

# The 'Happy Birthday' Song



How do you  
celebrate your  
birthday?

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## The Song

Happy Birthday to you.  
Happy Birthday to you.  
Happy Birthday, dear friend.  
Happy Birthday to you.

It seems like everybody knows  
this song.



It's a popular song.



Do you like to sing it?

# Popularity

Well, not everybody knows it.  
But it is sung all around the  
world, in many different  
languages.

How do so many people in such  
faraway places know the 'Happy  
Birthday' song? Nobody knows!



People sing it in 18 different languages.



When something is popular, people know it.

# History

More than one hundred years ago, two sisters wrote the song. They were teachers.

They wanted a song that was easy to play, easy to sing and easy to remember.



Their classroom looked like this.



One sister played it on the piano.

# Mystery

People usually sing 'Happy Birthday' with cake. They blow out candles.

Which came first, the song or the cake? Nobody knows!



Cupcakes are popular, too.



A mystery is a question we can't answer.

# Your Birthday

Imagine your next birthday. How will you celebrate? What will you do?

Will your friends sing the 'Happy Birthday' song?



A photo will help you remember it.



We all celebrate differently.

## Conclusion

Almost everybody knows the song. But not everyone knows about its history.

Next time you hear the 'Happy Birthday' song, tell a friend. You know a few things about it!



Did you ever wonder about it?



What is your favourite fact about the song?