BROKEN STRINGS (by James Morrison)

SONGFACTS: (Album: *SONGS FOR YOU, TRUTHS FOR ME*)

This is a duet between James Morrison and the Canadian singer-songwriter Nelly Furtado. Morrison told the Daily Mail August 29, 2008 that the Canadian singer was originally sent the wrong version of the song, "but she soon got the hang of it. She was cool, very funny."

Morrison told The Sun September 25, 2008 about this track: "I actually disregarded this song a while back. I rewrote it three times. It turned out more acoustic, but it was more rocky before. At one point it sounded really wet and I wasn't feeling it. Then the idea of a duet came and I thought of Nelly Furtado. I was aiming high. Then I was told Nelly was interested and so off I went to Canada and met her in the studio. She was cool."

The song topped the charts in several countries including Germany, where it was Morrison's first #1 and Furtado's second.

1. Read the *Songfacts* about James Morrison's *Broken Strings*. Write five questions about the information it contains and ask your partner:

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2. Now listen to the song and fill in the blanks using the words in the box:

Let me _____ you
For the last time
It's the last _____ to feel again
But you broke me
Now I can't feel anything

When I love you
It's so _____
I can't even convince myself
When I'm speaking
It's the voice of someone _____

Oh it _____ me up
I tried to hold on but it hurts too much
I tried to forgive but it's not enough
To make it all okay

You can't play on broken strings
You can't feel anything
That your heart don't want to feel
I can't tell you something that ain't real

Oh the truth hurts
A lie is _____
I can't like it anymore
And I love you a little _____ than before

[Oh what are we doing
We are turning into _____
Playing house in the ruins of us]

{Running back through the fire
When there's nothing left to save
It's like _____ the very last train
When it's too late} too late

chasing
(x2) else
worse (x3)
dust
chance
(x2)
untrue
tears (x2)
hold
less (x4)

{Oh it _____ me up
I tried to hold on but it hurts too much
I tried to forgive but it's not enough
To make it all okay

You can't play on broken strings
You can't feel anything
That your heart don't want to feel
I can't tell you something that ain't real

Oh the truth hurts
A lie's _____
I can't like it anymore
When I love you a little _____ than before

But we're running through the fire
When there's nothing left to say
It's like _____ the very last train
When we both know it's too late} [too late]

{You can't play on broken strings
You can't feel anything
That your heart don't want to feel
I can't tell you something that ain't real

Oh the truth hurts
A lie's _____
I can't like it anymore
When I love you a little _____ than before

Oh and I love you a little _____ than before

Let me hold you for the last time
It's the last _____ to feel again}.