



**Brian Harold May**, CBE<sup>1</sup> ARCS<sup>2</sup> (born 19 July 1947 in Twickenham, Middlesex -now part of the Greater London) is an English musician singer, songwriter, record producer, astrophysicist, and an advocate and campaigner for animal rights. He is the lead guitarist of the rock band Queen.

Accomplished Astronomy student Brian's PhD studies were stalled when a musical career superseded. The following four decades have seen Queen amass a staggering list of sales and awards with a catalogue that consistently tops popularity polls and sees Queen remain the most successful albums act in UK chart history. Brian has penned 22 Queen top 20 hits, among them the powerful ballads 'Who Wants to Live Forever', 'No-One But You' and 'Save Me', along with anthems 'The Show Must Go On', 'I Want It All' and 'We Will Rock You'.

He retains his keen passion for Astronomy and after a 30-year break returned to Astrophysics to update his doctoral thesis on the Motions of Interplanetary Dust, achieving his PhD from Imperial College, London, in 2007.

His songs continue to influence new generations of performers and have inspired recordings by artists as diverse as Elton John, Def Leppard, The Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, Shirley Bassey and Eminem. Brian has enjoyed collaborations with numerous artists, including Robbie Williams, Foo Fighters, Guns N' Roses, among others.

Perhaps the most memorable display of Brian's unique style was his performance of his own arrangement of "God Save the Queen" live from the roof of Buckingham Palace, to open HM the Queen's 2002 Golden Jubilee celebrations in front of an audience of more than 200 million people around the world. <https://youtu.be/DoIWHKfW3P4>

As a lifelong advocate of animal welfare, Brian set up the Save Me campaign to champion all, but predominantly British wildlife. He has been a leading inspiration in the fight against fox hunting and badger culling. Further information at [www.save-me.org.uk](http://www.save-me.org.uk), also [www.teambadger.org](http://www.teambadger.org).

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[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brian\\_May](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brian_May)  
<http://www.brianmay.com>

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<b>Brian May Quick Facts</b>
Whole (complete) name
Date of birth
Place of birth
Age In 2021
Nationality
Occupations
Greatest hits
Influences
Collaborations
Most impressive performances

Look at the words underlined in the text. Click on them to listen, and repeat them. Add each one to an appropriate column in the table according to their stressed syllable and stress pattern.

			
musician			

Listen to the song and read the lyrics. Find the synonym of the words in the box among the underlined words in the text.

Desire    uncovered    murmur    enchantment    panic    tenderly    encounter  
language    desperately

Artist: **Queen**

Title: **Las Palabras de Amor (The Words of Love)**

Don't touch me now  
Don't hold me now  
Don't break the spell, darling  
Now you are near  
Look in my eyes and speak to me  
The special promises I long to hear

Las palabras de amor  
Let me hear the words of love  
Despacito, mi amor  
Love me slow and gently

One foolish world, so many souls  
Senselessly hurled through  
The never ending cold  
And all for fear and all for greed  
Speak any tongue  
But for God's sake we need

Las palabras de amor  
Let me hear the words of love  
Despacito, mi amor  
Let me know this night and evermore

This room is bare  
This night is cold  
We're far apart, and I'm growing old  
But while we live  
We'll meet again  
So then, my love  
We may whisper once more  
It's you I adore

Las palabras de amor  
Let me hear the words of love  
Despacito, mi amor  
Touch me now

Las palabras de amor  
Let us share the words of love  
For evermore, evermore  
For evermore

Desire

tenderly

Uncovered

encounter

Murmur

language

Enchantment

desperately

Panic

Partly sung in Spanish and written by Brian May in the wake of Queen's epic tours in South America, "Las Palabras de Amor" originally appeared on Hot Space. <this beautiful song of love and hope was a hit single in 1982 and has become a great favourite with Queen's fans.