

# Heroes of Troy 1: Is it love?

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Hello and welcome to ***The Music Workshop***. We are so pleased you can join us today! My name is David Grant. I work as a vocal coach, although if I could fly or perform heroic acts of greatness in the face of cataclysmic disaster...I would probably prefer to be a – superhero. I love superheroes. They can fix stuff and they're kind and they get great...girlfriends. I know, I know on the downside they have to wear their pants outside their trousers and they're not actually real. But hey! Who cares?

Ancient Greek stories or poems, like 'The Iliad' written by Homer about The Trojan Wars, were full of superheores: Achilles, Odysseus, Hector. Just as engaging as our Super Bat Thunder variety are now. Our musical version of 'The Iliad' is light hearted and funny in places... deadly serious in others...and be warned, there's at least one scene that made me cry. Ladies and gentlemen boys and girls - welcome to the **Heroes of Troy!**



I hope you will have done a body and face warm up already with your teacher. Because now it's time for the vocal warm up.

- DAVID            This song number 1, is called 'Is it love?' It's about the Trojan prince Paris. He had a city named after him – imagine if his name had been Burt! Anyway, he's on his first big sea voyage – a journey he hopes might lead him to the beautiful girl he sees in his dreams.
- SONG            *Is it love? Is it love?*
- DAVID            Right. That's Paris - doing the 'Is it love?' thing OK.
- SONG            *Is it love? Is it love?*
- DAVID            Oh come on Paris man...it's not love. You probably just ate something that didn't agree with you...
- SONG            *Is it love? Is it love?*
- DAVID            Easy Tiger!
- SONG            *Is it love? Is it love?*
- DAVID            You haven't even met her yet!
- SONG            *Is it love? Is it love? Is it love?*
- DAVID            What's wrong with you!
- SONG            *Is it love? Is it love? Is it love? Is it love?*
- DAVID            Oh my goodness! We'll use that section to warm up OK. Now you just need to sing – 'Is it love? Is it love?' Its just 2 notes – it's C, C, G. OK and I want you to sing it twice after 3. 1, 2, 3:
- ALL            Is it love? Is it love?**

DAVID Well done. Same again after the count OK. 1, 2, 3:

**ALL Is it love? Is it love?**

DAVID The next bit's a little tricky so listen first. The melody descends chromatically...

*SONG Is it love? Is it love? Is it love?*

DAVID That means one step at a time...Just listen...we're going to do it again...listen carefully.

*SONG Is it love?*

DAVID One step down...

*SONG Is it love?*

DAVID Another step down...

*SONG Is it love?*

DAVID Try it with me this time. Sing after the count. 1, 2, 3:

**ALL Is it love?**

DAVID One step...

**ALL Is it love?**

DAVID Another step...

**ALL Is it love?**

DAVID And again...

**ALL** **Is it love?**

**Is it love?**

**Is it love?**

**Is it love?**

DAVID Let's do the same again. OK. This time, I want you to open your mouths and project as best you can. Take a good breath. Ready. 1, 2, 3:

**ALL** **Is it love?**

DAVID And -

**ALL** **Is it love?**

DAVID A little step down...

**ALL** **Is it love?**

DAVID You're sounding great.

**ALL** **Is it love?**

DAVID Let's do it again. And -

**ALL** **Is it love?**

DAVID And breathe...

**ALL** **Is it love?**

DAVID Take a little step down...

**ALL**                    **Is it love?**

**Is it love?**

DAVID                Now you're singing!

**ALL**                    **Is it love? Is it love? Is it love? Is it love?**

DAVID                You're starting to sound like Paris. Lovely! Now let's look at the lyrics for 'Is it love?' Listen carefully to the first verse and then we'll try it.

Listen -

SONG                *I have wandered through the valley,  
Deep in the forest and high up on the hill.  
(Cruisin' around, dreamin' about an angel.)*

DAVID                Ok so we've got two very short phrases to begin with – listen to them again and then sing them straight away with me after a count of 2, 3. Listen then sing.

SONG                *I have wandered through the valley,*

DAVID                2, 3:

**ALL**                    **I have wandered through the valley,**

DAVID                Listen on and sing when I bring you in. OK. Listen -

SONG                *Deep in the forest and high up on the hill.*

DAVID                Your turn. Ready and:

**ALL**                    **Deep in the forest and high up on the hill.**

DAVID OK let's put it all together now starting with 'I have wandered through the valley'...After 3. 1, 2, 3:

**ALL** **I have wandered through the valley,  
Deep in the forest and high up on the hill.**

DAVID Well done! We've got one more line to finish the verse. Have a listen.

SONG *(Cruisin' around, dreamin' about an angel.)*

DAVID Your turn. 1, 2, 3 and:

**ALL** **Cruisin' around, dreamin' about an angel.**

DAVID The first word 'cruising' overlaps with what we sang earlier so let's divide into two groups. Group 1 you sing 'I have wandered' after a count of 3. Group 2 – you start from 'Cruising' after I say 'Ready and...' Group 1 you start first with 'I have wandered'. 1, 2, 3!

**GROUP 1** **I have wandered through the valley,  
Deep in the forest and high up on the hill.**

DAVID Group 2 – ready and:

**GROUP 2** **Cruisin' around, dreamin' about an angel.**

DAVID Lovely! Now the next bit is exactly the same as the first – just different lyrics. In your two groups listen to how your parts go – then we'll try it straight away. Listen. Group 1 first.

- SONG *There's a fever running through me,  
Some kind of madness is burning deep within.*
- DAVID Group 2 – you listen to your part now. Here it goes...
- SONG *(Tumblin' down, rollin' around inside me.)*
- DAVID Your turn. Group 1 first. 1, 2, 3:
- GROUP 1** **There's a fever running through me,  
Some kind of madness is burning deep within.**
- DAVID Group 2 are you ready? Ready and:
- GROUP 2** **Tumblin' down, rollin' around inside me.**
- DAVID The song continues with the chorus which goes like this...
- SONG *I can't stop thinkin', I can't stop thinkin' about you.*
- DAVID Sing it twice. Ready and -
- ALL** **I can't stop thinkin', I can't stop thinkin' about you.**
- DAVID Now the same again after 4. 1, 2, 3, 4:
- ALL** **I can't stop thinkin', I can't stop thinkin' about you.**
- DAVID Then listen up there's a new bit -
- SONG *I keep searchin', searchin' all over the world.*
- DAVID Sing that line twice – after the count 3, 4, 1:
- ALL** **I keep searchin', searchin' all over the world.**
- DAVID One more time: 3, 4, 1:

**ALL** **I keep searchin', searchin' all over the world.**

DAVID Great. Let's try the whole verse through now, from the top and in your two groups. From 'I have wandered'. After 3. Are you ready? 1, 2, 3:

**GROUP 1** **I have wandered through the valley,  
Deep in the forest and high up on the hill.**

DAVID Group 2. Ready and:

**GROUP 2** **Cruisin' around, dreamin' about an angel.**

DAVID Group 1s. 1, 2, 3

**GROUP 1** **There's a fever running through me,  
Some kind of madness is burning deep within.**

DAVID Group 2. Ready and:

**GROUP 2** **Tumblin' down, rollin' around inside me.**

DAVID Next line twice. All together. Ready and:

**ALL** **I can't stop thinkin', I can't stop thinkin' about you.**

DAVID And again. Ready and:

**ALL** **I can't stop thinkin, I can't stop thinkin' about you.**

DAVID And this line too after the count. Are you ready? 3, 4, 1:

**ALL** **I keep searchin', searchin' all over the world.**

DAVID And again...3, 4, 1:



**ALL** **I keep searchin', searchin' all over the world.**

DAVID Yeah, well done. I'm going to sing the song from verse 2: 'Now the river is overflowing'. Listen to your own part so we can put it together very quickly.

SONG *Now the river is over-flowin',  
Down from the mountain and far out to the sea.  
(Tumblin' down, rollin' around, I'm drownin'.)*

DAVID Sing in your groups, after 3. 1, 2, 3:

**GROUP 1** **Now the river is over-flowin',  
Down from the mountain and far out to the sea.**

DAVID Group 2, ready and:

**GROUP 2** **Tumblin' down, rollin' around, I'm drownin'.**

DAVID Group 1! Your next bit has a slight variation in the rhythm at 'think about love', so listen out for that.

SONG *Every minute lasts forever*

DAVID Listen...

SONG *I think about love and how the world could be.  
(Losin' my mind, dreamin' about an angel.)*

DAVID 'Every minute' Group 1, after 3. 1, 2, 3:

**GROUP 1**      **Every minute lasts forever.**

**I think about love and how the world could be.**

DAVID            Group 2! Ready and:

**GROUP 2**      **Losin' my mind, dreamin' about an angel.**

DAVID            Keep going as before – 'I can't stop thinking...'

**ALL**              **I can't stop thinkin', I can't stop thinkin' about you.**

DAVID            We're doing that again. 1, 2, 3, 4:

**ALL**              **I can't stop thinkin', I can't stop thinkin' about you.**

DAVID            Next bit's 'I keep searching' After the count. 3, 4, 1:

**ALL**              **I keep searchin', searchin' all over the world.**

DAVID            And again. 3, 4, 1:

**ALL**              **I keep searchin', searchin' all over the world.**

DAVID            Do you remember we sang 'Is it love?' way back at the top of the programme? Well, listen to this...

*SONG*            *Is it love? I can't stop thinkin',*

*Is it love? I can't stop thinkin' about you.*

DAVID            Ooh. I love that! Listen again.

*SONG*            *Is it love? I can't stop thinkin',*

*Is it love? I can't stop thinkin' about you.*

DAVID           The two parts are sung together. Group 1 after 3 sings 'Is it love?'  
And group 2 after 4 sings 'I can't stop thinkin' about you'. Are you  
ready? 1, 2, 3, 4:

**GROUP 1       Is it love?**

**GROUP 2       I can't stop thinkin',**

**GROUP 1       Is it love?**

**GROUP 2       I can't stop thinkin' about you.**

DAVID           So Group 1 - you're after 3. Group 2 - after 4:

**GROUP 1       Is it love?**

**GROUP 2       I can't stop thinkin',**

**GROUP 1       Is it love?**

**GROUP 2       I can't stop thinkin' about you.**

DAVID           Keep going, that sounds great. 1, 2, 3, 4:

**GROUP 1       Is it love?**

**GROUP 2       I can't stop thinkin',**

**GROUP 1       Is it love?**

**GROUP 2       I can't stop thinkin' about you.**

DAVID           Now you're in the groove! 1, 2, 3, 4:

**GROUP 1       Is it love?**

**GROUP 2       I can't stop thinkin',**

**GROUP 1**      **Is it love?**

**GROUP 2**      **I can't stop thinkin' about you.**

DAVID            We're nearly there! But we now have a new line for Group 2 while Group 1 sings the chromatic version of 'Is it love?' I know it sounds complicated but it's really straight forward. Just listen!

SONG            *Is it love? I wanna know,  
Is it love? I got to know,  
Is it love? I wanna know,  
Is it love?*

DAVID            Try it Group 2 after the count and Group 1, you listen to your part again. Are you ready? 3, 4, 1:

**GROUP 1**      **Is it love?**

**GROUP 2**      **I wanna know,**

**GROUP 1**      **Is it love?**

**GROUP 2**      **I got to know,**

**GROUP 1**      **Is it love?**

**GROUP 2**      **I wanna know,**

**GROUP 1**      **Is it love?**

DAVID            Now let's put these parts together. And we can sing it all three times. After the count. 1, 2, 3 and – 1:

**GROUP 1** Is it love?

**GROUP 2** I wanna know,

**GROUP 1** Is it love?

**GROUP 2** I got to know,

**GROUP 1** Is it love?

**GROUP 2** I wanna know,

**GROUP 1** Is it love?

**GROUP 1** Is it love?

**GROUP 2** I wanna know,

**GROUP 1** Is it love?

**GROUP 2** I got to know,

**GROUP 1** Is it love?

**GROUP 2** I wanna know,

**GROUP 1** Is it love?

DAVID 1, 2, 3 and – 1:

**GROUP 1** Is it love?

**GROUP 2** I wanna know,

**GROUP 1** Is it love?

**GROUP 2** I got to know,

**GROUP 1** Is it love?

**GROUP 2**      **I wanna know,**

DAVID            And hold it. We end with a flourish -

SONG            *Is it love?*

DAVID            - which you can all sing together. Sing it with me.

**ALL**             **Love.**

DAVID            From 'I wanna know'...

**GROUP 2**      **I wanna know,**

**GROUP 1**      **Is it love?**

**GROUP 2**      **I got to know,**

**GROUP 1**      **Is it love?**

**GROUP 2**      **I wanna know,**

DAVID            You get it together: 1, 2, 3:

**ALL**             **Is it love?**

DAVID            Let's sing the whole end section now from the point where both parts sing together. 'I can't stop thinking about you' and 'Is it love?' Are you ready? I'll count you in. 1, 2, 3 and 1:

**GROUP 1**      **Is it love?**

**GROUP 2**      **I can't stop thinkin',**

**GROUP 1**      **Is it love?**

**GROUP 2**      **I can't stop thinkin' about you.**

**GROUP 1** Is it love?

**GROUP 2** I can't stop thinkin',

**GROUP 1** Is it love?

**GROUP 2** I can't stop thinkin' about you.

DAVID The next part. 1, 2, 3 and 1 -

**GROUP 1** Is it love?

**GROUP 2** I wanna know,

**GROUP 1** Is it love?

**GROUP 2** I got to know,

**GROUP 1** Is it love?

**GROUP 2** I wanna know,

**GROUP 1** Is it love?

DAVID And again!

**GROUP 1** Is it love?

**GROUP 2** I wanna know,

**GROUP 1** Is it love?

**GROUP 2** I got to know,

**GROUP 1** Is it love?

**GROUP 2** I wanna know,

**GROUP 1** Is it love?

DAVID Last time -

**GROUP 1 Is it love?**

**GROUP 2 I wanna know,**

**GROUP 1 Is it love?**

**GROUP 2 I got to know,**

**GROUP 1 Is it love?**

**GROUP 2 I wanna know,**

**GROUP 1 Is it love?**

DAVID We get it together -

**ALL Is it love?**

DAVID Wow! Yes! That's been a big sing! I got to tell you that was great, but I want you to keep practising until next time and don't forget your warm-ups! Well sung! Bye!