

# **WRITING COMPETITION**

**IN ENGLISH** April 2015



## **“MY FAVOURITE SONG”**

### **Winning Entries!!!**

**These are the wonderful students  
that won the writing competition:**

1 Basic Level: Toño Luna (302)

2 Basic Level: M<sup>a</sup> José Hernández (304)

1 Intermediate: Carolina Sánchez (309)

2 Intermediate: Joaquín Alberto Sanz (317)

1 Avanzado: M<sup>a</sup> Pilar Lanuza (319)

...and these are the wonderful pieces of writing that they produced:

## 1 Basic Level: Toño Luna (302)

Toño Luna . basic level. Group 302.

### **“My favourite song : Thunder road”**

Let me tell you. Let me dream.

I can see a boy, he is about sixteen, he is buying a record. His first record. He runs to his flat, he is nervous, and his only one desire is that the music starts to play. Yes, I was that boy , and until today I can hear that song everytime I close my eyes.

Can you hear it? The professor is playing the piano and then, like a prayer of hope, Bruce starts playing the harmonic. It's Thunder road.

Two broken hearts , two people fighting with their fears, fighting for a last chance to make their dreams real,

An epic song , a romantic song , an imperfect love song, but is love perfect?.My favourite song by Bruce Springsteen and the E street band.

Play it again boss, I love feeling this way ... and yes, Casablanca is my favourite film.

## 2 Basic Level: M<sup>a</sup> José Hernández (304)

NAME: M<sup>a</sup> José Hernández Cuadal

LEVEL: A2

GROUP: 304

**MY FAVOURITE SONG:** "SPACE ODDITY" by David Bowie

In 21st July 1969 my older sister, our grandmother and I were watching how Amstrom and Aldrin were walking over the Moon surface at the first time. I remember we could not stop crying because of emotion.

In the same month, David Bowie created the character Ziggi Stardust, The Alien who interpreted the song "Space Oddity". Of course, I discovered this song many years after, in the 80s, and it became my favourite song.

Sometimes, when there is nothing I can do, Mayor Tom and I put our helmets on and take off towards the space. For about five minutes, both travel around The Earth in our tin can. We can see through the hatch our blue, beautiful and fragile planet. But when we look across, we see The Universe full of planets, stars and other people probably. We feel as a small grain of sand and then we will disconnect from Ground Control and go away...

[SPACE ODDITY](#)

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# 1 Intermediate: Carolina Sánchez (309)

## MY FAVOURITE SONG

I remember when I was twenty years old, that I had planned to go skiing with a friend. I was crazy about him and I was so excited about the trip that I couldn't sleep in all night, so I spent the whole time listening to the radio. Suddenly a strong and soft voice was singing a beautiful song. Of course, I did not know who the singer was but the song was in my head for a long time.

Four years ago, I was reading in the bed when a noisy car stopped under my window. It was a quiet summer night and the sound of music came to me loud and clear. It was my unknown song! I was shocked, I couldn't believe it!. As fast I could, I caught my smartphone and recorded the song. It took me two months to find out the title of the song but I got it. By the way, the singer is Gary Moore and the title is "still got the blues".

To finish, as you imagined, when I was able to translate it from English to Spanish, I felt a bit disappointed about the lyrics. As usual, the lyrics are not what you are expecting, but this was one of the main reasons that I decided to learn English.

Alumna: Carolina Sánchez Arcusa.

1º de Intermedio

Grupo 309

## 2 Intermediate: Joaquín Alberto Sanz (317)

Joaquín Alberto Sanz Torrecilla

2º Nivel de Intermedio de Inglés

GRUPO: 317

### "My favourite song"

What's my favourite song? I enjoy listening to a great variety of music, from classical to rock, and so I find it very hard to find my favourite song, but there is a fabulous song that I really like, "Losing my religion" sung by R.E.M. I love this rock band and all his songs. I would like to say that it would have to be one of my favourite songs because it is such a meaningful song and the lyrics are so wonderful. I guess that this song is amazing ... It is my cup of tea. I have listened to it more than a thousand times and I never get bored of it and here I am listening to it one more time while I am writing.

About the lyric, It is a beautiful love song which speaks so well of someone who is obsessively in love with someone else but it is a case of unrequited love. Besides, Music speaks directly to the emotions .There is some deep love in it, that is for sure. That is certainly a powerful song. I can really enjoy listening to it.

For this reasons above, I thoroughly recommend this song. Although, there is no accounting for taste, I feel that anyone can enjoy listening to this song.

# 1 Avanzado: M<sup>a</sup> Pilar Lanuza (319)

Writing competition in English – My favourite song

M<sup>a</sup> Pilar Lanuza – Level: Advanced – Course: first – Group: 319

## "AS TIME GOES BY"



This wonderful song turned out to be a world-famous one, thanks to the film Casablanca. They are both inextricably entwined. In fact, it is impossible to think of one without the other.

It had been written by Herman Hupfeld in 1931, for the Broadway musical Everybody's Welcome, eleven years before that Casablanca was shot. Not only is its lyric really nice and romantic, but its music is also absolutely terrific. Dooley Wilson, with his velvety voice and his brilliant performance, immortalized it.

There are so oft-overlooked details about "As Time Goes By", which are hardly ever known for most people. Some of them are: When Casablanca was going to be filmed, Max Steiner was chosen to compose the music of the movie. He had already written the scores of some famous films, such as Gone With The Wind. The only song in the film which was not composed by Max Steiner was "As time goes by". Besides, it became the sound track of the film. Curiously, Steiner was nominated for the Oscar for Original Music Score. In addition to this, a bit of the song appears in the presentation of the movies of Warner Bros. That is why, in all likelihood, Casablanca is its most hitting film.

Steiner wanted to write his own song in order to replace As Time Goes By with it. However, when he wanted to reshoot the scene, they could not do it, because of the fact that Ingrid Berman had had her hair cut for the next role. I am absolutely convinced that if the song had been changed, the film would not have been so successful, and obviously the song would not have reached the success either.

The first verse of the original song was omitted, due to the fact that it is referred to Albert Einstein. As everybody knows the film is set in the 1942s, and it revolves around the Second World Warm.

The song has been performed by many singers, and some of them have got a huge success, like Frank Sinatra, Louis Amstrong, Engelbert Humperdinch, and Julio Iglesias.



The piano, which made us enjoy such a breathtaking song, was sold in New York, in 2012, when it was celebrated the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the film. Someone paid 602.500\$ for it.