

### WE'RE CHECKING UP ON YOU

We're checking up on you, inspecting every school  
Suspecting some of you are breaking all our rules.  
We're checking up on stuff, we're being really tough.  
We're not sure if you're working hard enough.

**Some of you are getting lazy,  
Everything you learn is hazy.  
It's bound to make us frown.  
It's enough to drive us crazy.**

**Your lessons here are all quite shaky.  
If you don't improve, if you don't improve,  
We'll close you down!**

We're checking up on you, we're not sure what you do.  
You think you're cool but we're assure you, we're not fools.  
You know you're all the same, you try to pass the blame.  
It's time to learn that this can never be a game!

#### **Chorus**

We're checking up on you, making you tick each box.  
For every point you lose will be a nasty shock!  
Your papers aren't in line, for that you'll get a fine.  
Tick boxes to be sure your school will really shine!

#### **Chorus**

### ELIZABETH I

As a child she was a scholar, studying and living quietly  
Never knowing what her future place in history would be,  
Never thinking that one day she would sit upon that lonely throne  
And the fate of her country would be down to her alone.

From the minute she was crowned and she became a queen  
Bad people were against her, whispering behind the scenes.  
She picked her friends and allies well, sent men to countries new  
To trade and bring back wealth untold, they brought potatoes too.

#### Instrumental

#### Courtiers:

Now she's old and all alone, but she's loved by one and all  
From the richest to the poorest they flock to her when she calls  
She defeated the Armada, and she singed the dreaded Spaniard's  
beard  
Her country now is rich and strong, with a navy to be feared.

She was born a woman but she's strong as any man  
She's cleverer than Shakespeare who's renowned throughout the land  
With a woman at the helm we will one day rule the world  
And we say "Fie" to any man who says "she's just a girl".  
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### BOUDICCA

I'm a Celtic queen and my hair is red  
My husband died and left me all alone  
Romans took our land after he was dead  
I will fight to get back everything I own.

**I am Boudicca, fierce warrior  
You will not see me down on bended knee  
I am Boudicca fierce warrior  
I am here to set my people free.**

Off to war I go in my chariot strong  
To burn and beat the Romans is my aim  
I am not alone, with my angry throng  
We will beat them at their evil game.

#### **Chorus**

We are on a roll fighting as we go  
Crushing those we meet along the way  
Romans flee from us scattering to and fro  
Wishing they had never seen the light of day.

#### **Chorus**

I want to win back my home  
I'll even do it alone  
I'll make my name go down in history  
I want to win back my land  
Don't need the help of a man. Woah!

As her army moves on to Watling Street  
Little knowing we'll be knocking at death's door  
Though this fight will soon end in our defeat  
It's her name that will live forever more.

She was Boudicca, fierce warrior!  
You did not see her down on bended knee.  
She was Boudicca, fierce warrior!  
She was here to set her people free.  
She was here to set her people free.

### SCOTT OF THE ANTARCTIC

White snow, white ice, white land, that's all our world is now  
No colours any more, nothing but white sky and frozen sea  
So cold, numbing cold,  
Hungry too, no food, suddenly we feel so far from home.

Snow storms, ice winds, weather we can't overcome  
Still we must carry on  
Death is near, coming here  
We made a vow. Stay together till the bitter end.

## BRUNEL

**Isambard Kingdom Brunel**  
**He built great bridges and he built them well**  
**Tunnels and steam ships and engines too**  
**Railways and canals bringing me to you.**

Flowing rivers, green meadows, rolling hills and dales  
Horse-drawn carriages delivering our mail.  
Journeys taking days on end, people far apart  
Life was slow and hard back then, progress had to start.

### **Chorus**

Noisy mills and factories grew up across the land  
We were poor but some grew rich, building mansions grand  
Victims of our place of birth, little chance to change  
Moving on was for the rich, for us life stayed the same.

### **Chorus**

Then came a man with a plan so grand, nothing in his way  
Thanks to him we all could go across the country in one day  
His bridges spanned vast valleys, his railways countless miles  
Everyone could move around across the British Isles.

### **Chorus**

Soon construction started, machines and clanking chains  
Engines, cranes and pistons, iron, grease and trains  
Bridges, canals, railways too, linking families and friends  
He even built a tunnel beneath the River Thames.

His energy and vision changed our lives forever more  
The world is now our Oyster card, he opened many doors  
Great Britain grew in Brunel's time, greater at every stage  
His work ensured this land of ours entered the modern age.

### **Chorus**

## SHAKESPEARE

To be or not to be that is the question  
*Or are the words of Shakespeare beyond my comprehension?*  
Friends Romans countrymen – he said lend me your ears  
*It's hearing words like these my friend that brings me to tears.*

He said shall I compare thee to a summer's day?  
*A compliment like this would still please any lady*  
Give every man thy ear, but few thy voice.  
**A horse! A horse! My kingdom for a horse!**

**Shakespeare, he makes yer, listen to the words**  
**He shakes yer, he wakes yer, opens up your world.**  
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**He shakes yer, he wakes yer, opens up your world.**

There is a tide in the affairs of men,  
*It means there is something happening to them*  
Now is the winter of our discontent.  
*We're feeling a bit down that's what he meant*

He said that all glisters is not gold  
*He's right my friend, my bling looks good but it certainly ain't gold*  
Words without thoughts never to heaven go.  
**Romeo, Romeo, wherefore art thou Romeo?**

### **Chorus**

The quality of mercy is not strained  
*Forgiveness should come easily he says*  
Neither a borrower nor a lender be.  
*Will says take good care of your own money*

This above all: to thine own self be true  
*That's good advice for me and good advice for you.*  
Shakespeare the man is here no more but still his words live on  
**If music be the food of love he said –Play on, play on!**

### **Chorus**

**Sh,sh,sh,sh, etc.....**

### **Chorus**

## FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE

Called from birth to be a nurse  
My parents thought I was a curse  
I left a life so full of ease  
To conquer sickness and disease.

**Lady of the lamp, they call me lady of the lamp  
Dirt and germs my deadly enemy  
Sickness and disease will not beat me.  
Lady of the lamp, they call me lady of the lamp  
Going round each night to nurse the dying men  
Vowing this must never happen again.**

When war broke out so far away  
Men were injured every day  
They lay dying in dirt and germs  
With no clean clothes to keep them warm

**Chorus**

Back home I start to spread the word  
Telling how to beat those deadly germs  
It all depends on good hygiene  
Keeping hands and hospitals clean.

**Chorus twice**

## NELSON

When he went to sea he was only twelve years old  
And in no time at all he was captain of a ship  
As he sailed around the world and life was one exciting whirl  
Bonaparte was getting stronger and cracking his whip.

**On the ship our hammocks rock us all from side to side  
When we get our sea legs back we take it in our stride  
Then we all go down with scurvy, let us hope the ship's seaworthy  
And that Nelson and the stars at night will be our guide.**

Then I lost his eye and he had to wear a black patch  
When he lost his arm that was really quite a blow  
And there wasn't time for laughter at the Battle of Trafalgar  
But we won the fight and told Napoleon where to go.

**Chorus with additional Scrub the Decks!**

Though he lost one arm he will always be our hero  
And with one good eye he has perfectly good sight  
With Horatio beside us we will eat the French for breakfast  
And the next day we'll be ready for another fight.

**Chorus with additional Scrub the Decks! & Climb the Rigging!**

When we go to sea there is usually a battle  
And between you and me it is often rather grim  
But Lord Nelson's such a beauty we will always do our duty  
When we rule the waves we know it will be down to him.

**Chorus with additional Scrub the Decks! Climb the Rigging! & Fire the Cannon!**

## SUFFRAGETTES

We will go to jail to win the right to vote  
Chain ourselves to rails to win the right to vote

**We will stop at nothing  
And we're not bluffing  
We will stop at nothing to win the right to vote.**

We will spread rude rumours to win the right to vote  
We will wave our bloomers to win the right to vote  
**Chorus**

We will climb up mountains to win the right to vote  
We will dance in fountains to win the right to vote  
**Chorus**

We will take to the streets to win the right to vote  
We will refuse to eat to win the right to vote  
**Chorus**

We will rally our troops to win the right to vote  
We will form action groups to win the right to vote

**Chorus**

We will change the law to win the right to vote  
We will fight a war to win the right to vote

**Chorus**

**Instrumental and voice over for 2 children:**

*Sisters, if you have ever voted in an election, thank Emmeline Pankhurst. And if you have ever decided NOT to vote in an election, you can thank Emmeline for having that choice.*

*And Brothers, you can thank Emmeline too: for freeing your mothers, sisters, aunts, wives and daughters from lifetimes of voiceless, subservient frustration, and enabling our talents, opinions, creativity and humanity to enrich our society.*

We will change the law to win the right to vote  
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**Chorus**

**Then reprise the last verse and chorus with the audience.**

## **HISTORY**

History, means so much to me  
Full of mystery, it is part of me  
History, not just family trees  
It is history that has set us free.

Now we know that history matters  
Studying what happened long ago, long ago.  
All those people made a difference  
And the things they did we need to know, we need to know.

Learning of the past is so important  
Hearing tales of heroes long ago, long ago  
How they changed our world and for the better  
Knowing what they did will help us grow, help us grow.

History, means so much to me  
Full of mystery, it is part of me  
History, not just family trees  
It is history that has set us free.

We can't only think about tomorrow  
We should know what happened in the past, in the past.  
The world today was made by those before us  
And today this world is changing fast, changing fast.

You can never take away our heroes  
Thanks to them the world's a better place, better place.  
Without them we would all be zero  
They've made a difference to the human race, human race.

History, history  
Now we all can see  
The past has set us free  
History, history  
Now we all can see  
It makes up you and me

### **Then in 3 parts:**

#### **Voice 1:**

History, means so much to me  
Full of mystery, it is part of me  
History, not just family trees  
It is history that has set us free.  
(repeat)

#### **Voice 2:**

Learning of the past is so important  
Hearing tales of heroes long ago, long ago  
How they changed our world and for the better  
Knowing what they did will help us grow, help us grow.

You can never take away our heroes  
Thanks to them the world's a better place, better place.  
Without them we would all be zero  
They've made a difference to the human race, human race.

#### **Voice 3:**

Now we know that history matters  
Studying what happened long ago, long ago.  
All those people made a difference  
And the things they did we need to know, we need to know.

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The world today was made by those before us  
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