



English Song
Activity
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Stars by Janis Ian



Listen to the song and complete the lyrics with the missing words

I was never one for
What I feel
..... tonight, I'm bringing
Everything I that's real
Stars, they and go
They come fast or
They go like the last
Of the sun, all in a
And you see is glory
But it gets there
When there's no one here to
We can it away
If you'll hear a
People for fame
Like athletes in a
We break our
And come up swinging
Some of us are downed
Some of us are
And some are lost
And found
But most have it all
They live their in
Sad cafes and halls
They always come up
Some make it when they're
Before the world has
..... its dirty job
And later on, someone will say
"You've your day
now you must make"
But they'll never know the
Of living with a name you never
Or the many forgetting
What you know too well
That the ones who gave the
Have been let
You try to make
Without
Perhaps
You never the eyes



Of grown men of
That followed as you walked
And asked for
Or kissed you on the cheek
And you could believe
They really loved you
Some make it they're old
Perhaps they have a
They're not afraid to
Or perhaps there's there
Stars, they and go
They come fast they come
They go like the last
Of the sun, all in a
Andyou see is glory
But most haveit all
They live their in
Sad cafes and halls
They always have a
Some women have a
Men will want to see,
So they put it on
Some people play a fine
I could listen to them
Play all day
Some really
Move across a
And gee, they sure can
I guess I could how
If I gave it half a
But I always feel so
When my body tries to
And I seem to always worry
About missing the next
I guess there isn't anything
To put up on
Except the
And whatever else I
But anyway, that isn't really
What Ito say
I meant to tell a
I live from day to day
Stars, they and go
They come fast, they come
They go like the last
Of the sun, all in a



Andyou see is glory
But most haveit all
They live their in
Sad cafes and halls
And we always have a

So if you don't lose
With my fumbling
I'll come upfor you
Even when I'm down.



Did you like the song and why? After you finish the listening exercise, read the lyrics as a poem and express your opinion in a small paragraph.



Teacher's Copy-level C1-C2

I was never one for singing
What I really feel
Except tonight, I'm bringing
Everything I know that's real

Stars, they come and go
They come fast or slow
They go like the last light
Of the sun, all in a blaze
And all you see is glory
But it gets lonely there
When there's no one here to share
We can shake it away
If you'll hear a story

People lust for fame
Like athletes in a game
We break our collarbones
And come up swinging
Some of us are downed
Some of us are crowned
And some are lost
And never found
But most have seen it all
They live their lives in
Sad cafes and music halls
They always come up singing

Some make it when they're young
Before the world has
Done its dirty job
And later on, someone will say
"You've had your day
now you must make way"
But they'll never know the pain
Of living with a name you never owned
Or the many years forgetting
What you know too well

That the ones who gave the crown
Have been let down
You try to make amends
Without defending

Perhaps pretending
You never saw the eyes
Of grown men of twenty-five
That followed as you walked
And asked for autographs
Or kissed you on the cheek
And you never could believe
They really loved you

Some make it when they're old
Perhaps they have a soul

_They're not afraid to bare
Or perhaps there's nothing there

Stars, they come and go
They come fast they come slow
They go like the last light
Of the sun, all in a blaze
And all you see is glory
But most have seen it all
They live their lives in
Sad cafes and music halls

They always have a story

Some women have a body
_Men will want to see,
So they put it on display
Some people play a fine guitar
I could listen to them
Play all day
Some ladies really
Move across a stage
And gee, they sure can dance
_I guess I could learn how
If I gave it half a chance

But I always feel so funny
When my body tries to soar
And I seem to always worry
About missing the next chord

I guess there isn't anything
To put up on display
Except the tunes
And whatever else I say
_But anyway, that isn't really
What I meant to say
I meant to tell a story
_I live from day to day

Stars, they come and go
They come fast they come slow
They go like the last light
Of the sun, all in a blaze
And all you see is glory
But most have seen it all
They live their lives in
Sad cafes and music halls

And we always have a story

So if you don't lose patience
With my fumbling around,
I'll come up singing for you
Even when I'm down.



Janis Ian (born 1951) is an American singer-songwriter who was most commercially successful in the 1960s and 1970s. Her signature songs are the 1966/67 hit "[Society's Child \(Baby I've Been Thinking\)](#)" and the 1975 Top Ten single "[At Seventeen](#)", from her seventh studio album *Between the Lines*. (source **Wikipedia**)

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"**Stars**" is the title track on the sixth studio album of American singer-songwriter Janis Ian. The song is a somber guitar ballad about the pitfalls, fleetingness, and consequences of fame.

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