

Can't Buy Me Love

Words and Music by John Lennon and Paul McCartney

This was the first Beatles single that featured one singer (Paul) with no backup vocals. It appeared twice in their film *A Hard Day's Night*—in chase scenes both times. Paul has said that it was his attempt to “write a bluesy mode.” Except for the chorus, the song is in the twelve-bar blues form. So is “You Can’t Do That,” (except for the bridge), which was the flip side of the “Can’t Buy Me Love” single when it was released in Britain in 1964. That year, the Beatles broke all kinds of charting records. One week they held all top five positions on the pop charts, and on another week, their songs occupied fourteen total positions in the Top 100.

Intro

Moderately (♩ = $\frac{3}{4}$)

N.C. Am Dm Am

Uke Can't buy me love, — oh, — love, —

mf

T 0 3 3 3 3 3 3 0 0 0 0 0 3
A 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 1 1 1 1 0
B 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2

Dm Gm11 C6

oh. — Can't buy me love, — oh. —

(3) 3 3 3 3 0 1 0 3 3 3 3 3 3 0
(0) 0 0 0 0 0 1 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 0
(2) 2 2 2 2 2 2 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 0

Verse

F7



1. I'll buy you a dia - mond ring, my friend, — if it
(2.) give you all I've got to give — if you
(3.) — you don't need no dia - mond rings, — and

(0) 0 0 0 0 0 1 3 3 3 1 1 1 1 3
(0) 0 0 0 0 0 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 0
(0) 0 0 0 0 0 2 2 3 1 0 3 3 1 3

Copyright © 1964 Sony/ATV Music Publishing LLC

Copyright Renewed

All Rights Administered by Sony/ATV Music Publishing LLC, 424 Church Street, Suite 1200, Nashville, TN 37219

International Copyright Secured All Rights Reserved