



Welcome to this learning pack - I hope that there will be some activities that you enjoy. There are some activity sheets that go with the songs that might help you to talk about the songs and do some other musical activities too.

All of the work relates to music of World War II and songs that many people still know and love today. Have a go at as many activities as you like - choose which ones you would like to do but please at least listen to some music of the period. I hope you will enjoy your learning

There are 3 Parts to the pack –

1. Warm Up song
2. VE day activities and links to music with tasks for the week including colouring a poster for VE day on Friday, listening / learning another song also relevant to circumstances today
3. Finish with a song

WARM UP - I HAVE A SONG TO SING <https://youtu.be/SB8MoU1zkwg>

I HAVE A SONG TO SING

by Mark and Helen Johnson

CHALLENGE

The simplicity of the lyrics to this song makes it ideal for signing as you sing.

Take a look here <http://tiny.cc/13fomz> and see if you can learn to sign the song.

Think about how it makes you feel when you sign as you sing. For example, **does it help to emphasize the meaning of the lyrics?**; perhaps it helps you to put more emotion into the message you're singing about; could it help you to feel more connected to the song?; do you feel more of a connection with whoever you may be singing to?

SHARE IT

Share your signing and singing with friends and family. **Are any of your friends or family familiar with sign language?**

Try out the song with them and see how much of it they can understand.

“AS LONG AS WE LIVE, THERE'S NEVER ENOUGH SINGING.”
Martin Luther

TALK ABOUT

Explore the lyrics of this song with the adults in your house:

***'I have a song to bring,
It has a simple melody.
Let everybody sing,
There's life in our unity,
There's hope in our song.'***

Discuss how we are all unique – for example, we all have our own 'song' – and when everybody sings, lives, breathes and offers a part of themselves as one, the effect is a fuller, more fruitful life of togetherness and positivity.

DID YOU KNOW?

The big choral census taken in 2017 states that 2.14 million people are now singing regularly in choirs. There are lots of virtual choirs popping up now we're all at home. Why not give one a go?

Song taken from
Songs For EVERY Singing School
By Mark & Helen Johnson



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Visit these links and find out about music of the period by listening to lots of different popular songs of the day.

Victory in Europe Day, generally known as VE Day, or simply V Day was the public holiday celebrated on 8 May 1945 in Commonwealth realms to mark the formal acceptance by the Allies of World War

- *Listen to Glenn Miller's In the Mood and watch some images from Britain on VE day*

<https://youtu.be/utH6pbsQHSY>

- *Check out some ideas to plan and create a VE Day party*

<https://ve-vjday75.gov.uk/plan-your-ve-day-party/>

- *Colour / decorate the poster on p4 and put in your window on Friday to commemorate VE day - - I am going to do this and use rainbow colours for the stripes.*

- *Sing / sign along or listen to We'll Meet again*

This version is signed and has some of the history too, (despite the date on the video being incorrect!!)

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

- *Here is a link for VE DAY SONGS PLAYLIST - enjoy listening and singing along*

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL2n9jZypkPScwvINFnRWKCTwjPZ7yRQMD>

- *Lindy Hop was the famous dance that people did to swing music. Watch it and perhaps learn it here! :*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r5DWLZGQOoE>

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KEEP CALM AND CARRY ON

By Mary Green and Julie Stanley

CHALLENGE

How much does everyone know about Victory in Europe Day? Spend some time researching what happened on this important day in 1945. You might find these links helpful:

- <http://tiny.cc/whatis-veday>
- <http://tiny.cc/ve-dayphotos>
- <http://tiny.cc/ve-dayresources>

You could put together a **Powerpoint presentation** to show your findings, or imagine you were a reporter at the time and **write a newspaper report** of the events.

DID YOU KNOW?

In the evening on 8th May 1945, Buckingham Palace was lit up by floodlights for the first time since 1939 and two searchlights made a giant 'V' above St Paul's Cathedral.

“IN ALL OUR LONG HISTORY WE HAVE NEVER SEEN A GREATER DAY THAN THIS. EVERYONE, MAN OR WOMAN, HAS DONE THEIR BEST.”
Sir Winston Churchill

TALK ABOUT

Talk about the lyrics of this song. As well as relating to World War II, there are many lines that are relevant to today, such as, 'What can we do when our friends and families are so far away?'. Discuss ways that your family can 'keep calm and carry on' and 'keep the home fires burning' in these difficult times.

SHARE IT

Why not **perform this song to your neighbours, or wider family via video chat?** You could **dress up in 1940s-style accessories** such as a flat cap, shorts, knitted pullovers, vintage-style dresses or skirts and blouses. Older children might like to join in the **UK-wide singalong to Vera Lynn's We'll Meet Again, organized by The Royal British Legion, at 9pm.**

Song taken from
Treachery At Traitors' Quay
By Mary Green and Julie Stanley



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