

## Get Manic About the Beatles

What middle school student doesn't LOVE listening to the Beatles? Well, many of the lyrics of popular Beatles tunes are perfect to facilitate speech in your students who are learning to expand their repertoire of single sounds and words. For example,

She loves you **ya, ya, ya,**  
She loves you **ya, ya, ya,**  
She loves you **ya, ya, ya, yaaaaaaaaa**

Sing along with your student. Have fun. Groove with the music. And when it comes to the **ya** part, look right at your student, get him to look at you and exaggerate the **ya**. You'll have him engaged and when people are engaged, it's the optimal time for them to learn.

Maybe your student already says **ya**. Have her sing along with the choir and perform it for parents and teachers. They will sure appreciate a Beatles tune too!

Another example,

Get **back**, get **back**, get **back** to where you once belonged.

This might be the perfect tune to help your student learn to say sounds produced with the lips.

Here's another example that encourages the student to use his lips.

Let it **be**, let it **be**, let it **be**, Let it **be**.  
Whisper words of wisdom. Let it **be**.

Your student and her entire class might want to sing along while watching the Beatles perform the number on YouTube. <http://uk.youtube.com/watch?v=4oZYqAeldYk>. What a great song for the entire school to sing at a Remembrance Day activity.

Think about other great Beatles tunes and select ones that your special student can sing along with. Get help from your Speech-Language Pathologist if you can. Plan a whole evening of entertainment.

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