

Let's do some thinking about a song  
from a long time ago....

*We'll Meet  
Again*



You may have heard in the news that Dame Vera Lynn died on the 18<sup>th</sup> June 2020. She was 103 years old.

Vera Lynn was a very famous singer during World War 2. She sang songs which gave people hope. We'll Meet Again was one of her most famous songs.



The Queen even used words from We'll Meet Again in her address to the nation to give people hope when our country went into 'lockdown'.

You can find out more about the story behind We'll Meet Again here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GBzE7fskh5Y>



You might like to watch this version of the song, which was made for the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day. It combines Vera Lynn's voice with other famous singers and shows everyday people joining in:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SKSc8BLXAJ8>



# We'll Meet Again

We'll meet again, don't know where, don't know when  
But I know we'll meet again some sunny day  
Keep smiling through, just like you always do  
Till the blue skies drive the dark clouds far away

So will you please say Hello, to the folks that I know  
Tell them I won't be long  
They'll be happy to know, that as you saw me go  
I was singing this song

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But I know we'll meet again some sunny day

# Thinking Challenge

How does the song know that it will be a 'sunny day' when the people meet again – does it really mean this literally or does it mean something else?

When the song tells the listener to 'keep smiling through', what does this mean - keep smiling through what?

Why would the folks that the singer knows be happy to know that she was singing this song?

Is the song a sad or a happy song? Can you explain why?



# Something to discuss with your family

Whenever people in Britain are feeling down or are facing big challenges (like the Coronavirus pandemic), they seem to like to think about World War 2 and the stories and songs from that era. Why do you think this is?

