

RSC Playmaking Creative Challenge #3: 'Under the Greenwood Tree'

INTRODUCTION

In *As You Like It*, Duke Senior has been banished from his court and lives in exile with a group of loyal Lords in the Forest of Arden. There they live 'like the old Robin Hood and fleet the time carelessly'.

One Lord called Amiens sings a song about life 'under the greenwood tree'. We have commissioned Guy Hughes to compose the music for Shakespeare's lyrics and invite you to learn the song with us.

You can hear the song by visiting www.rsc.org.uk/associateschoolsresources

There you can access a full demo, instrumental demo and the sheet music. The lyrics are included below.

CHALLENGE

- Have a go at learning the song. Use Guy's demo track and sheet music to help you.
- Once you are confident, have a go at singing along to the instrumental track.
- If you'd like to, why not film yourself singing the song as we'd love to create our Associate Schools Virtual Choir for our Playmaking video.

IF YOU WANT TO

If you'd like to submit a video of yourself singing, here's a few things to bear in mind:

- You'll need to listen to the instrumental track through ear phones, so the only sound we can hear on the video is your voice.
- Make sure you find somewhere quiet, with as little background noise as possible.
- If you're filming on a phone, please hold the phone in the upright (or 'portrait') position, rather than on its side (or 'landscape').
- Do film yourself facing the camera, rather than looking away

Also please remember when submitting video content¹:

- Schools must have full permissions from parents before sending video to the RSC
- Do not submit material that uses or discloses a student's full name
- Do not film or submit things that might reveal a young person's exact address, school or somewhere they go regularly (e.g. a sports club or activity)
- Do not film anyone else under the age of 18
- Make sure you wear appropriate clothing
- Remember to keep yourselves safe – i.e. do not share content that feels too personal, complicated, or sad.

For safeguarding reasons, please can home learners submit any videos to school. The Lead Teacher can then pass on to us and we can confirm permissions for any video used in our final film.

Some video files can be very large so you may need to compress the file or use a platform like WeTransfer or Dropbox.

Send any videos to Playmaking@rsc.org.uk rather than individual members of the team.

Thank you and have fun!

¹ More information can be found in our Online Safeguarding Guidelines

AS YOU LIKE IT (Act 2, Scene 5)

Under the greenwood tree
Who loves to lie with me,
And turn his merry note
Unto the sweet bird's throat
Come hither, come hither, come hither
Here shall we see no enemy
But winter and rough weather.

Who doth ambition shun
And loves to live in the sun,
Seeking the food he eats
And pleased with what he gets,
Come hither, come hither, come hither
Here shall we see no enemy
But winter and rough weather.