

## St Joseph's School

### 'STAND BY ME' Recording instructions

Hello again everyone! Thank you for wanting to get involved in our virtual choir version of Stand By Me. This is a unique chance for YOU to be a part of something very special – a memory to mark the end of one personal journey and the start of your next!

We want to add as many of your voices onto it as we can – forget whether you think you are a 'good' or a 'bad' singer – sing from the heart and leave the production side to me!

Now... follow the following steps:

#### FIRST : LISTENING and PRACTISING

Recording is basically a process of 'layering'. I've provided you with the first 'layer' with this 'guide' track for you to sing along with. Copy the link and search and it should pop up!

<https://soundcloud.com/mikemcgrother/stand-by-me-guide-for-st-josephs-primary-school/s-SPPEZEN4ghd>

On a tablet or PC have a listen a few times to help you learn the song. You will be singing the chorus part - **all the words in red**. You shouldn't have to download any app – it should just appear when you click on the link. When you feel you know it just practise a few times by singing along without recording! Think about how the voice on the recording sounds and try to get 'feeling' into your singing. I forced my daughter to sing it for you!

#### NEXT : RECORDING

##### WHAT DO YOU NEED?

1. **MOBILE PHONE** on a table or desk. Find the **VOICE RECORDER APP** on it – any ready installed one will do or download a free one.

2. **THE TABLET OR a PC OR LAPTOP OR SECOND PHONE** still logged onto the same link:

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and...

3. **HEADPHONES PLUGGED INTO (not bluetooth) THAT TABLET / PC / LAPTOP / SECOND PHONE**

##### HOW DOES IT WORK!?

The **MOBILE PHONE** is your **microphone** – your recording studio and the thing you SING into. Place it on a table around 4 - 6 feet away from you, (a bit less than social distancing!)

The **TABLET / PC / LAPTOP / OTHER PHONE** is your '**piano player**' or **conductor** – the person you need to follow to sing the right thing at the right time – the thing you LISTEN to.

The **HEADPHONES** are how you are able to listen to the music. **BUT THERE IS A SPECIAL TRICK**. IDEALLY you need to keep one headphone on your ear and the other one OFF the other ear. This will help you to hear the music... BUT ALSO hear your voice – it helps you sing in tune! If you have both headphones on it becomes difficult to know if you are singing the right tune! TRUST ME – it's what most recording artists do. Don't worry if you feel you are singing a slightly different version - just do your best!

Have a little practise and then simply record your voice onto your Phone Voice Recorder App whilst singing along **to all the words in red** (the chorus track). Don't worry or panic about a gap before you sing - just relax - I can cut it to fit with the song. REMEMBER I should only hear YOUR voice – not the backing track.

## THE WORDS

The song starts with an instrumental – wait until you hear the voice singing 'Oh darling...'

When the night, has come  
And the land is dark  
And the moon is the only light we'll see  
No I won't, be afraid, no I won't be afraid  
Just as long - as you stand, stand by me

**Oh darling, darling, stand by me  
Oh stand by me  
Oh Stand....  
Stand by me**

If the sky, we look upon  
Should tumble and fall  
And the mountains should crumble to the sea  
I won't cry, I won't cry, no I won't shed a tear  
Just as long - as you stand, stand by me

**Oh darling, darling, stand by me  
Oh stand by me  
Oh stand...  
Stand by me**

INSTRUMENTAL, (me on my violin!)

**Oh darling, darling, Stand by me  
Oh stand by me  
Oh stand...  
Stand by me  
Oh darling darling stand by me  
Oh stand by me  
Oh stand  
Stand by me, Stand by me, Stand by me, Stand by me**

**Next, send us your sound file**

1. Name your track so we can identify you.
2. Email your track to the following address: [voices@stjosephsjarrow.co.uk](mailto:voices@stjosephsjarrow.co.uk)  
by **1pm on Monday 6th July.**

I'll mix the various lines together and then we will share the results with you as soon as possible.

Mike