

Angels – Robbie Williams

Teaching notes

This is an activity for students to work in pairs. There are two versions of the song's lyrics here, and both have a number of mistakes – words have been changed.

Give one version of the lyrics to student 'A' and the other to student 'B'.

The students sit opposite each other, so that each student is unable to see her partner's version of the lyrics.

When you first play the song, students shouldn't use pens or pencils. The first listen is simply for them to read through the lyrics, trying to follow the song. Most students will quickly notice that some of the words in their lyric sheet don't match those in the song.

Now explain to the students that they must work together and try to find all the places where their versions are different. They should do this by reading a line at a time to each other (still not looking at one another's sheets).

Each time there is a difference, one student will have the correct word, and the other will need to change hers. Sometimes student 'A' has the correct word, sometimes student 'B'. When they identify a difference, the students will need to agree on which word fits best.

The chorus (in bold) has no mistakes on either sheet. You should make the students aware of this.

Give them enough time to make as many alterations as they want, then play the song again. This time they can check their answers and compare sheets.

This activity generally lasts around twenty minutes. You can extend it by focusing on some of the tricky vocabulary in the lyrics, such as contemplate, forsake, flesh, unfold, fate and blessed.

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Student 'A'

I sit and hate
Does an angel contemplate my plate
And do they show
The places where we go
When we're grey and old
'Cause I have been told
That salvation lets their wings unfold
So when I'm sleeping in my bed
Thoughts running through my head
And I feel that love is dead
I'm watching angels instead

**And through it all she offers me protection
A lot of love and affection
Whether I'm right or wrong
And down the waterfall
Wherever it may take me
I know that life won't break me
When I come to call she won't forsake me
I'm loving angels instead**

After I'm feeling weak
And my pain lives down a one way street
I climb above
And I know I'll always be blessed with love
And as the baby grows
She breathes flesh to my bones
And when love is real
I'm loving angels instead

**And through it all she offers me protection
A lot of love and affection
Whether I'm right or wrong ...**



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Student 'B'

I sit and wait
Does an angel contemplate my fate
And do they know
The faces where we go
When we're young and old
'Cause I have been cold
That salvation lets their wings unfold
So when I'm lying in my bed
Songs running through my head
And I decide that love is dead
I'm loving angels instead

**And through it all she offers me protection
A lot of love and affection
Whether I'm right or wrong
And down the waterfall
Wherever it may take me
I know that life wont break me
When I come to call she wont forsake me
I'm loving angels instead**

When I'm feeling weak
And my pain walks down a one way street
I look above
And I know ill always be blessed with luck
And as the feeling grows
She breathes blood to my bones
And when love is dead
I'm loving ladies instead

**And through it all she offers me protection
A lot of love and affection
Whether I'm right or wrong ...**

