



GREATER MANCHESTER MUSIC HUB
PRIMARY SCHOOLS' SINGING CHALLENGE 2015

Following the success of the first Primary Schools' Singing Challenge in March 2014, the Greater Manchester Music Hub has commissioned another song for 2015 from local composer Rob Wilding. After consulting with a few schools about ideas for a historical theme, it was finally decided to go with a suggestion for a song about the chronology of British history, which would help children to remember the sequence of events and some important dates. The title of the song is '**Timeline Detective**' and as with last year, it is hoped that as many schools as possible will learn the song, either with a class, a choir, a whole year group or Key Stage – even with everyone in your school – and sing it on Friday 20th March 2015 at 2.00 pm, so that we can be united in song across the hub.

We are also exploring the possibility that a performance of the song could be streamed live on the web from Swinton High School, Salford sung by Primary Children from across the hub, and that your school would be able to tune in and sing along. Details about this will be issued two weeks prior to the event, together with a weblink and any instructions so that you know how to log on.

Given that the song covers a considerable historical span, it is a little longer than last year's song, but it can still be used as a flexible resource and indeed this is encouraged.

- You can teach the whole song to everyone
- You can divide the different sections amongst different groups/classes, joining together for a performance
- You can just learn the chant and one or two sections if time is short
- It can be accompanied by piano or by using the backing track

To help you learn the song, there is:

- A PDF score of the vocal parts with piano accompaniment
- A separate PDF score of just the vocal lines
- A word document containing a word sheet
- A complete backing track
- Backing tracks for individual sections of the song
- A rehearsal track, sung by Rob to help you learn the song
- Rehearsal tracks for individual sections of the song



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All of the resources are available to download on the GM Music Hub Website. Just go to the home page www.gmmusic hub.co.uk and click on 'Latest Hub News' or 'Hub Resources'.

We very much hope that you will be able to join in this our second Singing Challenge! After the event, please email in your pictures so that we can put them on the website. We would also like to send you a certificate to celebrate your participation in the event, but we can only do this if you let us know that you are taking part! Please contact us using the details below, either to let us know that you are joining in, to send us your pictures, or just if you need more information or help:

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Happy Singing!