

Birthdays and Celebrations



Did you know that the Queen has two birthdays? Her actual birthday on the 21st April, and her Official Birthday 13th June !! She has had both of her birthday celebrations in during lockdown!

<https://tinyurl.com/y76b4eca>

Music through the years



Which song was number one when you were born?

<https://www.thisdayinmusic.com/birthday-no1/>

How has music changed in the years since the Queen was born? This video shows how popular music has evolved in the last century. How has music changed since you were born?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bzXM9aip4bk>



Some of the Queen's favourite songs!

What are your favourite songs?

<https://tinyurl.com/y9l98mvs>



Composing Music and Songwriting

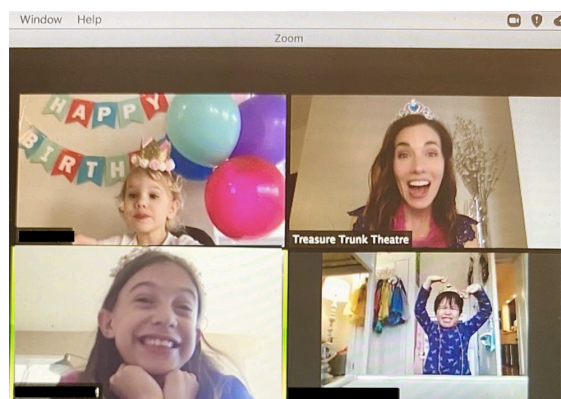


The Queen will no doubt have **Happy Birthday To You** sung to her on birthday, but she will also hear the **National Anthem**. Neither of these songs were originally written as we now know them! Often old song tunes are given new words – it is a really good way in to song writing. What tune could you write a new song for – maybe for a member of your family? You could record it and send it to them!

Have you or someone in your family had a birthday in lockdown?

You probably had to celebrate in a different way as well! What did you have to do differently?

Perhaps you could have a second “official” birthday later in the year!



Did you know that the Queen has had a lot of music composed for her?

<https://tinyurl.com/yb4s4a25>

Nursery Rhymes about Queens and Kings



The Queen of Hearts

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jyVPvSR1qpl>

Sing a Song of Sixpence

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BVdKr764038>

Do you know any more?

Queen – You are the Champions



I am sure that you have heard of the band Queen – they wrote so many songs that you will have heard before. A lot of them are great uplifting sing along tunes. They have re-recorded their hit song “We are the Champions” as “You are the Champions” to benefit the World Health Organisation’s COVID-19 Solidarity Response Fund. The video was recorded on mobile phones, and the singer is Adam Lambert, not the original singer Freddie Mercury – what do you think?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7LcLqIHZNkY>

Here is a bit more information about the writing of the song

<https://tinyurl.com/y77s3x2h>