

All I Have to Do Is Dream (1958)

The Everly Brothers

LISTEN FOR

- Close two-part harmony
- Contrasting phrase structure between A and B sections
- Rhyme scheme
- Atmospheric arrangement

CREATION

<i>Songwriters</i>	Boudleaux Bryant (music, lyrics)
<i>Label, Record</i>	Cadence 1348
<i>Musicians</i>	Don Everly (voice, guitar), Phil Everly (voice, guitar), Chet Atkins (electric guitar), Hank Garland (electric guitar), Ray Edenton (guitar), Floyd Cramer (piano), Roy Huskey (bass), Buddy Harman (drums)
<i>Producer</i>	Archie Bleyer
<i>Engineer</i>	Bill Porter
<i>Recording</i>	RCA Victor Studios, Nashville, March 1958; mono
<i>Charts</i>	Pop 1, Country 1, R&B 1

MUSIC

<i>Genre</i>	Rockabilly pop
<i>Form</i>	AABA with partial reprise
<i>Key</i>	E major
<i>Meter</i>	4/4

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LISTENING GUIDE

Time	Form	Lyric Cue	Listen For
0:00 0:03	Intro (4)	"Dream"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Electric guitar chord with tremolo. Voices in harmony accompanied by low-register guitar line, tremolo guitar chords, background rhythm guitars and piano, bass, drums. I-vi-IV-V chord progression.
0:12 0:16 0:21 0:26	A 1 (8)	"When I want you" "When I want you" "Whenever I" "Dream"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phrase 1: 2 bars Phrase 2: 2 bars Phrase 3: 2 bars Phrase 4: 2 bars
0:30	A 2 (8)	"When I feel blue" "And I need you" "Whenever I" "Dream"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phrase 1: 2 bars Phrase 2: 2 bars Phrase 3: 2 bars Phrase 4: 2 bars; chord progression suspended, cadence to tonic.
0:49	B (8)	"I can make you mine"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New chord progression, slower harmonic rhythm; longer phrases; compressed rhyme scheme.
1:07	A 3 (8)	"I need you so"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follows the phrase structure of A 2.
1:30	B (8)	"I can make you mine"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Like previous B.
1:49	A 4 (8 + fade)	"I need you so"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Same lyrics as A 3 but no cadence to tonic.

LYRICS

Drea-ea-ea-ea-eam, dream, dream, dream
 Drea-ea-ea-ea-eam, dream, dream, dream
 When I want you in my arms
 When I want you and all your charms
 Whenever I want you, all I have to do is
 Drea-ea-ea-ea-eam, dream, dream, dream

When I feel blue in the night
 And I need you to hold me tight
 Whenever I want you, all I have to do is
 Drea-ea-ea-ea-eam

I can make you mine, taste your lips of wine
 Anytime night or day
 Only trouble is, gee whiz
 I'm dreamin' my life away

I need you so that I could die
 I love you so and that is why
 Whenever I want you, all I have to do is
 Drea-ea-ea-ea-eam, dream, dream, dream
 Drea-ea-ea-ea-eam

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