

They say Michael Bland is getting confused in his old age. Nonsense! I'm perfectly able to cope with Christmas, that time of year when you are civil to the turkey and stuff the mother-in-law; when you unblock the kitchen sink with a sherry and knock back a glass of cleaning fluid, take off the wife's lantern and go carolling from door to door with her knickers on a pole, or give Santa a fiver towards the church roof and hang out your stockings for the vicar.

In fact, I'm so in possession of my marbles that I've prepared a little something to keep you occupied while trying to digest the Queen's message and listen to the Christmas lunch. So, it's time to put your best hand forward, brain up your ears and try your foot at this festive teaser.

Confused? Moi?

MERRY EASTER EVERYONE!

Ready?

Each of the pictures below represents a word (in the right order) from a well known Christmas song.

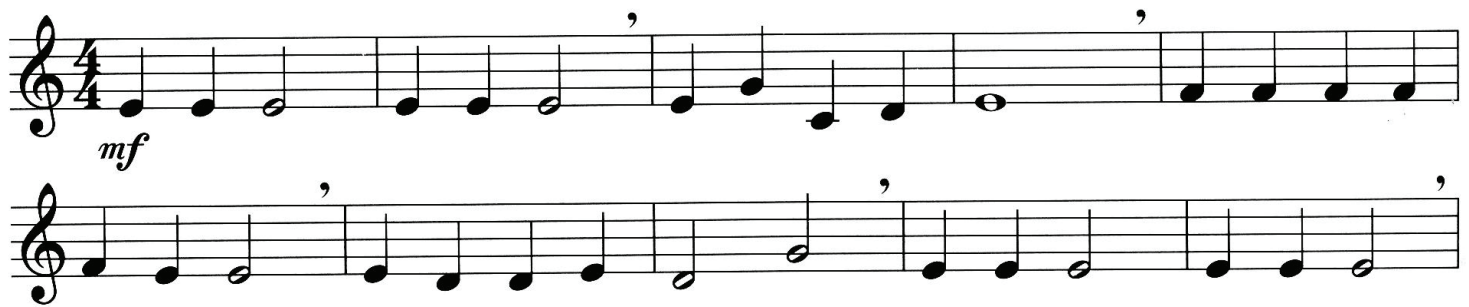
But which song?



Got it yet? Need help? OK, here's a clue;

The first picture is of *shingle*
The second is some *bales* of hay
Then the *shingle* again
And the *bales*
Shingle again
Then an *oil* gusher
A *duvet*
Some French water, or *Eau*
A *wart*
A *fern*
Some *udders*
A *toy ride*
Your *honour*
Amy *Winehouse*
Eau
A *pen*
St George *slaying* the dragon

Right then, ready or not, all together now.....



Shingle Bales Shingle Bales

Shingle Oil Duvet

Eau Wart Fern Udders Toy ride

Honour Winehouse Eau Pen Slay*

*(an earlier version ended with the words 'Winehouse Opens Lay' but the pictures were censored)