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5-Minute TOPs Training with Oral Practice

TOP 21 - I Have a Dream ABBA (with music)

Hi! I'm Marianne, and I'm going to help you to improve your listening and speaking skills with oral exercises based on song lyrics. On our website www.QualityTime-ESL.com you will find links to videos on *YouTube* with the lyrics we practice in our different episodes. And at our store you will find the transcripts of our podcasts. Let's get started. First just listen to one of my favorite songs by a well-known Swedish band.

I'm sure you recognized ABBA "I Have A Dream". Let's take a look at some vocabulary.

- *cope with anything = solve any problem*
- *fail = the opposite of "succeed"*
- *fairy tale = a story for children*
- *stream = a small river*

So now listen and repeat the first verse.

"I Have A Dream" (ABBA)

I have a dream, a song to sing
To help me cope with anything
If you see the wonder of a fairy tale
You can take the future even if you fail
I believe in angels

Something good in everything I see
I believe in angels
When I know the time is right for me
I'll cross the stream - I have a dream

Now we'll do an exercise. I'll say a few words and you will repeat what I say adding a word or two before I give the answer. Here's an example.

I say: I have...

You say: I have a dream

I say: a song...

You say: a song to sing

Now you go on in the same way.

I have...
I have a dream
a song...
a song to sing
To help me...
To help me cope
with...
with anything
If you see...
If you see the wonder
of a fairy...

of a fairy tale
You can take...
You can take the future
even if you...
even if you fail
I believe in...
I believe in angels
Something...
Something good
in everything...
in everything I see

I believe...
I believe in angels
When I know...
When I know the time
is right...
is right for me
I'll cross...
I'll cross the stream
I have...
I have a dream

TOP No. 21-I Have a Dream ABBA (music) (cont.)

Now sing together with ABBA.

Let's do the second verse the same way. First some vocabulary.

- *worth the while* = *worth doing* or *worth the effort*
- *still another mile* = *one more mile* or *yet another mile*

Listen and repeat.

I have a dream, a fantasy	Something good in everything I see
To help me through reality	I believe in angels
And my destination makes it worth the while	When I know the time is right for me
Pushing through the darkness still another mile	I'll cross the stream - I have a dream
I believe in angels	I'll cross the stream - I have a dream

To finish we'll do a second exercise. I'll say a few words and you will repeat what I say adding a word or two before I give the answer. Here's an example.

<i>I say: I have a dream...</i>	<i>I say: To help me through...</i>
<i>You say: I have a dream, a fantasy</i>	<i>You say: To help me through reality</i>

Now you go on in the same way.

I have a dream, ...	still another...	When I know the time
I have a dream, a fantasy	still another mile	is right...
To help me through...	I believe...	is right for me
To help me through reality	I believe in angels	I'll cross...
And my...	Something...	I'll cross the stream
And my destination	Something good	I have...
makes it worth...	in everything I...	I have a dream
makes it worth the while	in everything I see	I'll cross...
Pushing through...	I believe...	I'll cross the stream
Pushing through the	I believe in angels	I have...
darkness	When I know...	I have a dream

I strongly recommend you get the album "Gold" by ABBA and learn all the songs. Then you'll really progress. Now let's sing together with ABBA.

That's the end of this episode. If you want more practice with oral English, try our two other podcast series: "QualityTime-ESL" for oral grammar exercises and "Your English" to work on vocabulary in a variety of different activities. Listeners have told us they have done well on international language exams after working with our podcasts. And visit our website if your interested in seeing free samples from our book "QualityTime-ESL: The Digital Resource Book", which will help teachers become more effective in their teaching and learners more proficient in their English skills. Bye for now, take care and keep singing.