



YESTERDAY



THE BEATLES

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Yesterday

All my troubles seemed so far away
 Now it looks as though they're here to stay
 Oh, I believe
 In yesterday

Suddenly
 I'm not half the man I used to be
 There's a shadow hanging over me
 Oh, yesterday
 Came suddenly

Why she
 Had to go I don't know
 She wouldn't say
 I said
 Something wrong now I long
 For yesterday

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 Love was such an easy game to play
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(hum to "I believe in yesterday")

The Beatles were an English rock band formed in Liverpool in 1960, who became one of the most commercially successful and critically acclaimed acts in the history of popular music. In their heyday the group consisted of John Lennon (rhythm guitar, vocals), Paul McCartney (bass guitar, vocals), George Harrison (lead guitar, vocals) and Ringo Starr (drums, vocals). Rooted in skiffle and 1950s rock and roll, the group later worked in many genres ranging from folk rock to psychedelic pop, often incorporating classical and other elements in innovative ways. The nature of their enormous popularity, which first emerged as the "Beatlemania" fad, transformed as their songwriting grew in sophistication. The group came to be perceived as the embodiment of progressive ideals, seeing their influence extend into the social and cultural revolutions of the 1960s.



"Yesterday" is a song originally recorded by The Beatles for their 1965 album *Help!* According to the *Guinness Book of Records*, "Yesterday" has the most cover versions of any song ever written. The song remains popular today with more than 3,000 recorded cover versions, the first hitting the United Kingdom top 10 three months after the release of *Help!* Broadcast Music Incorporated (BMI) asserts that it was performed over seven million times in the 20th century alone. The song was not released as a single in the UK at the time of the US release, and thus never gained number 1 single status in that country. However, "Yesterday" was voted the best song of the 20th century in a 1999 BBC Radio 2 poll of music experts and listeners. In 2000, Yesterday was voted the #1 Pop song of all time by MTV and Rolling Stone Magazine.

ABOUT THE LYRICS AND THE BAND

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- Where was The Beatles formed?
 USA,
 England,
 Australia.
- When were The Beatles formed?
 In the early sixties,
 At the end of fifties,
 Nearly the seventies.
- About the genre of Beatles: write True or false:
 Rock and Roll,
 Country,
 Folk,
 Classic,
 Bossa Nova,
 Pop.
- Now answer the questions:
 a) What were the members Of the Beatles?
 b) What genres did they adopt?
 c) Why did they become very popular?
 d) How did emerge the "Beatlemania"?
 e) What did The Beatles have such influence in Social Movements?

ABOUT THE LYRICS

- What the lyrics are trying to say?
 That yesterday has gone,
 That "she" has gone,
 Sadness.
- The problems:
 Yesterday they seemed so far away,
 Today they are still far away,
 Tomorrow they will be gone.
- Answer the questions:
 a) What's the difference between today and yesterday?
 b) What's happened yesterday?
 c) Why do you think has she gone?
 d) Why yesterday was such an easy game to play?

WARM UP

- Have you ever heard the song "Yesterday" before?
- What was your first impression of the song? Melodic? Sad? Regretting?
- What kind of feeling did the song give you? Mention them.
- Why do you think The Beatles were such a famous Rock 'n' Roll Band?
- What member of the band do you like most?
- Do you know any songs of John Lennon, Paul McCartney or Ringo Starr?
- Did you know that "yesterday" was recorded 3.000 times in cover versions?

ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS WITH A PARTNER:

- Mention three words when you hear the words "the Beatles".
- Mention three other songs of the Beatles.
- John Lennon said it once: "The Beatles are more famous than Jesus Christ" What do you think about?
- Do you know any incident about members of The Beatles? Paul McCartney for instance? Comment.
- What do you think that the band split up?
- Do you think the song of The Beatles look like contemporary ones? Comment.

COMMENT THE PROBLEMS FROM THE PICTURES.

