

To our **BRILLIANT** children,

Thank you **SO** much for your beautiful recordings. I have loved listening to them and I know that Mike is super impressed! We are now ready for you to record the next part of the song. Remember to try and follow the instructions on how to record your voice and send it in. Mike needs the recordings in this format so he can work his magic and put them all together. Don't forget, you can ask your grown-ups and older brothers and sisters to send in their recordings too! Please try to get your recordings in by **Wednesday 29th April**.

I can't wait to hear them all!

Here is a message from Mike explaining what you need to do next.

With Love,

Miss Doughty



Hello again everyone!

It is me, Mike! Do you remember I asked you join the St Aloysius Virtual Choir? Well **LOTS** of you did and I have loved listening to you all. I am amazed at how well you were able to follow the instructions and you have **BEAUTIFUL** voices. It is wonderful that you have the confidence and talent to sing from the very youngest age up to the older ones.

Like I said in my first letter, I lead lots of choirs and you **PROVED** that every voice matters and that a 'choir' should be for everyone!

Now... the next part. I want some of you to try and record the **WHOLE** song. It may take you a few attempts so just send me the one you are happiest with. Also... **THIS** song is really difficult to sing - some really **HIIIIIGH** parts and some really **LOOOOW!** Just do your best!

REMEMBER... THIS IS WHAT YOU NEED...

Ideally, you will need to be able to use a

1. **MOBILE PHONE** on a table or desk. Find the **VOICE RECORDER APP** on it - any one will do or download a free one if your parents let you.
2. **A TABLET OR a PC OR LAPTOP OR SECOND PHONE** and
3. **HEADPHONES PLUGGED INTO THAT TABLET / PC / LAPTOP / SECOND PHONE**

HOW DOES IT WORK AGAIN?!

The **MOBILE PHONE** is your microphone - your recording studio and the thing you SING into. Place it on a table around 3 feet away from you.

The **TABLET / PC / LAPTOP / OTHER PHONE** is your 'piano player' or conductor - the person you need to follow to sing the right thing at the right time - the thing you LISTEN to.

The **HEADPHONES** are how you are able to listen to the music. BUT THERE IS A SPECIAL TRICK. You need to keep one headphone on your ear and the other one OFF the other ear. This will help you to hear the music... BUT ALSO hear your voice! If you have both headphones on it becomes difficult to know if you are singing the right tune! TRUST ME - it's what we do in recording studios!

OK... THE EXCITING BIT!

1. **REMEMBER TO WARM UP YOUR VOICE.** When we meet I will show you lots of ways to do this but for now, stand up straight, relax your shoulders and yawn, (YES! Yawn) a couple of times. The muscles in your face and neck are the same for singing as they are yawning!
2. **HAVE A SING.** Pop your headphones on to listen to **TRACK #1** on your TABLET / PC / LAPTOP / OTHER PHONE. Sing the whole thing a couple of times - nice and loud! I have popped the words at the end of these instructions. Don't worry about using your phone to record at this stage. Try it with both headphones on - then just one... it takes some getting used to but it is worth practising. You will hear an annoying click - it won't be heard eventually but it helps me keep everyone singing at the right speed!

<https://soundcloud.com/wildcats-of-kilkenny/st-alloysius-track-1/s-YPjRMasBUjd>

Try practising with your headphone a few times. I KNOW the click is annoying but it helps us ALL sing the song at the same speed!

3. **RECORDING.** When you think you are ready sing the **WHOLE** song the very best you can, ask someone to start recording using the PHONE voice recorder app. Listen back to it - REMEMBER you will only hear YOUR voice - which might sound a little bit funny but that's what I need.

4. Ask your parent or guardian to send your recorded clip back to **THIS** school email music@st-alloysius.co.uk! The school will send me your clips and I will add them to our anthem! **Remember to label your recording with your name and Year group when sending it in.**
5. **FINALLY**, if you DON'T have headphones you can still take part. Play **#TRACK 2** quietly and record yourself (see point 4 above) and get a little closer to your PHONE. It isn't ideal but I don't want you to miss out.
6. **IF YOU OR A PARENT HAS QUESTIONS SEND THEM TO THE SCHOOL AT music@st-alloysius.co.uk and they will send them on to me!**

I'll then have a play around and see how we can use some of your voices on the track...
I'll try and use as many as I can! And remember...

'Each of you has a distinctive voice. When you find it, your story will be told. You will be heard.'

John Grisham

Mike McGrother

MILLION DREAMS - the whole song!

I close my eyes and I can see
The world that's waiting up for me
That I call my own
Through the dark, through the door
Through where no one's been before
But it feels like home

They can say, they can say it all sounds crazy
They can say, they can say I've lost my mind
I don't care, I don't care, so call me crazy
We can live in a world that we design

*Every night I lie in bed
The brightest colours fill my head
A million dreams are keeping me awake
I think of what the world could be
A vision of the one I see
A million dreams is all it's gonna take*



(A million dreams for the world we're gonna make)

There's a house we can build
Every room inside is filled
With things from far away
The special things I compile
Each one there to make you smile
On a rainy day

They can say, they can say it all sounds crazy
They can say, they can say we've lost our minds
I don't care, I don't care if they call us crazy
Runaway to a world that we design

**Every night I lie in bed
The brightest colours fill my head
A million dreams are keeping me awake
I think of what the world could be
A vision of the one I see
A million dreams is all it's gonna take
A million dreams for the world we're gonna make**

However big, however small
Let me be part of it all
Share your dreams with me
You may be right, you may be wrong
But say that you'll bring me along
To the world you see
To the world I close my eyes to see
I close my eyes to see

**Every night I lie in bed
The brightest colours fill my head
A million dreams are keeping me awake
A million dreams, a million dreams
I think of what the world could be
A vision of the one I see
A million dreams is all it's gonna take
A million dreams for the world we're gonna make
For the world we're gonna make**

