

## 7B SONG All the Rowboats (4 14) MP3

- a Listen to the song and write the missing words. Use the clues in brackets to help you.
- b Listen to the song and check.

### All the Rowboats

All the rowboats in the paintings  
They keep trying to row away  
And the captains' worried <sup>1</sup> faces (*part of the body*)  
Stay contorted and staring at the waves  
They'll keep hanging in their <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ frames  
(*a precious metal*)

For forever, forever and a day  
All the rowboats in the oil paintings  
They keep trying to row away, row away

Hear them whispering <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ and  
<sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (*two languages*)

Dutch, Italian, and Latin

When no one's looking I touch a <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_  
(*a work of art made of stone*)

Marble, cold, and soft as <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (*a material*)

But the most special are the most lonely

God, I pity the <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (*string instruments*)

In **glass coffins** they keep <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (*what you keep doing when you have a cold*)

They've forgotten, forgotten how to sing, how to sing

#### Chorus

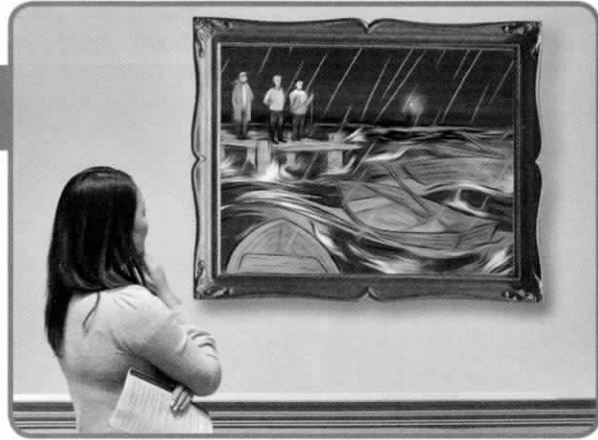
**First there's lights out, then there's lock up**

<sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ serving **maximum sentences**  
(*great works of art*)

It's their own fault for being timeless

There's a price to pay and a consequence

All the galleries, the <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (*places where you can see old objects*)



Here's your ticket, welcome to the <sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

(*large graves built of stone*)

They're just public mausoleums

The **living dead** fill every room

But the most special are the most lonely

God, I pity the <sup>12</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (*string instruments*)

In glass coffins they keep <sup>13</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (*what you keep doing when you have a cold*)

They've forgotten, forgotten how to sing

They will stay there in their <sup>14</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ frames

(*a precious metal*)

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#### Chorus

They will stay there forever and a day

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(repeat)

- c Look at the **bold** phrases and with a partner answer the questions.

- 1 What are the 'glass coffins'?
- 2 What does 'First there's lights out, then there's lock up' mean?
- 3 Why does she say the works of art are serving 'maximum sentences'?
- 4 Who are 'the living dead'?
- 5 How does the singer feel about the things she sees in paintings and display cases in the gallery?

#### GLOSSARY

contorted = twisted out of its normal shape

#### SONG FACTS

Russian-born American musician Regina Spektor is an internationally-known pop singer and songwriter. Regina studied classical piano and garnered a loyal live following in New York before self-releasing two albums. *All the Rowboats* was the first single released from her sixth album *What We Saw from the Cheap Seats* in 2012. However, she had penned the song about 7–8 years before and had been performing it at concerts regularly.