

SINGING ASSEMBLY KS2 May 2020

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I've added your new song to practise but please keep going with Vera Lynn 'We'll Meet Again' and 'It's a Long Way to Tipperary'.

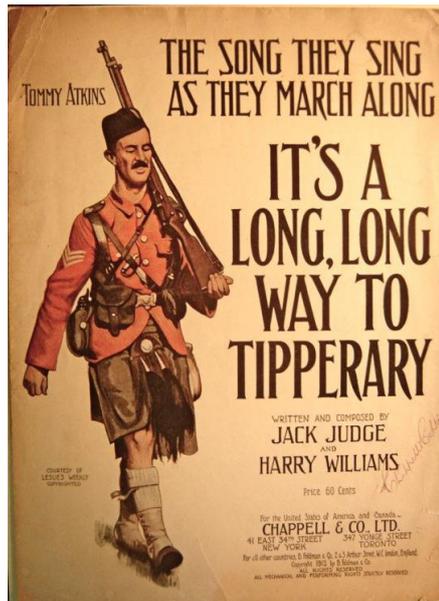
This week's song is 'Lambeth Walk' made famous in the 1937 musical, *Me and My Girl*. I'm sure you know that Lambeth is the borough adjoining to Southwark. This song is a popular cockney songs from the 1930s. You'll have to practise your Lambeth Walk dance and your cockney accent for singing! There are many videos on YouTube that show the production of the musical.

*Any time you're Lambeth way
Any evening, any day
You'll find us all
Doin' the Lambeth walk – oy!
Every little Lambeth gal
With her little Lambeth pal
You'll find 'em all
Doin' the Lambeth walk
Everything free and easy
Do as darn well pleasey
Why don't you make your way there?
Go there; stay there
Once you get down Lambeth way
Every evening, every day
You'll find yourself
Doin' the Lambeth walk – oy!*

IT'S A LONG WAY TO TIPPERARY YouTube link

<https://youtu.be/BPoLWMMpXvk>

This song was made popular in 1912, around the time of the First World War. It was sung in music halls which are much like a small concert hall today. There is one venue in Shadwell, East London called Wilton's Music Hall that has been decorated to look similar to one from 100 years ago. The song was sung by the army in both wars and tells the story of a young Irishman dreaming of returning to Southern Ireland to see his sweetheart.



**Up to mighty London came
An Irish man one day
All the streets were paved with gold
So everyone was gay!
Singing songs of Piccadilly
Strand, and Leicester Square
'Til Paddy got excited and
He shouted to them there:**

**It's a long way to Tipperary
It's a long way to go.
It's a long way to Tipperary
To the sweetest girl I know!
Goodbye Piccadilly
Farewell Leicester Square!
It's a long long way to Tipperary
But my heart's right there. repeat**

Paddy wrote a letter
To his Irish Molly O'
Saying, "Should you not receive it
Write and let me know!
If I make mistakes in "spelling"
Molly dear", said he
"Remember it's the pen, that's bad
Don't lay the blame on me".

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May 8-10 celebrates 75 years since VE Day, Victory in Europe Day which marks the announced ending of World War Two. On the eve of May 7th, millions of people in Britain tuned into the radio to hear that the war had ended (of course it wasn't that simple but it was a momentous occasion). The following day was declared a national holiday and people took to the streets to sing, dance and celebrate!

What songs were people listening to their gramophones and radios in the 1940s? Well, I can tell you it wasn't what I was listening to when I was at school in the 1990s (Spice Girls, SClub 7, B*Witched...) During WW2 the popular songs were enjoyed by those at home and those participating in the war effort. Funnily enough, a couple of these songs have come back around again this month so you may be familiar with the one below.

Vera Lynn – We'll Meet Again

YouTube - https://youtu.be/HsM_VmN6ytk

There are various other YouTube links with lyrics included.



This song was written in 1939 and made popular by Vera Lynn. It was from the musical of the same name with the lead role played by Vera herself. It was particularly famous because it touched the hearts of many; both soldiers going off to war and those bidding farewell to their loved ones. British soldiers were also sent further afield than Europe. In 1944 Vera took a long trip to visit soldiers in Burma in the Far East (which was occupied by the Japanese at the time) and to Bengal (which was British occupied India and is now part Bangladesh and part West Bengal, India). Her visit was to boost the morale of soldiers. She sang songs and kept spirits up. Her songs were of love and hope and they bridged the gap between the distanced soldiers and their loved ones.

WE'LL MEET AGAIN

We'll meet again
Don't know where
Don't know when
But I know we'll meet again some sunny day
Keep smiling through
Just like you always do
'Till the blue skies drive the dark clouds far away

So will you please say hello
To the folks that I know
Tell them I won't be long
They'll be happy to know
That as you saw me go
I was singing this song
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