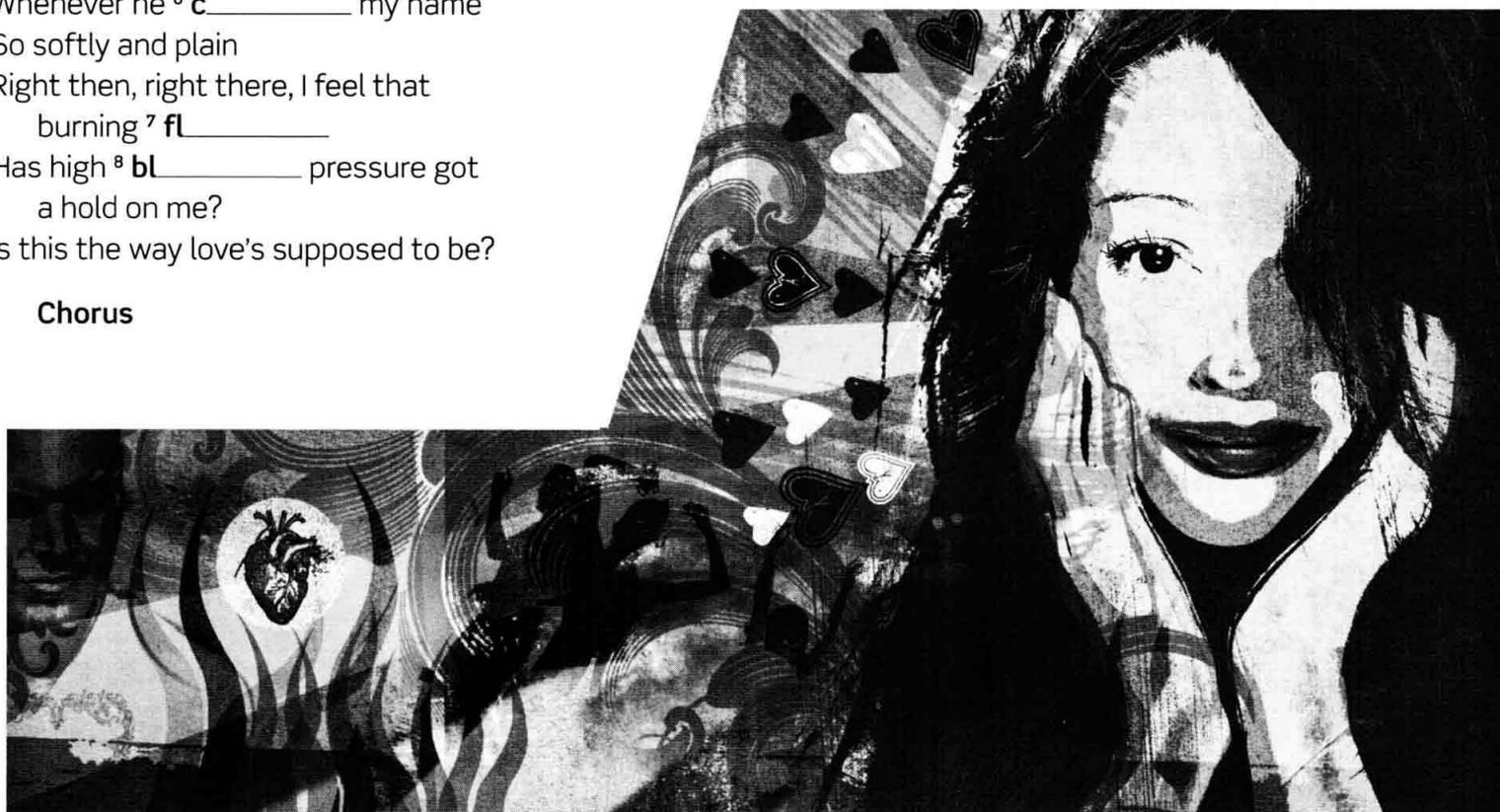
Whenever he ⁶ **c** _____ my name
So softly and plain
Right then, right there, I feel that
burning ⁷ **fl** _____
Has high ⁸ **bl** _____ pressure got
a hold on me?
Is this the way love's supposed to be?

Chorus

Sometimes I stare in space
Tears all over my ⁹ **f** _____,
I can't explain it, don't ¹⁰ **u** _____ it,
I ain't ¹¹ **n** _____ felt like this before
Now this funny ¹² **f** _____ has me amazed
Don't know what to do, my head's in a haze
It's like a heatwave.

I feel it burning, right here in my heart,
Don't you know it's like a heatwave

Yeah, don't you know it's like a heatwave?
Burning right here in my heart.



*NB the phrase *to burning* is non-standard

- b Listen and complete the words.
- c Listen to the song again with the lyrics. Complete the glossary with the highlighted words or phrases.

GLOSSARY

- _____ = to look at sb / sth for a long time
- _____ = to destroy sb / sth completely
- _____ = an evil spirit
- _____ = very surprised
- _____ = to stop yourself (from doing sth)
- _____ = air that is difficult to see through because it contains very small drops of water, especially caused by hot weather

SONG FACTS

This song was the first top ten hit for the 'Motown' group Martha Reeves and the Vandellas in 1963. The original title was (Love is like a) Heat Wave and it talks about a teenage girl falling in love for the first time. The song was included in the list of The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame's *500 Songs that Shaped Rock and Roll* and the music magazine *Rolling Stone* included the group in their list of the 100 Greatest Artists of All Time. Martha Reeves and the Vandellas are still playing and they recently toured the UK.

SOLUTIONS OF SONG 4A

HEATWAVE

A)

2 inside

3 filled

4 heart

5 crying

6 calls

7 flame

8 blood

9 face

10 understand

11 never

12 feeling

B)

1 stare haze

2 tearing (me) apart

3 a devil

4 amazed

5 keep from

6 haze