

Year 5 Music - History of Yarm - Song Lyrics & Structure



This term we are going to make up a song about the history of Yarm

It might be in the form of a nursery rhyme for younger children

It needs to have some actions that link with the words

I know it's not Christmas for a while, but if we look at the lyrics of our very own Christmas Song we can see lots of references to Yarm

"Christmas on the Cobbles"

Verse 1

As Snowflakes fall on Spitalfields and land beside our feet

We hear our little drummer boy that plays the Lauren Beat

It's getting late on Limpton gate, there's children in their beds

The sound of sleigh bells in the Slayde above their tired heads

Bridge

The jewellers shop has five gold rings, a Christmas gift to please

While seven swans swim on and on right down the river Tees

Chorus

Christmas on the cobbles, Winter in the Wynd

High up in the High Street a Christmas tree you'll find

Standing on the cobbles, make sure we wrap up warm

We've got two eyes to see two Y's that spell out Yuletide Yarm

Verse 2

There's mistletoe on Leven Road where willow kisses grass
 But when the weather gets too cold, no one comes out to bat
 So deck the halls and castle walls. It's often overlooked
 As the King is the river and the Queen the viaduct

Bridge

Please write out a Christmas card for those who work through cold
 Like the skinner in the yard with icicles on his nose

Chorus ...

Verse 3

The Ketton Ox had fighting cocks, a horse was Cleveland Bay
 And George met with the Dragon to promote the rail
 But shortly after Christmas time the bridge had had enough
 It filled itself with Seasonal wealth and crashed into the mud

Bridge

As snowflakes fall on the town hall like icing on a cake
 It's time to open presents, when the kids awake

Chorus...

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QUIZ...

- 1... What street names are featured in the song?
2. What landmarks are mentioned in the song?
3. Which lines refer to the history of Yarm?
4. Are there any metaphors in the song?
5. Complete the song structure in the table below

(V is verse, B is bridge, and C is chorus)

V1	B	C		B		V3			C
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