

Yellow Submarine

The Beatles

Ringo Starr's best-known vocal performance is undoubtedly "_____ Submarine." Paul McCartney was the main songwriter (although most Beatles' songs were credited to Lennon-McCartney) and explained in a 1984 interview: "I _____ that in bed one night as a kid's story. And then we _____ it would be good for Ringo to do."

The first lines of the song are about a _____ (a man who sailed to sea) from Liverpool, talking about his life in the deep seas (in the land of submarines). The band decide **to sail away** to the sea of _____, living underwater (beneath the waves) in a yellow submarine.

There is a _____ atmosphere (our friends are all aboard), with even their good _____ being **neighbours**. At the time Paul McCartney _____ next door to folk singer Donovan, whose hits included "Colours." It is therefore appropriate that Donovan contributed the line "sky of _____, sea of _____" to "_____ Submarine."

The final verse tells us that life is not _____ (we live a life of **ease**), and everyone is _____ (has all we need) – you can hear how much fun the Beatles had recording this song, and in fact the session concluded with everyone dancing around the Abbey Road studios, conga-style, singing "we all live in a _____ Submarine."

The song became the inspiration for and title of the 1967 film, a cartoon with actors' voices portraying the Beatles travelling to Pepperland to stop the _____ **Meanies** from destroying music.

Various theories suggest the lyrics of the song are about drugs, death or just a reflection of the Beatles' lifestyle at the time, but in a 1966 interview Paul McCartney **discounted this**: "It's a _____ place, that's all. We were trying to write a children's song. That was the basic idea. And there's nothing more to be read into it than there is in the lyrics of any children's song."

This recording features a brief excerpt from The Beatles' 1966 song, "Yellow Submarine" (Lennon-McCartney).

Blue – blue – difficult – Friends – Green – Green – happy – happy – lived – Party – Sailor – Thought – Wrote – Yellow – Yellow - Yellow