

The Beatles – “Here Comes the Sun” (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KQetemT1sWc>)

"Here Comes the Sun" is a song by the English rock band [the Beatles](#) from their 1969 album [Abbey Road](#). It was written and sung by [George Harrison](#), and is one of his best-known compositions. Harrison wrote the song in early 1969 at the country house of his friend [Eric Clapton](#), where Harrison had chosen **to play truant** [not to go to school] for the day to avoid attending a meeting at the Beatles' [Apple Corps](#) organisation. The lyrics reflect his relief at the arrival of spring and the temporary **respite** [a short rest] he was experiencing from the band's business affairs" [[Wikipedia](#)].

The song was written at the start of spring, after “a long, cold, lonely winter”. But it captures the joy we can all feel, waking up on a clear sunny day, at any time of the year. It is surely not the most important or iconic song of the group (compared to say “Help”, “Yellow Submarine”, “Hey Jude” or “Let It Be”). But it is the most streamed song on Spotify, and in “May 2023, it became the Beatles' first song to surpass one billion plays on the platform, and the first song from the 1960s to achieve the **milestone** [a stone on the side of a road indicating a distance; an important event]”.

<p>Here comes the sun, doo-doo-doo-doo Here comes the sun, and I say It's alright Little darlin', it's been a long, cold, lonely winter Little darlin', it feels like years since it's been here Here comes the sun, doo-doo-doo-doo Here comes the sun, and I say It's alright Little darlin', the smile's returning to their faces Little darlin', it seems like years since it's been here Here comes the sun Here comes the sun, and I say It's alright Sun, sun, sun, here it comes... Little darlin', I feel that ice is slowly melting Little darlin', it seems like years since it's been clear Here comes the sun, doo-doo-doo-doo Here comes the sun, and I say It's alright Here comes the sun, doo-doo-doo-doo Here comes the sun It's alright...</p>	<p>Alright = an informal way of writing all right meaning something or everything is fine</p> <p>Melting = to melt, when a solid changes to a liquid</p>
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A quick Beatles quiz:

- 1/ Who replaced Pete Best to become the Beatles' famous drummer?
- 2/ In which town did the Beatles become known, playing at the Star Club?
- 3/ What was the Beatles' first successful single, and when was it released?
- 4/ Which Beatle composed “Yesterday”?
- 5/ Which Beatles album is widely considered their most experimental and was released in 1967?
- 6/ What was the Beatles nickname?

Answers: 1/ Ringo Star, 2/ Hamburg, 3/ “Love Me Do”, in 1962, 4/ Paul McCartney, 5/ "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band", 6/ The Fab Four (Fab = fabulous)