

Test Your Speaking & Listening Skills

Match the Song Lyrics – “Keep Going”

“Keep Going” is a song for two people to sing: a duet between a daughter and her father.

Below you will find the lyrics, but they are not complete. The last line of each verse is missing. Listen to the lines as they are read out by your teacher. They are not read in order. Write the correct line in the correct blank space in the song.

Keep Going

The daughter:

I went to school, well everybody goes to school
My favourite teacher was a guy who set good books
I found the hardest thing at school was how to spell

My mother worked and brought me up
We were friends until I turned fourteen
Then she found herself a man to love her, she would say

I got married aged nineteen, not to my first love
I'm divorced now and a mother to my boys
They keep me sane these two, I wouldn't have it any other way

I left my second job to have my first son
I'm working all the hours I can get
I've always kept our head above the water's edge

The father:

I went north, at first I lived in a cheap place
Until a friend was kind enough to put me up
So I went looking for a job, and I found work in engineering

I got my own house and made a friend
It's never easy when you're moving on
You'll always need to find a person somewhere

She brought her girls and all their things and all her clothes
We settled down and made a life that wasn't hard
We lived as any couple would with two young girls

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Though they were my joy, growing up
I couldn't help but think about my girl
And every day that passed I lost another piece of you

The daughter:

One day I'd like to meet the one who'll sweep me from my aching feet
Who'll take the ends and make them meet
If he exists, that is, my friends say he does not exist

The father:

If they call I will come running
I will walk through fire forever if they ever want me to
It seems that we have lost the time we needed that could make us friends

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Answers:

Your teacher should read out the lines which are **highlighted in grey** slowly and in a random order:

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The daughter:

I went to school, well everybody goes to school
My favourite teacher was a guy who set good books
I found the hardest thing at school was how to spell
And I'm appalling now, especially when I'm tired

My mother worked and brought me up
We were friends until I turned fourteen
Then she found herself a man to love her, she would say
He was nothing like you, nothing like you

I got married aged nineteen, not to my first love
I'm divorced now and a mother to my boys
They keep me sane these two, I wouldn't have it any other way
And we don't see him any more

I left my second job to have my first son
I'm working all the hours I can get
I've always kept our head above the water's edge
Stopped the water's ruin

The father:

I went north, at first I lived in a cheap place
Until a friend was kind enough to put me up
So I went looking for a job, and I found work in engineering
Something I have always loved

I got my own house and made a friend
It's never easy when you're moving on
You'll always need to find a person somewhere
You can call upon

She brought her girls and all their things and all her clothes
We settled down and made a life that wasn't hard
We lived as any couple would with two young girls
We had our ups and downs like anybody else

Though they were my joy, growing up
I couldn't help but think about my girl
And every day that passed I lost another piece of you
Like a fool – just like a fool

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The daughter:

One day I'd like to meet the one who'll sweep me from my aching feet
Who'll take the ends and make them meet
If he exists, that is, my friends say he does not exist
But I've always been quite the optimist

The father:

If they call I will come running
I will walk through fire forever if they ever want me to
It seems that we have lost the time we needed that could make us friends
And I do not know what to do