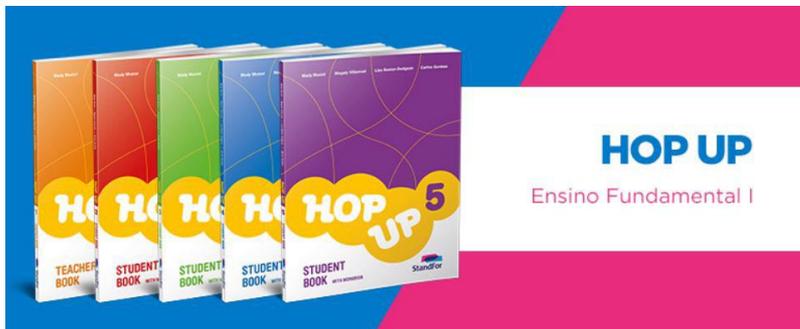


# English is Music to My Ears (Teaching English with Music)



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or videos due to  
copyrights, but I've  
included the references.**



Good morning!

Good morning!

Good morning!

Good morning!

To you, and you and you  
and you

(Song from the movie "Singing in the Rain")

If your class is in the afternoon, change the lyrics.

Good afternoon!

Good afternoon!

Good afternoon!

Good afternoon!

To you, and you and you  
and you

What was the first song you learned in English?



# “Goodbye Yellow Brick Road”



When are you gonna come down?

When are you going to land?

I should have stayed on the farm

I should have listened to my old man



Watch this scene from “Glee”

Season 3 – Episode 12  
“The Spanish Teacher”

(I can't include the video, but you can find it easily in the episode. It's the scene where they mention songs can help students learn languages better.)

# Anice Paterson and Jane Willis in *English Through Music*



“Songs and language work well together. Singing is a great way to learn and memorize words and expressions and to get familiar with the sounds and structure of the language.”

“Songs and music in general have the ability to affect our emotions. Many people can be moved by tears or other strong emotion by music, and songs can acquire strong emotional association with people, events and places.”

Dale T. Griffiee in *Songs in Action*

Songs  
stick  
to  
your  
mind



What's the best song to learn / teach English?

**BEST  
SONGS**



# Finding specific songs



PRESENT  
TENSE



“he lives” + lyrics

Google Search

I'm Feeling Lucky



“doesn’t live” + lyrics

Google Search

I'm Feeling Lucky



She Doesn't Live Here Anymore

*Roxette*

**PRESENT**  
**PERFECT CONTINUOUS**

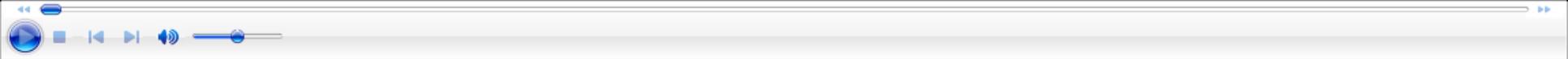
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“I’ve been drinking” + lyrics

Google Search

I'm Feeling Lucky



# Hangover

*Taio Cruz*



**Second  
Conditional**



“If I were” + lyrics

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I'm Feeling Lucky



“If I had” + lyrics

Google Search

I'm Feeling Lucky



If I Had a Gun  
*Noel Gallagher*

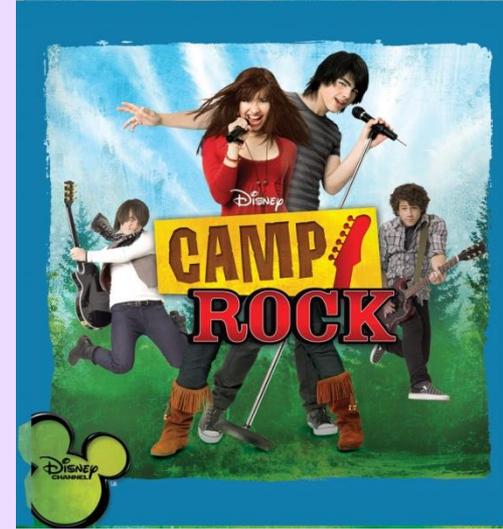
# Linking sounds



Come as you are

You're a superstar

World's in your pocket and you know it



Zalov Ma Shi



And now I know what they mean  
He's a love machine  
How he makes me dizzy

**Songs are great to learn English!**

**Students are exposed to real language!**

**Native speakers speak English correctly!**

**She's got a ticket to ride**

**She's got a ticket to ride**

**She's got a ticket to ride**

**But she don't care**

**She's got a ticket to ride**

**She's got a ticket to ride**

**She's got a ticket to ride**

**But she doesn't care**

(Sing the song with the grammatically correct lyrics.)





Sophie reads her mother's diary to her friends.

In the diary, her mother writes about her relationships.

Honey, honey, how he thrills me, uh, uh

Honey, honey

Honey, honey, nearly kills me, uh, uh

Honey, honey

I heard about him before

I wanted to know some more

And now I know what they mean

He's a love machine

How he makes me dizzy

Imagine Sophie is reading her father's diary.  
He's writing about his girlfriend.

What would the song be like?

Honey, honey, how **she thrills** me, uh, uh

Honey, honey

Honey, honey, nearly **kills** me, uh, uh

Honey, honey

I heard about **her** before

I wanted to know some more

And now I know what they mean

**She's** a love machine

How **she makes** me dizzy

Imagine Sophie's mother wrote about her three boyfriends at the same time.



Honey, honey, how **they thrill** me, uh, uh

Honey, honey

Honey, honey, nearly **kill** me, uh, uh

Honey, honey

I heard about **them** before

I wanted to know some more

And now I know what they mean

**They're** love machines

How **they make** me dizzy

Imagine Sophie is thinking about her boyfriend. She imagines she's talking to him.



Honey, honey, how **you thrill** me, uh, uh

Honey, honey

Honey, honey, nearly **kill** me, uh, uh

Honey, honey

I heard about **you** before

I wanted to know some more

And now I know what they mean

**You're** a love machine

How **you make** me dizzy

Now imagine Sophie thinks she's super hot. She thinks she drives men crazy.

She sings about herself and the effect she has on men.

Honey, honey, how I thrill you, uh, uh

Honey, honey

Honey, honey, nearly kill you, uh, uh

Honey, honey

You heard about me before

You wanted to know some more

And now you know what they mean

I'm a love machine

How I make you dizzy



Life is a mystery, everyone must stand alone

I hear you call my name

And it feels like home

When you call my name it's like a little prayer

I'm down on my knees,

I wanna take you there

In the midnight hour I can feel your power

Just like a prayer you know I'll take you there

I hear your voice, it's like an angel sighing

I have no choice, I hear your voice

Feels like flying

I close my eyes, oh God I think I'm falling

Out of the sky, I close my eyes

Heaven help me

Imagine this story took  
place in the past!



**BACK**  
*to the*  
**Past**

Life was a mystery, everyone had to stand alone

I heard you call my name

And it felt like home

When you called my name it was like a little prayer

I was down on my knees,

I wanted to take you there

In the midnight hour I could feel your power

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Heaven help me

# Play with the songs



# SHE LOVES YOU

The Beatles

**She loves you**

**Yeah, yeah, yeah**

**She loves you**

**Yeah, yeah, yeah**

**She loves you**

**Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah**

# SHE LOVES YOU

The Beatles

She **loves** you

Yeah, yeah, yeah

She **loves** you

Yeah, yeah, yeah

She **loves** you

Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah

**SHE**

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**The Beatles**

**She**

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**Yeah, yeah, yeah**

**She**

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**Yeah, yeah, yeah**

**She**

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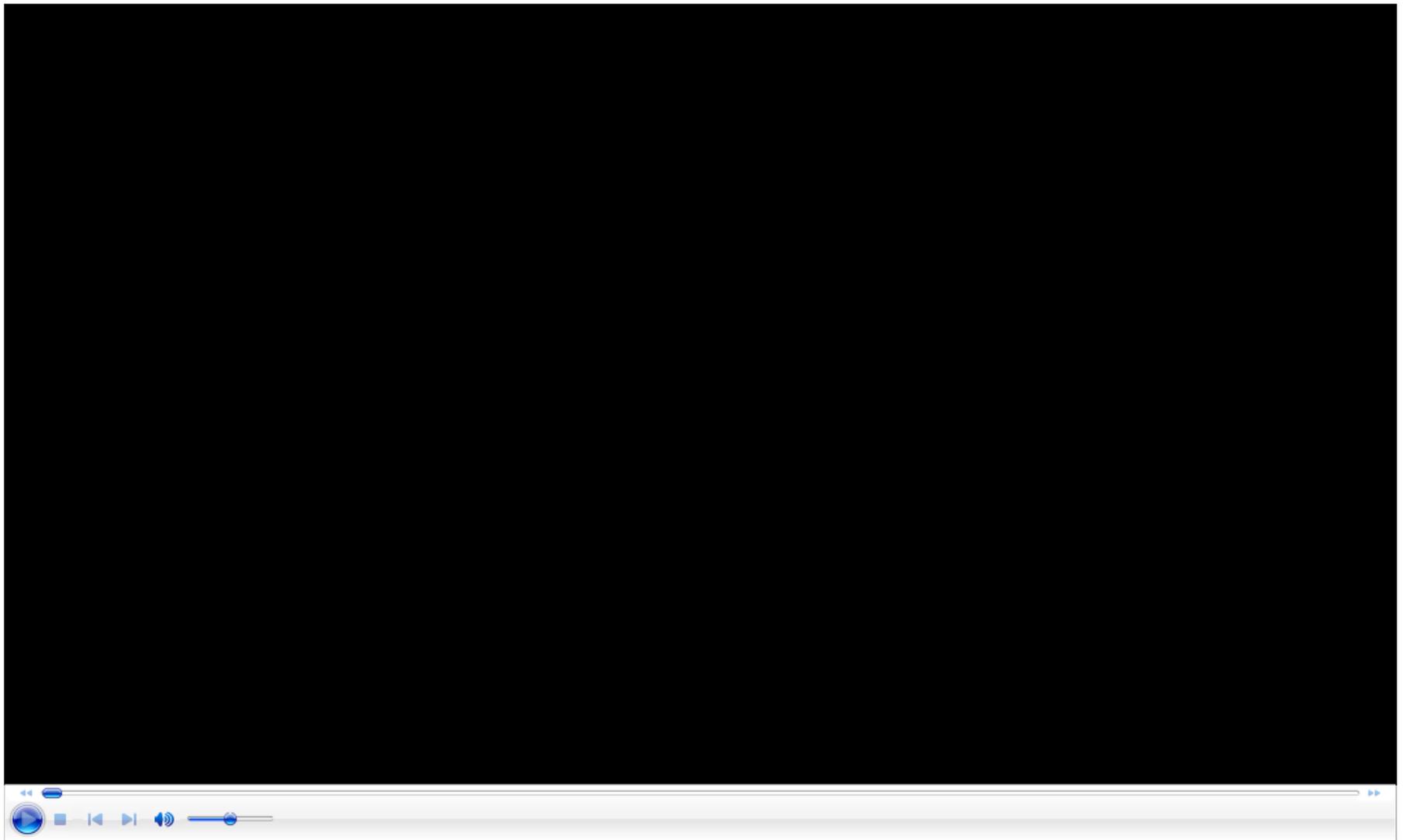
**Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah**

(Use different verbs. Sing and dance.)

IF YOU LOVE SOMETHING,  
SET IT FREE...



...UNLESS IT'S A TIGER.



Unless You Speak From Your Heart  
*Porcelain Raft*

We can go skating

We can't go skating

unless the lake is frozen.

if the lake is frozen.

We can go skating

We can't go skating

unless the lake is frozen.

if the lake is frozen.

Unless the sun shines,

If the sun shines,

it will be cool.

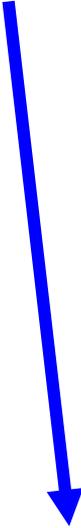
it will be warm.

Unless the sun shines,

If the sun shines,



it will be cool.



it will be warm.

You can travel abroad

unless you have a  
passport.

if you have a passport.

You can't travel abroad

You can travel abroad

unless you have a  
passport.

if you have a passport.

You can't travel abroad

a fire does not burn.

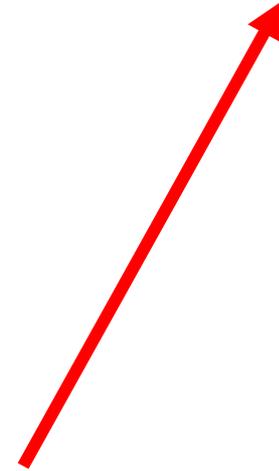
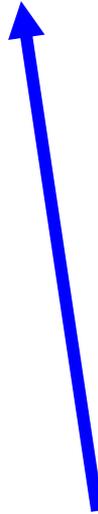
a fire burns.

Unless there is oxygen,

If there is oxygen,

a fire does not burn.

a fire burns.



Unless there is oxygen,

If there is oxygen,

I'll go to the party  
unless Peter goes.

I'll go to the party if  
Peter goes.

I like him.

I hate him.

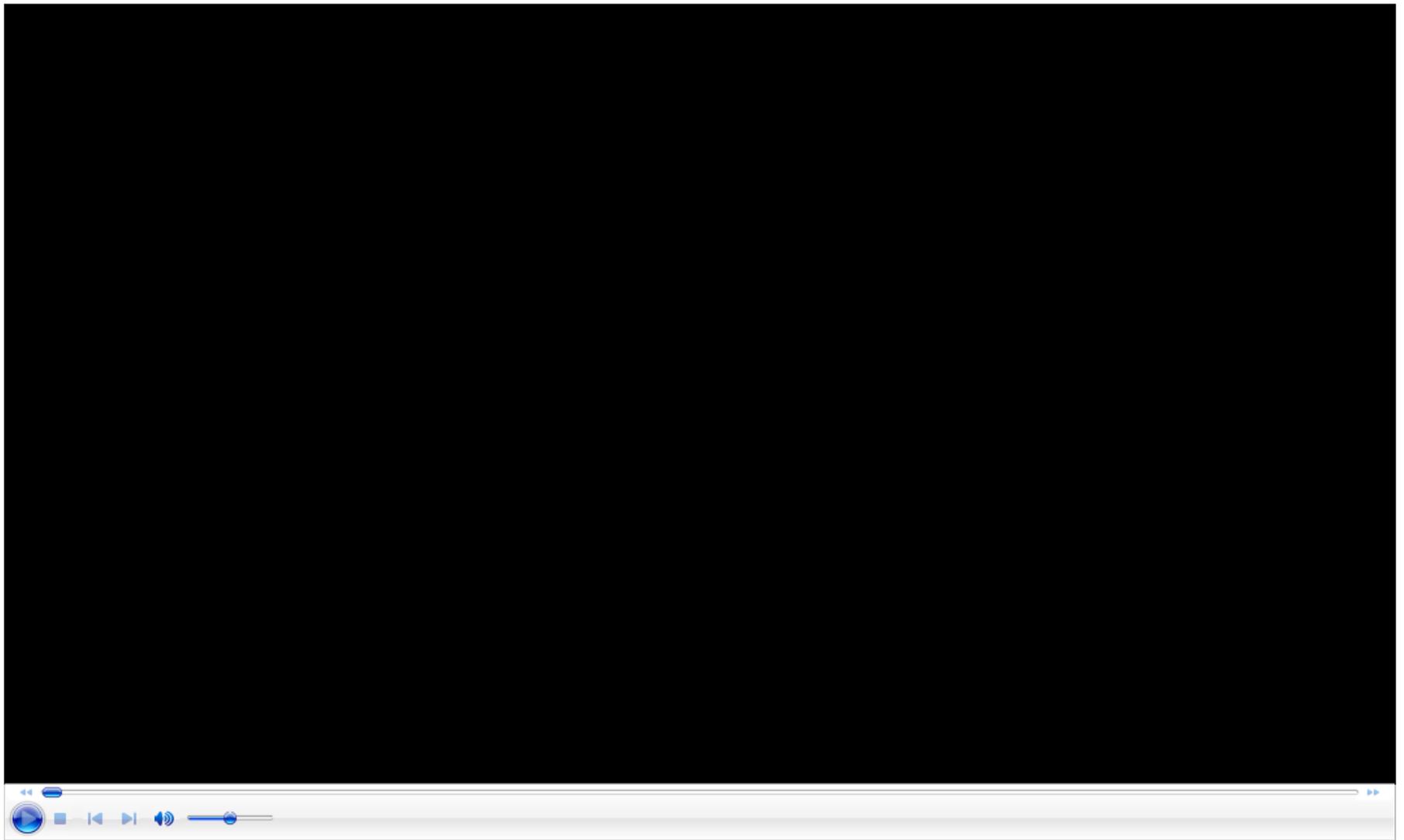
I'll go to the party  
unless Peter goes.

I'll go to the party if  
Peter goes.

I like him.

I hate him.

And now let's sing again!





Queen

Don't Stop Me Now

Don't stop me, don't stop me, don't stop me

Hey, hey, hey

Don't stop me, don't stop me, ooh ooh ooh

I like it

Don't stop me, don't stop me,

Have a good time, good time

Don't stop me, don't stop me

Oh

I → me

he → him

she → her

it → it

we → us

they → them

he

Don't stop \_\_\_\_, don't stop \_\_\_\_, don't stop \_\_\_\_

Hey, hey, hey

Don't stop \_\_\_\_, don't stop \_\_\_\_, ooh ooh ooh

I like it

Don't stop \_\_\_\_, don't stop \_\_\_\_

Have a good time, good time

Don't stop \_\_\_\_, don't stop \_\_\_\_

Oh

she

Don't stop \_\_\_\_, don't stop \_\_\_\_, don't stop \_\_\_\_

Hey, hey, hey

Don't stop \_\_\_\_, don't stop \_\_\_\_, ooh ooh ooh

I like it

Don't stop \_\_\_\_, don't stop \_\_\_\_

Have a good time, good time

Don't stop \_\_\_\_, don't stop \_\_\_\_

Oh

it

Don't stop \_\_\_\_, don't stop \_\_\_\_, don't stop \_\_\_\_

Hey, hey, hey

Don't stop \_\_\_\_, don't stop \_\_\_\_, ooh ooh ooh

I like it

Don't stop \_\_\_\_, don't stop \_\_\_\_

Have a good time, good time

Don't stop \_\_\_\_, don't stop \_\_\_\_

Oh

we

Don't stop \_\_\_\_, don't stop \_\_\_\_, don't stop \_\_\_\_

Hey, hey, hey

Don't stop \_\_\_\_, don't stop \_\_\_\_, ooh ooh ooh

I like it

Don't stop \_\_\_\_, don't stop \_\_\_\_

Have a good time, good time

Don't stop \_\_\_\_, don't stop \_\_\_\_

Oh

they

Don't stop \_\_\_\_, don't stop \_\_\_\_, don't stop \_\_\_\_

Hey, hey, hey

Don't stop \_\_\_\_, don't stop \_\_\_\_, ooh ooh ooh

I like it

Don't stop \_\_\_\_, don't stop \_\_\_\_

Have a good time, good time

Don't stop \_\_\_\_, don't stop \_\_\_\_

Oh

# The Best

**You're simply the best**

**Better than all the rest**

**Better than anyone**

**Anyone I ever met**

# The Best

You're simply **the best**

**Better than all the rest**

**Better than anyone**

**Anyone I ever met**

# The Best

You're simply **the** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **than** all the rest

\_\_\_\_\_ **than** anyone

Anyone I ever met

(Use different adjectives)

**Time to say  
Goodbye...**





**Good bye, good bye**

**Good friends, good bye**

**‘Cause now it’s time to go**

**But hey, I say well that’s OK**

**‘Cause we’ll see you very soon I know**

**Very soon I know**

**(Song from “Bear in the Big Blue House”)**

# Thank you!

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