

WW2 – The Blitz



When You're a Kid in WW2

- Click on the link below to view the images as you listen to the song: [When you're a Kid in World War 2](#)
- Listen again and keep the steady beat along to the song (it is in 4 metre, that means count in 4s – 1, 2, 3, 4)
- You could try clicking or clapping just on beat 2 and beat 4 (these are called the “off” beats)
- Finally sing along with the children
- when you feel confident you could perform the song to your family



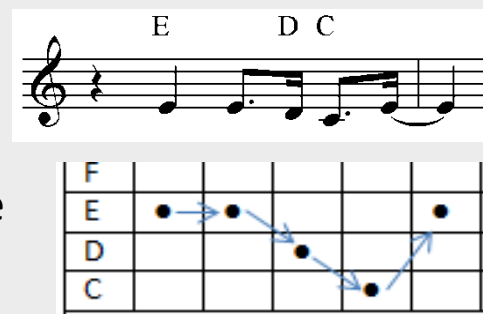


Families in London staying safe
seeing the doctor and sleeping
on the underground platforms!
Do you think they sang songs to keep
their spirits up?

Can you play part of the tune?

(optional activity)

- To play part of the tune you will need the notes of the C major scale C D E F G A B and high C - these are the white notes on a piano or keyboard from middle C up to the next C
(If you haven't got a keyboard or piano you could try playing on a virtual piano or find a free app on an ipad or iphone – find a link for a virtual piano on slide 7 and suggestions for instrument apps on slide 8)
- The first phrase “No lights in the streets” uses the notes E E D C E and looks like this in stave notation
- In grid form the notes of the tune can be written like this. Can you play it?
- How about the next phrase “Two ounces of sweets”? (E E D E F)
- (The full sequence of notes for most of the tune is written in grid form on the next slide if want to have a look at it)



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Here is the sequence of notes for the first 12 lines of the song

C						C						C						C							
B						B						B						B							
A						A						A						A							
G						G						G						G							
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D						D						D						D							
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	No	lights	in	the	street		Two	gun-	ces	of	sweets		Spit-	fires	in	the	air		Gas	masks	to	wear			
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Can you match the tune to the lyrics for the rest of the song - the tune above is repeated almost exactly apart from the lines "Who knows what's in store?" and "When you're a kid in WW 2"?

Here is an online musical instrument site to explore

- Follow this link to a [virtual piano](#) which you can use to play the tune. Find E4 in the middle of the keyboard – the note name will appear in the mini screen / window on the piano
(E is the white note to the right of the two black keys)
- “No lights in the street” is E4, E4, D4, C4, E4 – you need to play the rhythm of the words in the song to make it sound right!
- If you click the SOUNDS button on the piano you will be able to choose different types of sounds to try – Have fun!

Apple Apps

If you have an iPhone or iPad you could use some of these free apps:

- Marimba, Xylophone, Vibraphone
- V Piano Synthesizer Audio Beat
- Garage Band