

“Let it be”

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1. Listen to the song “Let it be” by the Beatles. Circle the words you hear from the list.

yesterday	find	trouble	double	vision
wisdom	standing	let it be	whisper	started
living	after	answer	sea	see
words	woods	cloudy	shines	learning
tomorrow	children	wake up	music	starting

2. Match each word with its definition.

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| a. trouble | 1. good sense and judgment, based especially on your life experience |
| b. wisdom | 2. to speak or say something very quietly, using your breath instead of your voice |
| c. whisper | 3. problems or difficulties |

3. Does this song make you feel happy or sad? Write down why and find out what your classmates think.

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Teacher's Notes

1. Before listening to the song, let the class read the list of words in exercise 1. Afterwards, let the students listen to the song 2 or 3 times and circle the words they hear from the list.

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3. Meaning of the song & discussion.

Ask the students to take a few minutes to think about the song and how it makes them feel: happy or sad, or both? Then hold a brief class discussion, letting volunteers share their thoughts with the class.

Afterwards, you can also tell your students that the song "Let it be", written and sung by Paul McCartney, was released by the Beatles in 1970. It was the last single that the band released before McCartney announced that he would leave the band, which led to the final break-up of the Beatles. Some may interpret the song as both happy and sad at the same time. The members of the band are sad that the band is breaking up, but at the same time, they feel that it's the right thing to do and are hopeful and happy about the future.