

Goodbye England's rose *Elton John*



Before listening

1. Look at the title of the song. Do you know who this song is a tribute to?
2. Discuss what you know about this person. What happened to her and why this song was written for her?
3. Think about other songs that were written as a tribute to someone. Exchange ideas with your friends.
4. What kinds of words would you expect to have in a song as a tribute to someone? Write down five words.



Listening

1. Listen to the song and complete the sentences:

The lives were _____

You belong to _____

The stars _____ your name

Like a candle _____

These empty days _____

Truth brings us _____

_____ you brought us through the _____

From a country lost _____

2. Read the stanzas. Match the following titles to each stanza according to the context. Justify your answer. Correct the previous activity using the stanzas below.

- a. You were a compassionate person.
- b. You will never be forgotten.
- c. You helped people and gave them hope.
- d. You made us happy with your smile.

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Goodbye England's rose
May you ever grow in our hearts
You were the grace that placed itself
Where lives were torn apart
You called out to our country
And you whispered to those in pain
Now you belong to heaven
And the stars spell out your name

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And it seems to me you lived your life
Like a candle in the wind
Never fading with the sunset
When the rain set in
And your footsteps will always fall here
Along England's greenest hills
Your candle's burned out long before
Your legend ever will

LISTENING FOCUS

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Loveliness we've lost
These empty days without your smile
This torch we'll always carry
For our nation's golden child
And even though we try
The truth brings us to tears
All our words cannot express
The joy you brought us through the years

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Goodbye England's rose
May you ever grow in our hearts
You were the grace that placed itself
Where lives were torn apart
Goodbye England's rose
From a country lost without your soul
Who'll miss the wings of your compassion
More than you'll ever know



After listening

1. What do you think the expression "candle in the wind" means in this stanza? Explain the stanza in your own words.

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2. If you could write a song for someone, who would it be for? What would you write about?



Sing along

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