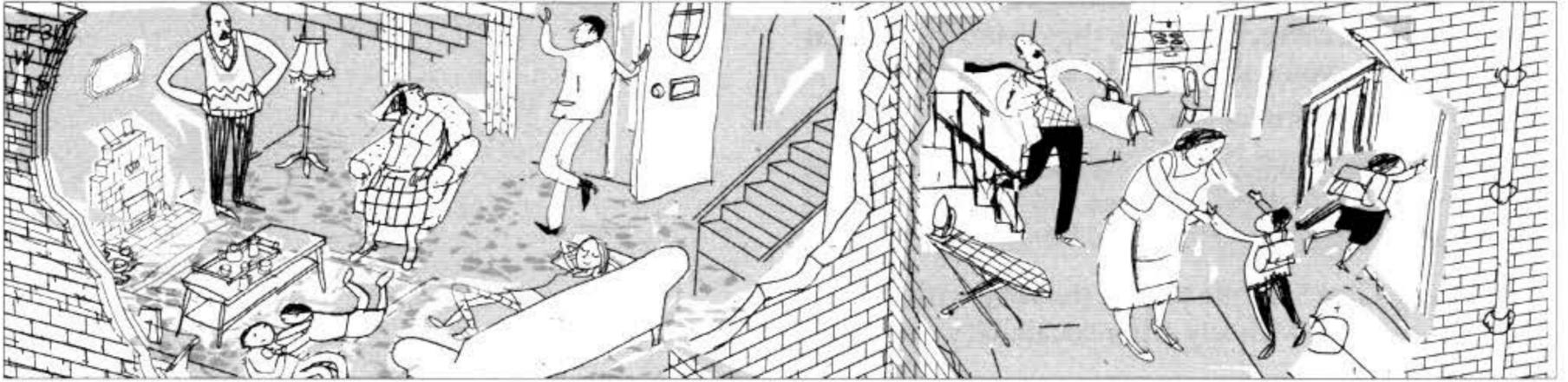


# 1B SONG Our House



## Our House

Father wears his <sup>1</sup> Sunday best (*a day of the week*)  
 Mother's <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ she needs a rest (*adjective*)  
 The kids are playing up <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (*part of the house*)  
 Sister's sighing in her sleep  
<sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_'s got a date to keep (*member of the family*)  
 He can't hang around

### CHORUS

Our house, in the middle of our street  
 Our house, in the middle of our...

Our house it has a crowd  
 There's <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ something happening (*adverb of frequency*)  
 And it's usually quite loud  
 Our <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ she's so house-proud (*member of the family, colloquial*)  
 Nothing ever slows her down and a mess is not allowed

### CHORUS

Our house, in the middle of our street  
 (Something tells you that you've got to move away from it)  
 Father gets up <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ for work (*adverb of time*)  
 Mother has to iron his <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (*something you wear*)  
 Then she sends the kids to <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (*a place*)  
 Sees them off with a small kiss  
 She's the one they're going to miss in lots of ways

### CHORUS

I remember way back then when everything was true and when  
 We would have such a very good time  
 Such a fine time  
 Such a <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ time (*adjective*)  
 And I remember how we'd play, simply waste the day away  
 Then we'd say nothing would come between us two dreamers

### REPEAT FIRST VERSE

### CHORUS

Our house, was our castle and our keep  
 Our house, in the middle of our street  
 Our house, that was where we used to sleep  
 Our house, in the middle of our street (*to fade*)

- a** Listen to the song and write the missing words 1–10. Use the clues in brackets to help you.
- b** Read the lyrics with the glossary and answer the questions.

- Do you think the singer's memory of his home is positive or negative?
- Which of these adjectives would you use to describe his house? Tick the boxes.

busy   
 quiet   
 clean   
 untidy   
 crowded   
 traditional

### GLOSSARY

Sunday best = best clothes  
 playing up = behaving badly  
 sighing = making a sad sound  
 has got a date = has a meeting (with a girl)  
 hang around = stay somewhere for a long time  
 house-proud = spending a lot of time keeping a house clean and tidy  
 you've got to = you have to

### SONG FACTS

*Our House* was British group Madness's biggest international hit. In the summer of 2012, 20 years after they first recorded it, the song became popular with a new generation of music fans: Madness sang the song to an international audience at the closing ceremony of the London 2012 Olympics.

## SOLUTIONS OF SONG 1B

- 2 tired
- 3 downstairs
- 4 Brother
- 5 always
- 6 mum
- 7 late
- 8 shirt
- 9 school
- 10 happy

1)

His memory of his home seems to be very positive. He talks about such a happy time and he describes his family and home life with affection. However, one line of the song says Something tells you that you've got to move away from it. Perhaps this is how he felt when he was a teenager and wanted to become independent of his family.

2)

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clean  
crowded  
traditional