



Try to guess which quantifiers go in each gap. Then listen to the song to check.  
Some of the quantifiers are repeated.

VERSE 1            This is my story, it began \_\_\_\_\_ years ago  
                         And in \_\_\_\_\_ hours it will come to an end  
                         For the gallows are waiting to take me away from here  
                         And \_\_\_\_\_ the women I wronged will have their revenge

CHORUS            And I know that in the end  
                         I will want \_\_\_\_\_ more days with you  
                         And I fear that when I go  
                         \_\_\_\_\_ tears will be shed

VERSE 2            I am hated by \_\_\_\_\_ of men who I'd stolen from  
                         And by \_\_\_\_\_ of their wives who gave me their hearts  
                         I cared very \_\_\_\_\_ what \_\_\_\_\_ of them thought of me  
                         Or that stealing their kisses could do so \_\_\_\_\_ harm

CHORUS            Yet I know that in the end  
                         I will want \_\_\_\_\_ more days with you  
                         And I fear that when I go  
                         \_\_\_\_\_ tears will be shed

VERSE 3            That is \_\_\_\_\_ of my story I wanted to share with you  
                         It's not worth \_\_\_\_\_, but then nor is my love  
                         \_\_\_\_\_ of us now have to go on our separate ways  
                         And \_\_\_\_\_ of you is never \_\_\_\_\_

CHORUS            'Cause I know that in the end  
                         I will want \_\_\_\_\_ more days with you  
                         And I fear that when I go  
                         \_\_\_\_\_ tears will be shed

                         Yes I know that in the end  
                         I've done \_\_\_\_\_ to deserve your love  
                         But I fear that when I go  
                         \_\_\_\_\_ tears will be shed

### Post-listening activities

- In your own words, try to summarise the story of the narrator

# No tears will be shed

a song by Grumpy Old Man (Alan Smith Robertson) to practice “quantifiers”

<https://youtu.be/zl0Y1JQ9yok> | <https://sptfy.es/no-tears>

Teacher's answer sheet. Length: approximately 25 - 30 minutes

## Pre-listening activities

Put the quantifiers below into the correct place in the table.  
Be careful! Some of the quantifiers can be both countable and uncountable

	COUNTABLE	UNCOUNTABLE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a lot</li> <li>• all</li> <li>• any</li> <li>• both</li> <li>• enough</li> <li>• a few</li> <li>• little</li> <li>• many</li> <li>• much / too much</li> <li>• no</li> <li>• nothing</li> <li>• plenty</li> <li>• some</li> </ul>	<p>Large or sufficient quantities:</p> <p><i>a lot, all, enough, many, plenty</i></p> <p><i>eg. a lot of people</i> <i>many things, all the books</i></p> <hr/> <p>Not large (or small) quantities:</p> <p><i>any, both, a few, no, some</i></p> <p><i>eg. both John and Mary</i> <i>a few thoughts, no pens</i></p>	<p>Large or sufficient quantities:</p> <p><i>a lot, all, enough, much / too much, plenty</i></p> <p><i>eg. too much money</i> <i>a lot of love, all the time</i></p> <hr/> <p>Not large (or small) quantities:</p> <p><i>any, little, no, nothing, some</i></p> <p><i>eg. have you got any milk?</i> <i>little time, no sugar</i></p>

- The title of this song is “no tears will be shed”.
  - Which of the pictures below do you think is a person “shedding a tear”?



*This one! It means “to cry”*



- OK, so maybe now can you explain the meaning of the song title “no tears will be shed”?  
*Nobody will shed any tears (nobody will cry)*
- When do people shed tears?  
*In funerals, at the end of a sad movie, when you have to say goodbye to someone, when your soccer team loses (or wins), when you cut onions... etc.*
- When was the last time you shed a tear?  
*Students' own answers*

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*Notice: In some of the gaps there is more than one correct option. For example, in the first line "a few" would also be OK. Do not correct your students if they suggest a grammatically suitable quantifier, only if they suggest one which is wrong.*

VERSE 1            This is my story, it began **many** years ago  
                         And in **a few** hours it will come to an end  
                         For the gallows are waiting to take me away from here  
                         And **all** the women I wronged will have their revenge

CHORUS            And I know that in the end  
                         I will want **a few** more days with you  
                         And I fear that when I go  
                         **No** tears will be shed

VERSE 2            I am hated by **plenty** of men who I'd stolen from  
                         And by **some** of their wives who gave me their hearts  
                         I cared very **little** what **any** of them thought of me  
                         Or that stealing their kisses could do so **much** harm

CHORUS            Yet I know that in the end  
                         I will want **a few** more days with you  
                         And I fear that when I go  
                         **No** tears will be shed

VERSE 3            That is **all** of my story I wanted to share with you  
                         It's not worth **a lot**, but then nor is my love  
                         **Both** of us now have to go on our separate ways  
                         And **too much** of you is never **enough**

CHORUS            'Cause I know that in the end  
                         I will want **a few** more days with you  
                         And I fear that when I go  
                         **No** tears will be shed

                         Yes I know that in the end  
                         I've done **nothing** to deserve your love  
                         But I fear that when I go  
                         **No** tears will be shed

### Post-listening activities

- In your own words, try to summarise the story of the narrator
  1. *The narrator led a very bad life; he stole from a lot of people and he was also a womaniser... he even seduced married women!*
  2. *One day he was caught and now he is going to be hanged (executed in the gallows).*
  3. *While he is in prison, waiting for his execution, he tells his story to another person. We don't know who this other person is.*
  4. *The narrator is afraid that after he is executed, nobody is going to cry for him.*