



# Treasure Island

## 5. Jimmy be good

DAVID

Hello again - David Grant here with our next *Treasure Island* workshop. And now - surf's up! 'Jimmy be good' is in the style of 1960's surfing tunes - have a listen. Listen...

*Surf's up! We sail across the ocean,  
A hurricane wind that blows us far from shore.  
It's high adventure as we sail the seven seas.  
Bad weather has come my way,  
I made my stand and I won the day.  
Clouds are gone and the sun is shining through.*

DAVID

Let's learn it. I'll sing the first line and you repeat after the count 3, 4, 1 -

*Surf's up! We sail across the ocean,*

3, 4, 1 -

SINGERS

*Surf's up! We sail across the ocean*

DAVID

Wait now...

*A hurricane wind that blows us far from shore.*

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3, 4 -

SINGERS

*A hurricane wind that blows us far from shore.*

DAVID

We'll sing that from the beginning after 3-4-1.

3, 4, 1 -

SINGERS

*Surf's up! We sail across the ocean,*

*A Hurricane wind that blows us far from shore.*

DAVID

Right, the next line is in two short phrases.

Listen and then repeat after me...

*It's high adventure as we sail the seven seas.*

1, 2, 3 -

SINGERS

*It's high adventure as we sail the seven seas.*

DAVID

Now it goes -

*Bad weather has come my way,*

*I made my stand and I won the day.*

And -



SINGERS

*Bad weather has come my way,  
I made my stand and I won the day.*

DAVID

Ok - again from 'Bad weather..' I'll sing first.

*Bad weather has come my way,  
I made my stand and I won the day.*

And...

SINGERS

*Bad weather has come my way,  
I made my stand and I won the day.*

DAVID

Listen to the last line...

*Clouds are gone and the sun is shining through.*

3, 4 -

SINGERS

*Clouds are gone and the sun is shining through.*

DAVID

Let's recap from 'It's high adventure..' to the end of the verse - after 3. 1, 2, 3 -

SINGERS

*It's high adventure as we sail the seven seas.  
Bad weather has come my way,  
I made my stand and I won the day.*



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*Clouds are gone and the sun is shining through.*

DAVID

The chorus is easy. Here is the first part -

*Never, never, never gonna be the,  
Never, never, never gonna be the,  
Never, never, never gonna be the same.*

Sing it back after you hear it again -

Listen first.

*Never, never, never gonna be the,  
Never, never, never gonna be the,  
Never, never, never gonna be the same.*

3, 4, 1 -

SINGERS

*Never, never, never gonna be the,  
Never, never, never gonna be the,  
Never, never, never gonna be the same.*

DAVID

Here's the next line -

*I been searchin' far and wide but the answer's deep  
inside*

1, 2, 3 -

4



SINGERS

*I been searchin' far and wide for but answer's deep  
inside*

DAVID

Listen -

*Gonna take the money and run,  
Everybody's gonna have some fun,*

3, 4 -

SINGERS

*Gonna take the money and run,  
Everybody's gonna have some fun,*

DAVID

Now listen to the last line -

*Never never gonna roam around no more.*

Ready and -

SINGERS

*Never never gonna roam around no more.*

DAVID

Let's try the chorus from 'I been searchin'...' to the end  
- after 3. 1, 2, 3 -

SINGERS

*I been searchin' far and wide,  
but the answer's deep inside,  
Gonna take the money and run,*



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*Everybody's gonna have some fun,  
Never never gonna roam around no more.*

DAVID

Let's follow the words of verse 2 now...

*Wake up - you're sailing troubled waters,  
And a pirate ship is bearing down on you.  
You hear the thunder, blazing canons all around,  
Maybe your time has come, be a pity to die so young,  
Gotta be strong if you're ever gonna save the day.*

That verse has the same tune as verse 1, so you should find it straightforward to pick up. I'll sing to 'Down on you...' Come in singing after I count you in 3, 4, 1 -

*Wake up - you're sailing troubled waters,  
And a pirate ship is bearing down on you.*  
3, 4, 1 -

SINGERS

*Wake up - you're sailing troubled waters,  
And a pirate ship is bearing down on you.*

DAVID

Listen on -

*You hear the thunder, blazing canons all around,*

2, 3 -



SINGERS

*You hear the thunder, blazing canons all around ,*

DAVID

Last bit -

*Maybe your time has come, be a pity to die so young,  
Gotta be strong if you're ever gonna save the day.*

3, 4, 1 -

SINGERS

*Maybe your time has come, be a pity to die so young,  
Gotta be strong if you're ever gonna save the day.*

DAVID

Let's sing what we've learned so far. Verse 1 and a chorus then verse 2 and another chorus. I'll count you in 3, 4, 1 as before. 3, 4, 1 -

SINGERS

*Surf's up! We sail across the ocean,  
A hurricane wind that blows us far from shore.  
It's high adventure as we sail the seven seas.  
Bad weather has come my way,  
I made my stand and I won the day.  
Clouds are gone and the sun is shining through.**Never, never, never gonna be the,  
Never, never, never gonna be the,  
Never, never, never gonna be the same.*

*I been searchin' far and wide but the answer's deep  
inside,  
Gonna take the money and run,  
Everybody's gonna have some fun.  
Never never gonna roam around no more.*

*Wake up - you're sailing troubled waters,  
And a pirate ship is bearing down on you.  
You hear the thunder, blazing canons all around.  
Maybe your time has come,  
Be a pity to die so young.  
Gotta be strong if you're ever gonna save the day.*

*Never, never, never gonna be the,  
Never, never, never gonna be the,  
Never, never, never gonna be the same.*

*I been searchin' far and wide but the answer's deep  
inside  
Gonna take the money and run,  
Everybody's gonna have some fun.  
Never never gonna roam around no more.*

DAVID



Now to get some backing vocals! We usually call them BV's for short. I'd like to teach you a harmony part in the chorus. It's not tricky but you need to concentrate.

So listen up!

SINGERS

*Never, never, never gonna be the,  
Never, never, never gonna be the,  
Never, never, never gonna be the same.*

DAVID

It's all on the same note except the very last word -  
same - where it drops to the note below. Listen again  
then I'll count you in – 3, 4, 1 -

*Never, never, never gonna be the,  
Never, never, never gonna be the,  
Never, never, never gonna be the same.*

3, 4, 1 -

SINGERS BV

*Never, never, never gonna be the,  
Never, never, never gonna be the,  
Never, never, never gonna be the same.*

DAVID

And once more to make sure - after the count! 3, 4, 1 -

SINGERS BV

*Never, never, never gonna be the,  
Never, never, never gonna be the,  
Never, never, never gonna be the same.*



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DAVID

Easy! But maybe not quite so easy when we try to sing that part at the same time as the tune. In fact, it's impossible for one person to do both parts at once. So, your teacher will have divided you into two groups. One half sings the tune - you're the main group - wave at me! And the other half sings the BV's - BV's raise your hands. Ok main group sing your part down to be. Like this...

*Never, never, never gonna be*

Ready and -

SINGERS

*Never, never, never gonna be*

DAVID

Try to keep that in your heads tune group, while I help the BV's. Now BV's - your line - like this:

*Never, never, never gonna be*

Ready and

SINGERS BV

*Never, never, never gonna be*

DAVID

And now! The moment of truth! Can we sing both parts at the same time? Main group here's your starting note NE, it's an F#.

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BV's group, you begin on D which sounds like this NE.  
Let me hear you do those starting notes together - are  
you ready? And...

Concentrate hard just on your own part. Here we go!  
'Never ever' - main group your note is NE. BV group,  
your note is NE... 3, 4, 1 -

SINGERS

*Never, never, never gonna be the,  
Never, never, never gonna be the,  
Never, never, never gonna be the same.*

DAVID

Let's try that - both parts - from 'Clouds are gone...' -  
after 3, 4. 3, 4 -

SINGERS

*Clouds are gone and the sun is shining through.*

*Never, never, never gonna be the,  
Never, never, never gonna be the,  
Never, never, never gonna be the same.*

DAVID

Once more to make sure - from the same place. And  
we'll go right through the chorus this time - after 4.  
3, 4 -

SINGERS

*Clouds are gone and the sun is shining through!*

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*Never, never, never gonna be the,  
Never, never, never gonna be the,  
Never, never, never gonna be the same.*

*I've been searching far and wide but the answer's deep  
inside.*

*Gonna take the money and run,  
everybody's gonna have some fun.  
Never never gonna roam around no more.*

DAVID

How did it go?! Did you manage it?! It's not easy! But  
it sounds great when you get it right. Listen to the next  
bit...

*I was standing with my back against the wall,  
Could this be the point of no return.  
Oh, nothin's gonna stop me now,  
The tide has turned and I feel good.*

So, let's take that a line at a time. Listen first – then  
come in after a count of 3, 4, 1.

*I was standing with my back against the wall*

3, 4, 1 -



SINGERS

*I was standing with my back against the wall*

DAVID

*Could this be the point of no return.*

Your turn, ready and -

SINGERS

*Could this be the point of no return*

DAVID

Now listen to both lines -

*I was standing with my back against the wall,**Could this be the point of no return.*

3, 4, 1 -

SINGERS

*I was standing with my back against the wall,**Could this be the point of no return.*

DAVID

We're nearly there. Listen to the next bit -

*Oh, Nothin's gonna stop me now,**The tide has turned and I feel good.*

2, 3, 4 -

SINGERS

*Oh, Nothin's gonna stop me now,**The tide has turned and I feel good.*

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DAVID

Let's try the whole middle section. I'll count you in 3, 4,  
1. Here we go! 3, 4, 1 -

SINGERS

*I was standing with my back against the wall,  
Could this be the point of no return.  
Oh, nothin's gonna stop me now,  
The tide has turned and I feel good.*

DAVID

You have now learned 'Jimmy be good' so we can sing  
the song right through. It's verse 1, chorus, middle  
section, verse 2, chorus and middle section. Don't forget  
to sing the chorus in two part harmony. Bye for now!

