Simple Past Verbs in the Song “Because You Loved Me”

1. Review the past-tense forms of the verbs below.

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

Because You Loved Me

For all those times you (stand) ____________ by me,
For all the truth that you (make) _______________ me see,
For all the joy you (bring) ________________ to my life,
For all the wrong that you (make) _______________ right,
For every dream you (make) _______________ come true,
For all the love I (find) ________________ in you,
I'll be forever thankful, baby.
You're the one who (hold) _______________ me up,
Never (let) _______________ me fall.
You're the one who (see) _______________ me through, through it all.

You (are) _______________ my strength when I (am) _______________ weak.
You (are) _______________ my voice when I (can't) _______________ speak.
You (are) _______________ my eyes when I (can't) _______________ see.
You (see) _______________ the best there (is) _______________ in me.
(Lift) _______________ me up when I (can't) _______________ reach.
You (give) _______________ me faith 'cause you (believe) _______________.
I'm everything I am
Because you (love) _______________ me.

You (give) _______________ me wings and (make) _______________ me fly.
You (touch) _______________ my hand, I (can) _______________ touch the sky.
I (lose) _______________ my faith, you (give) _______________ it back to me.
You (say) _______________ no star (is) _______________ out of reach.
You (stand) _______________ by me, and I (stand) _______________ tall.
I (have) _______________ your love, I (have) _______________ it all.
I'm grateful for each day you (give) _______________ me.
Maybe I don't know that much,
But I know this much is true.
I (am) _______________ blessed because I (am) _______________ loved by you.
You (are) ______________ my strength when I (am) ______________ weak.
You (are) ______________ my voice when I (can’t) ______________ speak.
You (are) ______________ my eyes when I (can’t) ______________ see.
You (see) ______________ the best there (is) ______________ in me.
(Lift) ______________ me up when I (can’t) ______________ reach.
You (give) ______________ me faith 'cause you (believe) ______________.
I'm everything I am
Because you (love) ______________ me.

About the Song

Diane Warren wrote the song “Because I Loved You” to honor her father, who supported her in her songwriting. Other people tried to discourage her. “You can’t make a living writing songs,” they told her. But her father encouraged her. He bought her a guitar, helped her find a music publisher, and supported her financially at the beginning of her career.

Celine Dion is the singer who made the song famous in 1996.