

Unit 7

Song Fast Car

- 1 In the song Fast Car, a girl is talking to her boyfriend. Look at the phrases from the song, then discuss the questions.

I want a ticket to anywhere

Any place is better

We leave tonight or live and die this way

I could be someone

- How does she feel about her life now?
- Where does she want to go?
- What does she want her boyfriend to do?
- What do you think she wants from her life?

- 2 Listen to the song. Were your predictions correct? Does she get what she wants from life?

- 3 Listen to the song again and complete it with expressions using *get*.

- 4 Match the phrases from the song to their definitions.

1 <i>starting from zero</i>	a drinks too much alcohol
2 <i>make a deal</i>	b drive around for fun
3 <i>convenience store</i>	c leave school
4 <i>lives with the bottle</i>	d beginning again with no money or prospects
5 <i>quit school</i>	e make an agreement
6 <i>go cruising</i>	f place for the homeless
7 <i>the shelter</i>	g small supermarket

- 5 Discuss these questions in groups.

- 1 What do you find out about the singer's background?
- 2 What does she do to try to change her life?
- 3 What do you think her boyfriend is like?
- 4 Do you think she still feels optimistic about life?
- 5 What about you? Have you ever tried to change your life in a dramatic way? Did it work out?

FAST CAR

You _____ a fast car
I want a ticket to anywhere
Maybe we (can) make a deal
Maybe together we can _____
Any place is better
Starting from zero we _____
Maybe we'll make something
But me myself I _____

You _____ a fast car
And I _____ to get us out of here
I've been working at the convenience store
Managed to save just a little bit of money
We won't have to drive too far
Just cross the border and into the city
You and I can both _____
And finally see what it means to be living

You see my old man _____
He lives with the bottle, that's the way it is
He says his body's too old for working
His body's too young to look like his
My mama went off and left him
She wanted more from life than he could give
I said somebody _____ take care of him
So I quit school and that's what I did

You _____ a fast car
But is it fast enough so we can fly away?
We _____
We leave tonight or live and die this way

I remember we were driving driving in your car
The speed so fast I felt like I was drunk
City lights lay out before us
And your arm felt nice wrapped round my shoulder
And I had a feeling that I belonged
And I had a feeling I could be someone, be someone, be someone

You _____ a fast car
And we go cruising to entertain ourselves
You still ain't _____
And I work in a market as a checkout girl
I know things will _____
You'll find work and I'll _____
We'll move out of the shelter
Buy a bigger house and live in the suburbs

I remember we were driving...

You _____ a fast car
And I've _____ that pays all our bills
You stay out drinking late at the bar
See more of your friends than you do of your kids
I'd always hoped for better
Thought maybe together you and me would find it
I _____ I ain't going nowhere
So take your fast car and keep on driving

So remember we were driving...

You _____ a fast car
But is it fast enough so you can fly away?
You _____
You leave tonight or live and die this way