

Our House



SONG FACTS

Our House was British group Madness's biggest international hit. In the summer of 2012, 20 years after they first recorded it, the song became popular with a new generation of music fans: Madness sang the song to an international audience at the closing ceremony of the London 2012 Olympics.

Listen to the song and write the missing words 1-10. Use the clues in brackets to help you.

Father wears his 1 _____ best (*a day of the week*)

Mother's 2 _____ she needs a rest (*adjective*)

The kids are playing up 3 _____ (*part of the house*)

Sister's sighing in her sleep

4 _____'s got a date to keep (*member of the family*)

He can't hang around

CHORUS

Our house, in the middle of our street

Our house, in the middle of our ...

Our house it has a crowd

There's 5 _____ something happening (*adverb of frequency*)

And it's usually quite loud

Our 6 _____ she's so house-proud (*member of the family, colloquial*)

Nothing ever slows her down and a mess is not allowed

CHORUS

Our house, in the middle of our street

(Something tells you that you've got to move away from it)

Father gets up 7 _____ for work (*adverb of time*)

Mother has to iron his 8 _____ (*something you wear*)

Then she sends the kids to 9 _____ (*a place*)

Sees them off with a small kiss

She's the one they're going to miss in lots of ways

CHORUS

I remember way back then when everything was true and when

We would have such a very good time

Such a fine time

Such a 10 _____ time (*adjective*)

And I remember how we'd play, simply waste the day away

Then we'd say nothing would come between us two dreamers

REPEAT FIRST VERSE

CHORUS

Our house, was our castle and our keep

Our house, in the middle of our street

Our house, that was where we used to sleep
Our house, in the middle of our street (*to fade*)

GLOSSARY

Sunday best = *best clothes*

playing up = *behaving badly*

sigh = *make a sad sound*

has got a date = *has a meeting (with a girl)*

hang around = *stay somewhere for a long time*

house-proud = *spending a lot of time keeping a house clean and tidy*

you've got to = *you have to*

Complete the sentences with the phrases from the glossary

1. Guests were wearing their _____
2. We didn't want to _____ the street, so we went to a nearby fish and chip shop.
3. My mum was incredibly _____. She always said, a tidy home means a tidy mind!
4. Children who do not receive enough attention may begin to _____.
5. They _____ with relief when the news came through that nobody was hurt.