

Just hold me (Maria Mena)

1 Comfortable as I am,
I need your reassurance
Comfortable as you are,
You count the days
5 But if I wanted silence I would whisper
If I wanted loneliness I'd choose to go
If I liked rejection I'd audition
And if I didn't love you, you would know
So why can't you just hold me,
10 how come it's so hard?
Do you like to see me broken?
Why do I still care?
You say you see the light now
at the end of this narrow hall
15 I wish it didn't matter
I wish I didn't give you all
But if I wanted silence I would whisper

If I wanted loneliness I'd choose to go
If I liked rejection I'd audition
20 And if I didn't love you, you would know
So why can't you just hold me
How come it's so hard?
Do you like to see me broken?
Why do I still care?
25 Poor little misunderstood baby
No one likes a sad face
But I can't remember life without him
I think I did have good days
I'm sure I did have good days
30 *So why can't you just hold me,*
how come it's so hard?
Do you like to see me broken?
Why do I still care?

1. Listen to the song and fill in the blanks with the suitable word.
2. Change the *chorus* into the indirect speech using a reporting verb in the past.
3. Find all the conditional clauses in the song and make them type I and III.
4. Find all the sentences beginning with *I wish*, see if they have a present or future meaning and finally make them have a past meaning.
5. In which way are lines 27-28 special? Explain why.
6. Vocabulary. Find words in the text that mean:
 - a. *Not to understand:*
 - b. *Matter:*
 - c. *Absence of voice or noise:*
 - d. *Keep past events in your memory:*
 - e. *To speak in a low voice so as not to be heard:*