

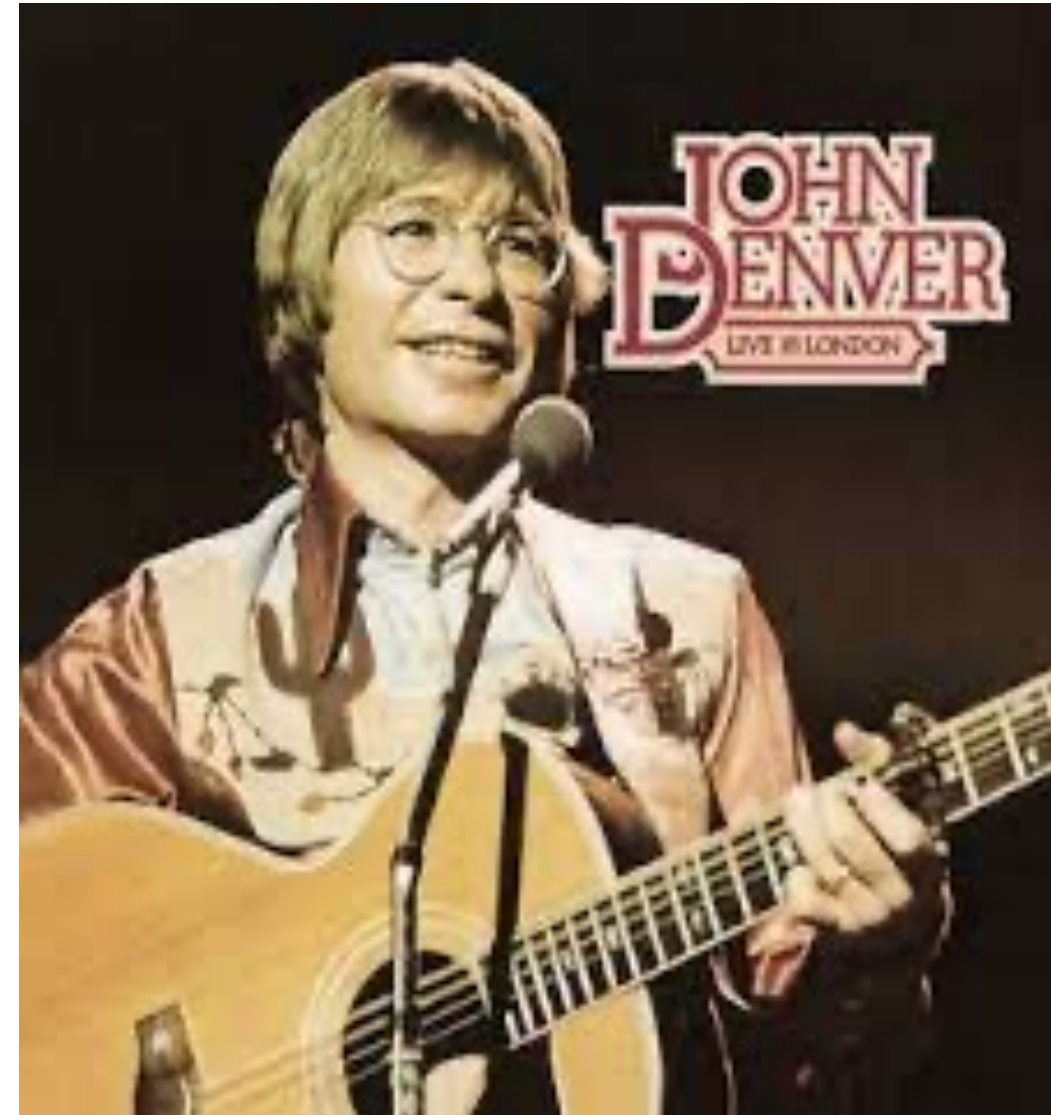
Hello everyone!

Today we will listen to a song by the American artist **John Denver**. It is a song he wrote to support organizations fighting world hunger, especially for children. Songs are a great way to improve pronunciation and vocabulary.

Many thanks to David for recommending this song!

Activities:

- Large group:
 - View the video of John Denver singing his song **"I Want to Live"**
 - Review the lyrics
- Small group:
 - Respond to "Questions for Conversation"
- Large group:
 - Wrap-up, questions and comments



There are children raised in sorrow
On a scorched and barren plain
There are children raised beneath a golden sun
There are children of the water
Children of the sand
And they cry out through the universe
Their voices raised as one
I want to live I want to grow
I want to see I want to know
I want to share what I can give
I want to be I want to live
Have you gazed out on the ocean
Seen the breaching of a whale?
Have you watched the dolphins frolic in the foam?
Have you heard the song the humpback hears five hundred miles away
Telling tales of ancient history of passages and home?
I want to live I want to grow
I want to see I want to know
I want to share what I can give
I want to be I want to live
For the worker and the warrior the lover and the liar
For the native and the wanderer in kind
For the maker and the user and the mother and her son
I am looking for my family and all of you are mine
We are standing all together
Face to face and arm in arm
We are standing on the threshold of a dream
No more hunger no more killing
No more wasting life away
It is simply an idea
And I know its time has come
I want to live I want to grow
I want to see I want to know
I want to share what I can give
I want to be I want to live

“I Want to Live” by John Denver



"I Want to Live" by John Denver

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Let's Review the lyrics:



I WANT TO LIVE
IN THE STYLE OF
JOHN DENVER
KEY OF (G) TIME: 4:04
4 BAR INTRO

John Denver - I Want To Live (Karaoke)

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pgsLZL9Y9ZY>

Breakout Room Questions

1. Who is the song about?
2. What is the message of this song?
3. What is the dream the singer hopes for?
4. Can you name some countries where “children of the sand” live?
5. Can you name some countries where “children of the water” live?
6. How does the song make you feel?
7. Which country in the world has the *highest* level of child poverty?
8. Which country in the world has the *lowest* level of child poverty?

Bonus Questions!

1. Whales and dolphins are what kind of animal?
2. The whale is the largest animal on earth. It is also the _____est animal on earth.



Vocabulary

Do you know these words and phrases?

scorched - burned by flames or heat.

barren plain – land with poor soil unable to produce much or any vegetation.

gazed - look at steadily and intently, especially in admiration, surprise, or thought.

breaching of a whale - breaching occurs when a whale picks up speed near the water and then lifts its body and leaps out of the water, exposing up to 90% of its body above the surface.

dolphins frolic in the foam - play and move about cheerfully, excitedly, or energetically.

the song the humpback hears - the current scientific consensus regarding the nature of humpback whale song is: (1) songs are part of a sophisticated acoustic communication system; (2) songs can be heard several kilometers away from a singer; (3) whales can repeat songs continuously for multiple hours.

arm in arm - With one person's arm linked around another's; also, closely allied or intimate.

wanderer - a person who travels aimlessly; a traveler.

threshold of a dream - a point of entry or beginning of something.

Have you heard a Humpback whale sing?

Here is a YouTube video. Fascinating!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xo2bVbDtiX8>



Humpback Whale Song

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