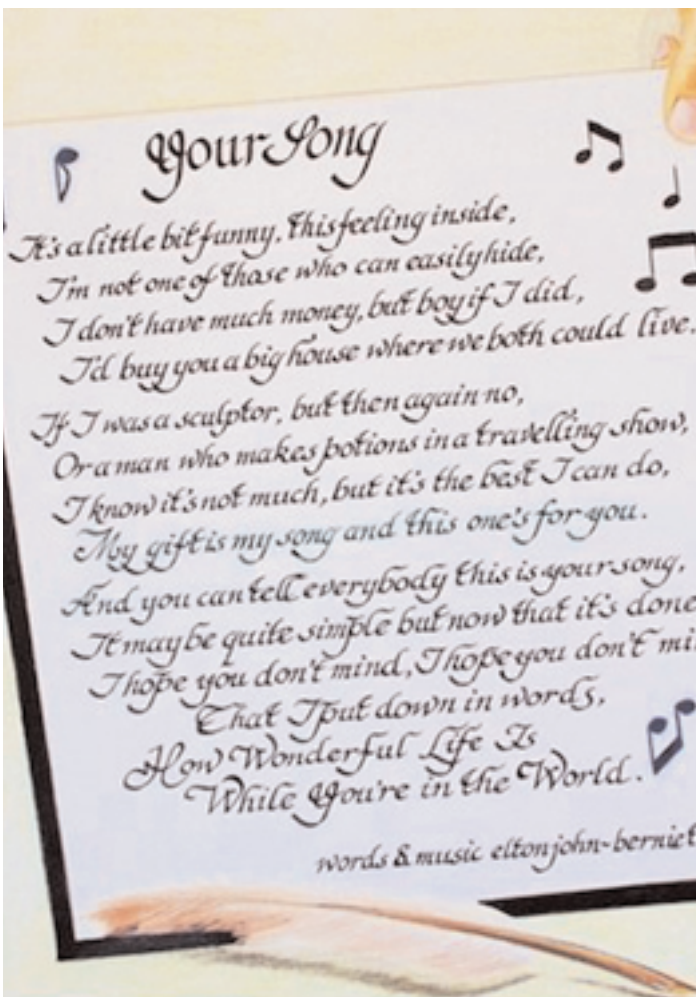


It May Be Quite Simple



If when you listen to *Your Song* by Elton John the tears don't stream down your face or you don't shudder, there's probably something wrong with you. The song is about a man to whom almost nothing remains and he decides to give it all to the girl he loves. Actually, what he has is the ability to write truth and not at all lackadaisical words and he puts all of himself to create and dedicate this magical song. Precisely, "my gift is my song and this one's for you and you can tell everybody that this is your song" is one of the most well-known verses of the whole lyrics. "I hope you don't mind that I put down in words how wonderful life is now you're in the world"; this sentence is clearly a complete and deep declaration of love.

We believe not to be in the wrong by saying that if a boy wrote these words to any girl, she would immediately marry him. To complete the work we've got this flawless phrase "anyway, the thing is, what I really mean yours are the sweetest eyes I've ever seen". Not by chance, this poem, if we can dare to call it so, has been revised and included in the soundtrack of the famous movie *Moulin Rouge*, and performed by numerous artists, including the talented Janet Devlin, in an audition for X Factor UK. If up thirty seconds ago you were not aware of the fact that this song existed, open YouTube, type in *Your Song* and... good vision! Oh, do not forget your tissues...

Benedetta T., Giulia T. 3 D

The Three Year Journey

«Is that high school the one you really want to go to?»

«Are you ready for the exams?»

«Have you prepared your term paper?»

The world seems to be spinning and you just can't keep up with it! The other day you were only ten and all of a sudden you find yourself ready for high school, we're still kids who just grew up too fast. High school isn't really a big thing, it's how to get there that makes students nervous and anxious.

Everyday the only thing that the class would talk about are the exams that are coming up and not only students gets stressed by this, but so are the professors with our requests in what to put in our conceptual maps!

The last days of third year is not supposed to be spent on worrying and stressing ourselves with loads of test and school works. Some days must also be fun and

spent with our classmates before we go and walk in different paths.

I've been going to Carlo Porta for three years and those years were not as bad as I expected since some I've gotten to know over the past few years has been great. I've made lots of close friends and learned from great teachers which made the whole ride worth it. While writing this I discovered that no matter how much we hate school there is going to be something that you'll miss: it may be your classroom or the crazy days spent with your classmates!

I used to think that going to high school would be scary, but with all my friends and lessons that my teachers taught me, my point of view had changed. On behalf of the 2013 class, I just hope Carlo Porta will remember us as fondly as we'll remember it.

Chelsea R. 3F

A Trip to Provence

Dear friends of Scuola Media Carlo Porta,
We are writing to you because we would like to tell you something about our trip to Provence (France). We belong to 3C class and on Monday 22nd April 2013 we met in front of our school at 5.45 a.m. in order to start our long journey (7 hours) by coach. After 4 hours we stopped at the little town of Saint Paul de Vence. There we spent free-time divided in small groups. This characteristic town is surrounded by walls. It was very funny walking in the little streets with our friends.

After lunch we left for Orange, our destination. We arrived late in the afternoon and after leaving luggage at the hotel we went out for visiting the most important monument in Orange called "Roman Amphitheatre" which is still used for summer exhibitions.

The next day we reached Avignon where we had a

tour with a private guide who showed us the Palace of the Popes and Pont d'Avignon. Another famous bridge we visited was Pont du Gard. In the afternoon we discovered Roussillon, a very strange location where you can walk in the middle of red rocks quite similar to canyons.

The last day was dedicated to Aix-en-Provence, a very nice town where we visited Cezanne's atelier. This was the place where the famous painter produced most of his works. Our journey was very fantastic not only because we visited beautiful places but also because we spent a great time with our classmates!

We wish you the opportunity to have such a beautiful experience next year. In the meanwhile: have a nice and funny summer holiday!

Your friends,

Thomas M., Andrea B., 3 C



3C and 3I classes in Aix-en-Provence.