

# Singing - Quiet/When I Grow Up

## Instructions

In keeping of this week's theme of Matilda, we have two songs! You get to pick which one you want to sing. They are of two different paces and emotions. **When I Grow Up** is hopeful but scared and full of melancholy. **Quiet** is more concerned, faster paced, almost frantic and frightened. You can pick which one you feel like performing, or do both if you feel like it.

Watch Jade's video and practice using the backing track in the audio section.

When you are ready record a video of yourself and submit it down the bottom of the webpage.

Make sure to remember all of the good singing techniques we have learnt over the past few weeks, but also remember that this is quite a story focused song, so try and focus on the characterisation of the person singing. Use your face, body and surroundings to add characterisation.

## Quiet Lyrics

Have you ever wondered, Well I have, About how when I say say red,

For example there's no way of knowing if red, Means the same thing in your head,

As red means in my head when someone says red.

And how if we are traveling at Almost the speed of light,

And we're holding a light, That light would still travel away from us,

At the full speed of light, Which seems right in our way, But I'm trying to say,

I'm not sure, But I wonder if inside my head, I'm not just a bit different from some of my friends, These answers that come into my mind unbidden, These stories delivered to me fully written.

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And when every shouts they seem to like shouting. The noise in my head is incredibly loud.

And I just wish they'd stop, My dad and my mum. And the tele and stories would stop for just once. And I'm sorry, I'm not quite explaining it right, But this noise becomes anger and the anger is light, And its burning inside me would usually fade. But it isn't today! And the heat and the shouting. And my heart is pounding. And my eyes are burning, And suddenly everything, everything is...

Quiet. Like silence, but not really silent. Just that still sort of quiet.

Like the sound of a page being turned in a book. Or a pause in a walk in the woods.

Quiet. Like silence, but not really silent. Just that nice kind of quiet.

Like the sound when you lie upside down in your bed. Just the sound of your heart in your head. And though the people around me. Their mouths are still moving.

The words they are forming. Cannot reach me anymore!

And it is quiet. And I am warm. Like I've sailed. Into the eye of the storm.

## **When I Grow Up Lyrics**

When I grow up, I will be tall enough to reach the branches That I need to reach to climb the trees  
you get to climb, When you're grown up.

And when I grow up, I will be smart enough to answer All the questions that you need to know the  
answers to, Before you're grown up.

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And when I grow up, I will eat sweets every day on the way to work, And I will go to bed late every night!  
And I will wake up when the sun comes up, And I will watch cartoons until my eyes go square, And I won't  
care 'cause I'll be all grown up! When I grow up!



When I grow up, (when I grow up), (when I grow up), I will be strong enough to carry all the heavy things  
You have to haul around with you When you're a grown-up!

And when I grow up, (when I grow up), (when I grow up), I will be brave enough to fight the creatures That  
you have to fight beneath the bed each night, To be a grown-up!

And when I grow up, (when I grow up), I will have treats every day. And I'll play with things that mum  
pretends That mums don't think are fun.

And I will wake up when the sun comes up And I will spend all day just lying in the sun, But I won't burn  
'cause I'll be all grown-up! When I grow up!

And when I grow up, (when I grow up), I will be brave enough to fight the creatures That you have to fight  
beneath the bed each night, To be a grown-up!

(When I grow up) Just because you find that life's not fair It doesn't mean that you just have to grin and  
bear it. If you always take it on the chin and wear it, nothing will change!

(When I grow up) Just because I find myself in this story, It doesn't mean that everything is written for me.  
If I think the ending is fixed already, I might as well be saying I think that it's OK!, And that's not right!