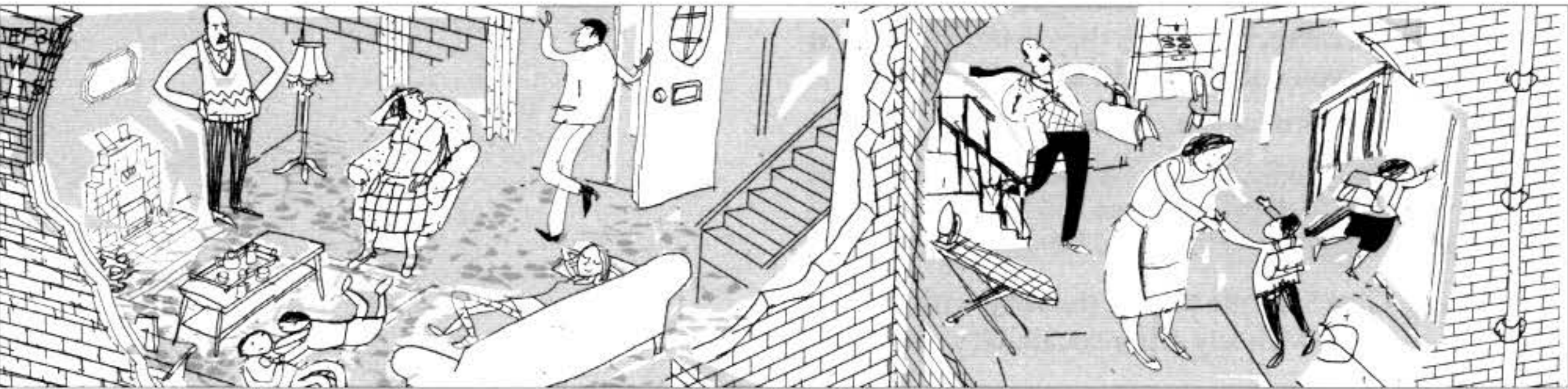


1B SONG Our House



Our House

Father wears his ¹ Sunday best (*a day of the week*)
Mother's ² _____ she needs a rest (*adjective*)
The kids are playing up ³ _____ (*part of the house*)
Sister's sighing in her sleep
⁴ brother _____'s got a date to keep (*member of the family*)
He can't hang around

CHORUS
Our house, in the middle of our street
Our house, in the middle of our...

Our house it has a crowd
There's ⁵ always something happening (*adverb of frequency*)
And it's usually quite loud
Our ⁶ mom _____ she's so house-proud (*member of the family, colloquial*)
Nothing ever slows her down and a mess is not allowed

CHORUS
Our house, in the middle of our street
(Something tells you that you've got to move away from it)

Father gets up ⁷ _____ for work (*adverb of time*)
Mother has to iron his ⁸ _____ (*something you wear*)
Then she sends the kids to ⁹ _____ (*a place*)
Sees them off with a small kiss
She's the one they're going to miss in lots of ways

CHORUS
I remember way back then when everything was true and when
We would have such a very good time
Such a fine time
Such a ¹⁰ very good time (*adjective*)
And I remember how we'd play, simply waste the day away
Then we'd say nothing would come between us two dreamers

REPEAT FIRST VERSE
CHORUS
Our house, was our castle and our keep
Our house, in the middle of our street
Our house, that was where we used to sleep
Our house, in the middle of our street (*to fade*)

- a** Listen to the song and write the missing words 1–10. Use the clues in brackets to help you.

b Read the lyrics with the glossary and answer the questions.

1 Do you think the singer's memory of his home is positive or negative?

2 Which of these adjectives would you use to describe his house? Tick the boxes.

busy

quiet

clean

untidy

crowded

traditional

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GLOSSARY

Sunday best = best clothes
playing up = behaving badly
sighing = making a sad sound
has got a date = has a meeting (with a girl)
hang around = stay somewhere for a long time
house-proud = spending a lot of time keeping a house clean and tidy
you've got to = you have to

SONG FACTS

Our House was British group Madness's biggest international hit. In the summer of 2012, 20 years after they first recorded it, the song became popular with a new generation of music fans: Madness sang the song to an international audience at the closing ceremony of the London 2012 Olympics.