

8B SONG Holiday Romance 4 35 MP3

- a Look at the list of verbs. Which are regular? Read the lyrics and try to complete them with the past forms of the verbs.

act catch confirm do fall have hold meet pack paddle pluck reach sit walk

Holiday Romance

I¹ had a break for a week
So I booked my seat
And I² _____ a reservation
At a quiet little seaside hotel
I³ _____ my bags
And I⁴ _____ my train and
I⁵ _____ my destination
Just in time for the dinner gong: ding-dong
Then I saw Lavinia
Standing at the bottom of the stairs
And I⁶ _____ for Lavinia
The moment that I saw her standing there
Lavinia looked so divine
As she walked up to the table to dine
And then Lavinia's eyes⁷ _____ mine
I thought, can this be love?
Can this be lovey-dove
Or just a holiday romance?
Can this be long lost love at last
Or is it just a flash in the pan?
Then after cheese and liqueurs they struck up the band
I⁸ _____ up my courage and I asked Lavinia to dance
That was the start of my holiday romance.
Just a holiday romance
We⁹ _____ the foxtrot, samba and danced through the night
The last waltz came and we¹⁰ _____ each other so tight.
That was the start of my holiday romance

It's just a holiday romance
A simple holiday romance
I wondered, should I take this chance?
We¹¹ _____ on the beach
And we¹² _____ our feet
And we watched all the swimmers
And the holiday treat felt complete
We drank lemonade,
And we¹³ _____ in the shade
I thought I must be on a winner
And I¹⁴ _____ cool and discreet
For I knew that Lavinia
Was the shyest lady that I'd ever meet
And I knew that Lavinia
Would only be my lady for the week
It was just a holiday romance
A simple holiday romance
I wondered, should I take this chance?
Just a holiday romance
Can this be love
Can this be lovey-dove
Or just a holiday romance?
I tried to kiss her; she walked away
She said 'Better stop, my husband's
Coming to collect me today'
That was the end of my holiday
Sweet and innocent holiday
End of my holiday romance

- b Listen to the song and check your answers.
- c Read the lyrics. Find the words or phrases in the song that match the definitions.
- a take a short holiday _____
 - b be attracted to _____
 - c walk in shallow water _____
 - d deal with a situation calmly without showing what you're feeling _____
 - e make yourself do sth even though you're afraid to do it _____
- d Do you think that the singer has a future with Lavinia? Why (not)?

GLOSSARY

a flash in the pan = a sudden success that lasts only a short time and is not likely to be repeated

SONG FACTS

Holiday Romance was a song by the British rock band The Kinks and it features on their 1975 album *Soap Opera*. Between 1964–1996, they released 25 studio albums and had three number 1 hits in the UK. The Kinks' music often focused on everyday subjects for working-class people in Britain and they became known for their poetic lyrics about subjects like fashion followers, poverty, and the environment.