

Artista: U2

Album: **How To Dismantle An Atomic Bomb**

Canción: **Sometimes you can't make it on your own**

1) What is the meaning of the following expressions? Can you use them in sentences of your own?

- a) be tough
- b) think you've got it
- c) put up a fight
- d) take a punch
- e) go it alone
- f) be sick of sth
- g) let it go

2) Put the lines in order. Listen to the first and the second stanza and check your work.

You don't have to always be right  
Tough, you think you've got the stuff  
Let me take some of the punches  
For you tonight  
You don't have to put up a fight  
You're hard enough  
You're telling me and anyone

3) Listen to the third and fourth stanza and check the words you hear:

Listen alone walk remember own days talk need sometimes grief place room  
head two mirror one soon don't coming look walking space phone know

4) Now listen again and put the words you have ticked off in the correct gaps:

\_\_\_\_\_ to me now  
I \_\_\_\_\_ to let you \_\_\_\_\_  
You don't have to go it \_\_\_\_\_

And it's you when I \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_  
And it's you when I \_\_\_\_\_ pick up the \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ you can't make it on your \_\_\_\_\_

5) Choose the correct word. Listen and check your work:

We fight *all the time* / *sometimes*  
You and I...that's *alright* / *right*  
We're *the same* / *a different* soul  
I don't need...I don't need *to hear* / *to listen* you say  
That if we weren't so *alike* / *different*  
You'd like me a whole lot more

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6) Order the lines. Listen to the last stanza and check your work.

we don't that talk know I  
of I'm all it sick  
hear - Can - - when - I - you - me  
reason I sing, you're Sing the  
me opera You're the in the reason is... why

Where we now? are

you let I've know to got  
still doesn't A home make a house  
here alone leave me... Don't

And it's you when I look in the mirror  
And it's you that makes it hard to let go  
Sometimes you can't make it on your own  
Sometimes you can't make it  
The best you can do is to fake it  
Sometimes you can't make it on your own

7) Discuss the following questions.

- a. Bono wrote 'Sometimes you can't make it on your own' for his father and he sang it at his funeral. What was their relationship?
- b. What kind of person was Bono's father?
- c. Do you agree that when two people are alike, they argue more often?
- d. What does it mean 'A house still does not make a home'.

8) Discuss the difference between mustn't and don't have to as it appears in:

"You don't have to put up a fight"

"You don't have to always be right"

9) Vocabulary Work:

- a) Can you find in the song expressions which mean "Without other people"?
- b) Can you think of other expressions that have the same meaning?
- c) What is the difference between them? Can you use them in sentences of your own?