

# **“A Multiplicity of Rhapsodies”**

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**Richard (MA Ohio) has been a public school teacher (Maths) in the USA, involved in Information Technology in the USA and NZ and is an avid letter writer. His interest in band music reaches back to his beginnings as a musician in high school and university bands in Ohio USA in the fifties and sixties, and has extended through to today with the proliferating availability of music and videos found on “You Tube.”**

**Bohemian Rhapsody is an iconic rock song by Freddy Mercury and the band Queen. Richard is amazed at how well the song is known and how many tribute videos there are on ‘You Tube.’ He will play music videos of all sorts of tributes and special arrangements of Bohemian Rhapsody made as far back as 1992, a year after the death of Freddy Mercury.**

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- Is this the real life?
- Caught in a landslide
- Open your eyes
- I'm just a poor boy
- Because I'm easy come, easy go
- Any way the wind blows
- To me ....
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- Mama
- Put a gun against his head
- Mama, life had just begun
- Mama!,
- Didn't mean to make you cry
- Carry on, carry on
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- Too late,
- Sends shivers down my spine
- Goodbye, everybody
- Gotta leave you all behind
- Mama!,
- I don't want to die
- <Guitar>

- I see a little silhouetto of a man
- Thunderbolt and lightning
- (Galileo) Galileo (Galileo) Galileo, Galileo
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- I'm just a poor boy
- He's just a poor boy from a poor family
- Easy come, easy go, will you let me go

## Reflective intro

Is this just fantasy?  
No escape from reality  
Look up to the skies and see  
I need no sympathy  
Little high, little low  
doesn't really matter to me

## Ballad

Just killed a man  
Pulled my trigger, now he's dead  
But now I've gone and thrown it all away  
ooh  
If I'm not back again this time tomorrow,  
As if nothing really matters  
  
my time has come  
Body's aching all the time  
I've got to go  
And face the truth  
ooh  
I sometimes wish I'd never been born at all

## Opera

Scaramouche, Scaramouche,  
• Will you do the Fandango?  
Very, very frightening me  
  
Figaro Magnifico!  
  
Nobody loves me  
Spare him his life from this monstrosity

- BR song structure

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- 1. Lyrical Intro
- 2. Ballad
- 3. Hard Opera
- 4. Rock
- 5. Lyrical Outro
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Letting the Mnozil Brass (Austria) take the applause for all of the groups in the montage, listed in order of first appearance:

1. Frensham Girls College Madrigal, Australia
2. Brooklyn Duo and Dover Quartet, New York, USA
3. Indiana University student Lab Chamber Orchestra, Indiana, USA
4. Mnozil Brass, Austria
5. International Trombone Festival, global collaboration, Indiana, USA
6. Budapest Jazz Orchestra (Kati Wolf), Hungary
7. Darby Concert Orchestra, UK
8. Kids choir, Georgia's Got Talent, USA
9. Battle of the Choirs, Australia