

# Sound Bites

## Video Two

# A Summer Garden Serenade

### How to use these notes with our Sound Bites videos:

These notes will provide a brief background to each piece and a suggested conversation starter to use if you wish after you have heard the piece. If our music sparks a memory or conversation, why not pause the video at this point to continue your sharing, or continue onto the next piece, pausing when you feel the time is right to do so.

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### Our Choice of Pieces:

**Morning from the Peer Gynt Suite**  
**The Flower Duet**  
**The Floral Dance**  
**Salut D'amour**  
**Moon River**  
**Summertime**

**Makin Whoopee**  
**When I'm 64**  
**Over the Rainbow**  
**La Paloma**  
**English Country Garden**

## Morning from the Peer Gynt Suite

*Peer Gynt* was written by the Norwegian composer Edvard Grieg in 1875. It was written to provide incidental music to Henrik Ibsen's play of the same name.



**This piece has been used on a Nescafé coffee advert. Do you like coffee?**

**I take mine black and strong – how do you like yours? Milk or cream?**

**A gentle piece for you next.**

# The Flower Duet

This is a duet for two singers, a soprano and a mezzo-soprano. It is taken from the opera *Lakmé* by Léo Delibes. It was premiered in Paris in 1883. It is sung by the characters Lakmé, daughter of a Brahmin priest, and her servant Mallika, as they go to gather flowers by a river.



**Do you have a favourite flower?  
Mine is the lily as I like its fragrant scent.**

**Time for a dance and a song, have your Song Sheet ready.**

# The Floral Dance

Is an English song describing the annual *Furry Dance* in Helston, Cornwall. The music and words were written in 1911 by Kate Emily Barkley Moss who was a professional violinist, pianist and concert singer. The song tells the story of an incident that apparently actually happened to Moss herself on a visit to Helston during the springtime *Furry Dance* celebrations and the song was reportedly written directly afterwards as she was going home on the train!



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**This tune always makes me think of special holidays in Cornwall.  
Have you been to Cornwall?  
Do you have special places that you have been on holiday to?**

# Salut D'amour

Composed by Edward Elgar in 1888 and given to his then fiancé Caroline Roberts, as an engagement present, a very special gift indeed!



**Do you have a gift from a loved one that you hold dear?  
Mine is a fountain pen my father gave me.  
I use it to write letters – much nicer than sending an email!**

**Have your song sheets ready for a beautiful,  
romantic number.**

# Moon River

Is a song composed by Henry Mancini with the words by Johnny Mercer. It was originally performed by Audrey Hepburn in the 1961 movie *Breakfast at Tiffany's*, winning an Oscar for the best original song. It has been performed many times by other artists and became the theme song for Andy Williams.



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**Breakfast is my favourite meal of the day.  
Are there any foods you like to eat at breakfast?  
I like poached eggs and toast and marmalade!  
Brown or white bread for you?**

**Get ready for another song.**

# Summertime

A song composed in 1934 by George Gershwin for the 1935 opera *Porgy and Bess*.



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**"Summertime when the living is easy..."  
What reminds you of summertime?  
Do you have a favourite season?**

**Get ready for another song – a little livelier this time!**

# Makin' Whoopee

*Makin' Whoopee* is a jazz song made famous by Eddie Cantor in the 1928 musical *Whoopie!* Gus Kahn wrote the lyrics and Walter Donaldson composed the music for the song and the entire musical.

The title refers to celebrating a marriage. Eventually "making whoopee" was used to mean something else!



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**Have you been to a wedding?**

# When I'm 64

Written by John Lennon and Paul McCartney and features on the *Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band* album of 1967.



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**Apparently, Paul McCartney wrote this song when he was 16!**  
**Did you have favourite music when you were 16?**  
**Did you hear it in a special place?**

**A beautiful song next, sit back and enjoy.**

# Over the Rainbow

*Over the Rainbow* was composed by Harold Arlen with lyrics by Yip Harburg. It was written for the 1939 film *The Wizard of Oz* and was sung by actress Judy Garland in her starring role as Dorothy Gale. It won the Academy Award for Best Original Song and became Garland's signature song. It has been recorded by many artists over the years, most recently by Eva Cassidy.



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**Can you name the colours of the Rainbow?**  
**Here's a tune to remind you (hum the tune together).**  
**Is there a special place you have seen a rainbow?"**

# La Paloma

*La Paloma* or *The Dove* in English is a very popular Spanish song – there over 1,000 versions of it. Alongside *Yesterday* by The Beatles, it is one of the most recorded songs of all time!



**Have you been to Spain?**  
**Have you visited any other countries?**  
**Did you visit them on holiday?**

**Get ready for our final piece,**  
**another chance to join in if you would like to.**



# English Country Garden

*English Country Garden* is an English folk tune collected by Cecil Sharp from the playing of William Kimber and arranged for piano in 1918 by Percy Grainger.



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**Do you like gardening?**

**Are there any plants or trees you like to see in a garden?**

**Do you have a favourite?**

**Thank you for joining us today and we do look forward to seeing you again on one of our next videos.**