

Activity 2: Cloze Passage

“Scarborough Fair”

(English Folk Song)

Directions: This song is a traditional love song often sung by a man asking a woman to do impossible things, followed by a woman asking a man to do impossible things. As you listen, please fill in the words from the blanks. When the song is over, talk to a partner and answer the following questions: Why would people who love each other ask for the impossible?

(Man)

Are you going to Scarborough (1) _____?

Parsley, sage, rosemary, and thyme.

Remember me to one who lives there.

She once was a true love of mine.

Tell her to make me a cambric (2) _____.

Parsley, sage, rosemary, and thyme.

Without no seam nor (3) _____.

Then she'll be a (4) _____ love of mine.

(Woman)

Tell him to find me an acre of (5) _____.

Parsley, sage, rosemary, and thyme.

Between the salt water and the sea (6) _____.

Then he'll be a true love of mine.

Are you going to Scarborough (1) _____?

Parsley, sage, rosemary, and thyme.

Remember me to one who lives there.

He once was a (4) _____ love of mine.

Vocabulary answers
1. Fair
2. shirt
3. needlework
4. true
5. land
6. Stand