



Sing for Hull

With the Albemarle Broadband



Week 6 – This Is My Wish

Listening Activities

This Is My Wish was written by Kevin Ross for a Glade scented candle advertising campaign. It describes his wish that the world would come together to live in peace and harmony. It tells the listeners to 'lift their lights and shine', uniting through joyful song. Listen to the original version of the song and answer these questions:

1. What time of year do you think this song was written for? Does it make you think of any seasonal celebrations?
2. In the chorus, the lyrics say, '*shine, shine, shine*'. What happens in the music during those words? Why do you think this word is repeated three times?
3. The song talks about the world uniting in peace and harmony. How do you think the music matches the message of the song? How would you describe the style and mood of the song?
4. Look at the structure of the song. Can you spot the Intro, Verse, Chorus and Outro? What instrument features in the Intro and Outro?
5. The penultimate (second to last) Chorus is a bit different, as the melody line is re-worked and *ad lib* is added? Can you hear the changes? What do you think *ad lib* is?
6. Do you like the song? Why?
7. This Is My Wish was written for a scented candle advert at Christmas time. Can you think of any other songs that have been used in Christmas adverts?

This is my Wish – Did you know?

Did you know that the lyrics of the song mention the words *harmony* and *melody*. The word **harmony** means "to be in agreement or at peace" which fits with the message of the song. The word **harmony** also has a musical meaning; 'a combination of musical sounds to create a pleasing effect'. If you listen to *This Is My Wish* you will hear backing singers adding **harmony** to the music, surrounding the **melody** (main line) with a combination of pleasing notes.