

1. Review the past-tense verbs in the song “This Town.”

Present Tense	Past Tense
are	were
get	got
meet	met
move	moved
see	saw
think	thought

2. Write the verbs in parentheses in the past tense. Then listen to the song while reading the lyrics.

**This Town / Niall Horan**

Waking up to kiss you and nobody's there  
The smell of your perfume still stuck in the air  
It's hard  
Yesterday I (think) \_\_\_\_\_ I (see) \_\_\_\_\_  
your shadow running around  
It's funny how things never change in this old town<sup>1</sup>  
So far  
From the stars

And I want to tell you everything  
The words I never (get) \_\_\_\_\_ to say<sup>2</sup> the first time around  
And I remember everything  
From when we (are) \_\_\_\_\_ the children playing in this fairground  
Wish I was there<sup>3</sup> with you now

If the whole world was watching<sup>4</sup> I'd still dance with you  
Drive highways and byways to be there with you  
Over and over the only truth  
Everything comes back to you

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<sup>1</sup> Niall Horan (the singer) says that people from small towns understand this song. It's about “that one individual you end up seeing when you go home.” (interview with *People*)

<sup>2</sup> *the words I never got to say* = the words I never had the opportunity to say

<sup>3</sup> Correct English is *Wish I were there*, not *Wish I was there*. (Some people say “I wish I was” in informal English.)

<sup>4</sup> Correct English is *If the whole world were watching*, not *If the whole world was watching*.

I (see) \_\_\_\_\_ that you (move) \_\_\_\_\_ on  
with someone new  
In the pub<sup>5</sup> that we (meet) \_\_\_\_\_ he's got his arms around you  
It's so hard, so hard

And I want to tell you everything  
The words I never (get) \_\_\_\_\_ to say the first time around  
And I remember everything  
From when we (are) \_\_\_\_\_ the children playing in this fairground  
Wish I was there with you now

'Cause if the whole world was watching I'd still dance with you  
Drive highways and byways to be there with you  
Over and over the only truth  
Everything comes back to you

You still make me nervous when you walk in the room  
Them butterflies<sup>6</sup>—they come alive when I'm next to you  
Over and over, the only truth  
Everything comes back to you

And I know that it's wrong  
That I can't move on  
But there's something about you

'Cause if the whole world was watching I'd still dance with you  
Drive highways and byways to be there with you  
Over and over, the only truth  
Everything comes back to you

You still make me nervous when you walk in the room  
Them butterflies—they come alive when I'm next to you  
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<sup>5</sup> A pub is a place in Britain and Ireland where people can buy drinks and food.

<sup>6</sup> Correct English is *the butterflies*, not *them butterflies*. (*to have butterflies* = to feel nervous)