

# SONGS IN THE ENGLISH CLASSROOM SONGS IN THE ENGLISH CLASSROOM

## *Erasmus+ KA1 Dissemination Activity*

*NB: You can generally grade the task, not the text – you can use the same song with lots of different levels, just change the task.*

### **How to use the songs in this presentation:**

#### 1. Chaka Khan's "Love Me Still"

There are 2 versions of the text with **alternating deleted lines**. Students work in 2 groups according to the text versions. After completing the deleted lines, the 2 groups come together for a check-up.

#### 2. Jamie Cullum's "My Yard"

Give students the lyrics of the song with **mistakes**. Get students to listen and identify them.

#### 3. Michael Frank's "Now That the Summer's Here"

Cut the lyrics into strips and get students to **order** as they listen. They can work in pairs, using strips in 2 different colours if you print out on white paper for one member and on coloured paper for the other.

#### 4. John Lennon's "Whatever Gets You Through the Night"

The lyrics of the song feature **pictures** put in place of words. Students identify the words as they listen.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AmDqWGt7Pzw>

## Chaka Khan's "LOVE ME STILL" Lyrics

### *Version 1*

Here is \_\_\_\_\_  
Here's the part of me they have not sold.  
I've \_\_\_\_\_  
I loved you when, do you love me still?

Only \_\_\_\_\_  
Others may come and they may go,  
I \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_?

So many eyes and smiles surround me,  
Empty \_\_\_\_\_,  
Sometimes life is a bitter pill,  
I \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_?

You have been mine since time untold,  
Our \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_?  
Others may come and they may go,  
I \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

Only you have seen the hidden part of me.  
Call \_\_\_\_\_  
I love you now, do you love me still?

Here are the eyes that only see you,  
Here's \_\_\_\_\_  
Here is the song they cannot kill.  
I \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_?

**Chaka Khan's "LOVE ME STILL" Lyrics**  
*Version 2*

Here is my hand for you to hold,  
Here's \_\_\_\_\_.  
I've wandered far; I've had my fill,  
I \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_?

Only you have seen the other side of me,  
Others \_\_\_\_\_,  
I love you now, do you love me still?

So \_\_\_\_\_,  
Empty expectations, faceless fears.  
Sometimes \_\_\_\_\_,  
I love you now, do you love me still?

You \_\_\_\_\_,  
Our love is immortal, don't you know?  
Others \_\_\_\_\_  
I loved you young, I love you old.

Only \_\_\_\_\_.  
Call me foolhardy if you will,  
I \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_?

Here are the eyes that only see you,  
Here's \_\_\_\_\_;  
Here is the song they cannot kill.  
I \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_?

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I've wandered far; I've had my fill,  
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Only you have seen the other side of me,  
Others may come and they may go,  
I love you now, do you love me still?

So many eyes and smiles surround me,  
Empty expectations, faceless fears.  
Sometimes life is a bitter pill,  
I love you now, do you love me still?

You have been mine since time untold,  
Our love is immortal, don't you know?  
Others may come and they may go,  
I loved you young, I love you old.

Only you have seen the hidden part of me.  
Call me foolhardy if you will,  
I love you now, do you love me still?

Here are the eyes that only see you,  
Here's the mouth that only calls your name;  
Here is the song they cannot kill.  
I love you now, do you love me still?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5BqfpqtJUnc>

## **"My Yard" by JAMIE CULLUM**

*Version with mistakes*

So call a taxi cab and come around here  
And I will see you right outside.  
I got some DVDs and a couple of beers,  
If you want to,  
We can talk all night.  
It's nothing posh, just a little sofa and me  
And conversation for your mind.  
So let's explore all the possibilities  
Of the things that we both discussed last time.

*[chorus:]*

Take a cab to my heart  
Don't you know the grass is taller on the other side?  
Take a cab to my heart  
Don't you know the love that you've been thinking of is mine?

You'll be my host at the other end of town  
And the advantages you soon will find.  
So let's enjoy the time when we're on our own  
And we will answer to nobody else this time.  
Tonight might be nothing but the stars and me  
Any time that we take the script and toss it baby  
Take a cab to my heart.

*[chorus:]*

Take a cab to my heart  
Don't you know the grass is taller on the other side?  
Take a cab to my heart  
Don't you know the love that you've been thinking of is mine?

## "My Yard" by JAMIE CULLUM

*Correct version*

So hail a taxi cab and come around here  
And I will meet you right outside.  
I got some DVDs and a couple of beers,  
If you want to,  
We can stay up all night.  
It's nothing fancy, just a little couch and me  
And conversation for your mind.  
So let's explore all the possibilities  
Of the things that we both talked about last time.

*[chorus:]*

Take a trip to my yard  
Don't you know the grass is greener on the other side?  
Take a trip to my yard  
Don't you know the love that you've been dreaming of is mine?

I'll be your neighbour at the other end of town  
And the benefits you soon will find.  
So let's enjoy the fact that we're on our own  
And we will answer to nobody else this time.  
Tonight might be nothing but the moon and me  
Any time that we take the script and flip it baby  
Take a trip to my yard.

*[chorus:]*

Take a trip to my yard  
Don't you know the grass is greener on the other side?  
Take a trip to my yard  
Don't you know the love that you've been dreaming of is mine?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TdjLQ6ZKRvQ>

Michael Franks

Now That The Summer's Here

In slow motion I'm reborn  
I need a week to mow the lawn  
I eat dinner with my flip-flops on  
Now that the summer's here

With my chores I only flirt  
Hung in my hammock, reading Kurt  
Struggling to remain inert  
Now that the summer's here

Now that the summer is here  
I'll laze all day - my work can wait  
I might behave like a firefly  
And oscillate with my mate

Now that the summer is here  
I'll laze all day - my work can wait  
I might behave like a firefly  
And oscillate with my mate

I can spare some wherewithal  
Listening to Ahmad Jamal  
"Poinciana" says it all  
Now that the summer's here

One thing is crystal clear  
I won't be going anywhere  
Except my Adirondack chair  
Now that the summer's here

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HNNxeovdN5U>

## John Lennon Whatever Gets You Through The Night

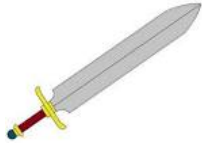
Whatever gets you through the  
It's all right, it's all right



It's your or your life  
It's all right, it's all right



Don't need a to cut through  
Oh no, oh no



Whatever gets you through your life  
It's all right, it's all right

Do it , or do it  
It's all right, it's all right



Don't need a to waste your time  
Oh no, oh no



me, darlin', come on,  
I won't do you no harm



to me





me, darlin', come on,

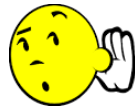


to me



Come on,

to me; come on,



, listen

Whatever gets you to the  
It's all right, it's all right



Out of the blue, or out of  
It's all right, it's all right



Don't need a  
Oh no, oh no



to blow you mind



me, darlin', come on,



to me

I won't do you no harm



me, darlin', come on,



to me,

Come on



to me, come on



, listen

**John Lennon**

**"Whatever Gets You Through The Night" Lyrics**

Whatever gets you through the night  
It's all right, it's all right  
It's your money or your life  
It's all right, it's all right  
Don't need a sword to cut through flowers  
Oh no, oh no

Whatever gets you through your life  
It's all right, it's all right  
Do it wrong, or do it right  
It's all right, it's all right

Don't need a watch to waste your time  
Oh no, oh no

Hold me, darlin', come on, listen to me  
I won't do you no harm  
Trust me, darlin', come on, listen to me  
Come on, listen to me; come on, listen, listen

Whatever gets you to the light  
It's all right, it's all right  
Out of the blue, or out of sight  
It's all right, it's all right  
Don't need a gun to blow you mind  
Oh no, oh no

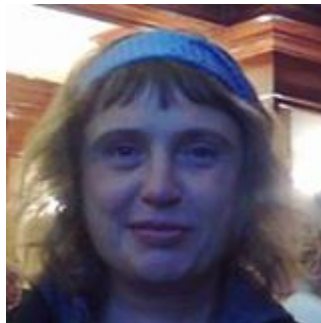
Hold me, darlin', come on, listen to me  
I won't do you no harm  
Trust me, darlin', come on, listen to me,

Come on listen to me, come on listen, listen

**HOPE I HAVE BEEN USEFUL**



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<https://www.joomag.com/magazine/using-songs-in-the-english-classroom/0734237001448452433?short>