

Sensory and Music Story: The Queen's Platinum Jubilee!

Props:

Drum
Envelope with invite to the Palace inside!
Bus ticket
Lego / jenga blocks
Furry material
Flowers
Different teas to smell, pour from a teapot
Crown
Union Jack flag
Musical instruments
Medal

The Story:

This year it is the Queen's Platinum Jubilee – which means she has been Queen for a REALLY long time – 70 years! What shall we do to celebrate?

Song: It's the Platinum Jubilee

We were just thinking about what we could do, when – THUD! – an envelope dropped through the letter box onto the floor!

Play: THUD!

Feel: Pick up envelope

We opened up the envelope, and inside was a letter the Queen herself! We were invited to go to Buckingham Palace in London and see the Queen, and go with her to her special Jubilee Concert!

Feel: Open envelope and read the letter

How exciting! We got ready to go, and went to catch the special red double decker bus that would take us all the way to Buckingham Palace!

Feel: Hand your bus ticket to the bus driver
Sing: The Wheels on the Bus

As we drove through London, we enjoyed looking at all the tall and fancy buildings.

Feel: Build a tall building with lego / jenga blocks

We reached the gates of Buckingham Palace – would they really let us in?! The guard looked at our bus and waved us in! We got out and looked around – the Guards were all dressed in red, with their tall bearskin hats on. We tried to make them smile, but they were very serious!

Feel: Something furry, like the bearskin hats. And try and make someone smile!

We went round the back of the palace to the garden to watch the concert – there were lots of flowers, it was NEARLY as nice as the garden at Little Havens!

Feel: Smell / feel some flowers

We were all given very posh picnics – there was a cream tea, with proper teapots!

Feel: Different teas to smell, pour from a teapot

It was nearly time for the concert to start – but, suddenly there was a change in the air, everyone was whispering to each other and looking around... the Queen was coming! The Military Band came out to play the National Anthem... And then – there she was! Queen Elizabeth II! She was, of course, wearing her crown, and waving to everyone. We all waved our flags back!

Feel: Wear a crown, and wave your flag!
Sing: The National Anthem

And now it was time for the concert! The Queen has been reigning since 1952, and so there were songs from the 50's, 60's, 70's, 80's, 90's, 2000's, 2010's AND 2020's!

Sing: Sing and play along to the songs from every decade the Queen has been Queen!

The concert was amazing! We loved playing and singing along to all the songs. There was one final song to sing together – the song that everyone across the country had been asked to sing together to celebrate the Jubilee – ‘Sweet Caroline’! Let’s do it!

Sing: Sweet Caroline

There was one more surprise. At the end of the concert, the Queen stood up and told the crowd that she had invited some very special guests to the concert, who she wanted to honour with some special medals. We all looked around to see who she could mean, but then – we realised the Queen was talking about us!! The Queen over and gave us all special medals – we were very honoured!

Feel: Have a medal put on by the Queen (or one of her stand-ins!)

All there was left to do was to get back on the bus and head for home. As we travelled back through London, all the stars were coming out above us, twinkling down on the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee.

Sing: Twinkle Twinkle

Song Words

It's the Platinum Jubilee *(to the tune 'We're all Going to the Zoo Tomorrow')*

It's the Platinum Jubilee
Jubilee, Jubilee
It's the Platinum Jubilee
Let's celebrate the Queen!

The Wheels on the Bus

The wheels on the bus go round and round
Round and round, round and round
The wheels on the bus go round and round
All day long

The wipers on the bus go swish, swish, swish
Swish, swish, swish, swish, swish, swish
The wipers on the bus go swish, swish, swish
All day long

The horn on the bus goes beep, beep, beep
Beep, beep, beep, beep, beep, beep
The horn on the bus goes beep, beep, beep
All day long

The National Anthem

God save our gracious Queen!
Long live our noble Queen!
God save the Queen!
Send her victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us,
God save the Queen.

Eight Decades of the Queen in Song!!

Hound Dog – 1950's

You ain't nothin' but a hound dog
Cryin' all the time

You ain't nothin' but a hound dog
Cryin' all the time
Well, you ain't never caught a rabbit
You ain't no friend of mine
You ain't nothin' but a hound dog

Source: [LyricFind](#)

Songwriters: Jerry Leiber / Mike Stoller

Hound Dog lyrics © Universal Music Publishing Group, Warner Chappell Music, Inc

Yellow Submarine – 1960's

In the town where I was born
Lived a man who sailed to sea
And he told us of his life
In the land of submarines

We all live in a yellow submarine
Yellow submarine, yellow submarine
We all live in a yellow submarine
Yellow submarine, yellow submarine

Source: [LyricFind](#)

Songwriters: John Lennon / Paul McCartney

Yellow Submarine lyrics © Sony/ATV Music Publishing LLC

Don't Stop Me Now – 1970's

Tonight I'm gonna have myself a real good time
I feel alive
And the world I'll turn it inside out, yeah
I'm floating around in ecstasy
So, (don't stop me now)
(Don't stop me)
'Cause I'm having a good time, having a good time
I'm a shooting star leaping through the sky
Like a tiger defying the laws of gravity
I'm a racing car passing by like Lady Godiva
I'm gonna go, go, go
There's no stopping me
I'm burnin' through the sky, yeah
200 degrees
That's why they call me Mister Fahrenheit
I'm travelling at the speed of light
I wanna make a supersonic man out of you

I'm having such a good time
I'm having a ball
(Don't stop me now)
If you wanna have a good time just give me a call
(Don't stop me now)
'Cause I'm having a good time
(Don't stop me now)
Yes, I'm havin' a good time
I don't want to stop at all

Source: [Musixmatch](#)
Songwriters: Freddie Mercury
Don't Stop Me Now lyrics © Queen Music Ltd

Our House – 1980's

Father wears his Sunday best
Mother's tired, she needs a rest
The kids are playing up downstairs
Sister's sighing in her sleep
Brother's got a date to keep
He can't hang around

Our house, in the middle of our street
Our house, in the middle of our
Our house, in the middle of our street
Our house (Something tells you)
(That you've got to move away from it)

Source: [Musixmatch](#)
Songwriters: Daniel Woodgate / Graham Mcpherson / Lee Thompson / Christopher Foreman / Michael Barson / Cathal Smyth / Mark Bedford

Wannabe – 1990's

Yo, I'll tell you what I want, what I really, really want
So tell me what you want, what you really, really want
I'll tell you what I want, what I really, really want
So tell me what you want, what you really, really want
I wanna, (ha) I wanna, (ha) I wanna, (ha) I wanna, (ha)
I wanna really, really, really wanna zigzag ah

If you want my future, forget my past
If you wanna get with me, better make it fast
Now don't go wasting my precious time
Get your act together we could be just fine

I'll tell you what I want, what I really, really want
So tell me what you want, what you really, really want
I wanna, (ha) I wanna, (ha) I wanna, (ha) I wanna, (ha)
I wanna really, really, really wanna zigzag ah

Source: [LyricFind](#)

Songwriters: Emma Bunton / Geri Halliwell / Matthew Paul Rowbottom / Melanie Brown / Melanie Chisholm / Richard Stannard / Victoria Beckham
Wannabe lyrics © Peermusic Publishing, Sony/ATV Music Publishing LLC, Universal Music Publishing Group

Reach – 2000's

When the world, leaves you feeling blue
You can count on me, I will be there for you
When it seems, all your hopes and dreams
Are a million miles away, I will re-assure you

We've got to all stick together
Good friends, there for each other
Never ever forget that
I've got you and you've got me, so
Reach for the stars
Climb every mountain higher
Reach for the stars
Follow your heart's desire
Reach for the stars
And when that rainbow's shining over you
That's when your dreams will all come true

Source: [LyricFind](#)

Songwriters: Andrew Todd / Cathy Dennis
Reach lyrics © Sony/ATV Music Publishing LLC, Universal Music Publishing Group

Shotgun – 2010's

Homegrown alligator, see you later
Gotta hit the road, gotta hit the road
Something changed in the atmosphere
Architecture unfamiliar
I could get used to this

Time flies by in the yellow and green
Stick around and you'll see what I mean
There's a mountaintop that I'm dreaming of
If you need me you know where I'll be

I'll be riding shotgun underneath the hot sun
Feeling like a someone (someone)
I'll be riding shotgun underneath the hot sun
Feeling like a someone

Source: [LyricFind](#)

Songwriters: Frederick John Philip Gibson / George Ezra Barnett / Joel Laslett Pott
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The Wellerman – 2020's!

There once was a ship that put to sea
The name of the ship was the Billy of Tea
The winds blew up, her bow dipped down
Oh blow, my bully boys, blow (huh)

Soon may the Wellerman come
To bring us sugar and tea and rum
One day, when the tonguing is done
We'll take our leave and go
She'd not been two weeks from shore
When down on her a right whale bore
The captain called all hands and swore
He'd take that whale in tow (huh)

Soon may the Wellerman come
To bring us sugar and tea and rum
One day, when the tonguing is done
We'll take our leave and go

Songwriters: Alexander Oriet / David Phelan / Nathan Evans

Wellerman lyrics © Downtown Music Publishing, Sony/ATV Music Publishing LLC

Sweet Caroline

Where it began, I can't begin to knowing
But then I know it's growing strong
Was in the spring
And spring became the summer
Who'd have believed you'd come along

Hands, touching hands
Reaching out, touching me, touching you

Sweet Caroline
Good times never seemed so good
I've been inclined
To believe they never would
Oh no no
Sweet Caroline
Good times never seemed so good
I've been inclined
To believe they never would

Source: [LyricFind](#)
Songwriters: Neil Diamond
Sweet Caroline lyrics © Universal Music Publishing Group

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