

THIS IS BIRMINGHAM

Mr Farr has written a cantata all about Birmingham and how Brummies changed the world.

It looks at how Boulton, Watt and Murdoch harness steam power and the birth of the Industrial Revolution.

What is the Industrial Revolution?



The Bull Ring Market

In 1166, Peter de Birmingham took a risk,
From King Henry he won the right
For a market every Thursday.

It put the town right on the map,
And from then it never looked back,
Craftsman flocked from far and wide,
Nothing now could stem the tide.

Come and buy your goods at the Bull Ring Market,
So much here to buy,
There's so much choice,
Come and buy your goods at Birmingham's
Market place
Quality you will find
Come and buy don't fall behind.

There's leather here and pottery,
Metal work the best you'll see,
Wooden goods and woven cloth
Or bone or horn to purchase,
Cows and sheep and goats and pigs,
Grains and pulses, fruit and veg
Shoppers flocked from far and wide,
Nothing now could stem the tide.

Market calls over chorus

Who will buy my tables,
Who will buy my plates,
Who will buy my jewellery,
Quick before you're too late.

Come and buy your eggs now,
Chickens going cheap

We move forward in time to when?

What is this song about?

Can you name some of the items you could get at the Bull Ring Market?

Who gave the right to hold a market?

How would it feel visiting the market? How does it sound and smell?

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Sing now, rise up,
With the forces of nature unite,
And join as one voice
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This is the place now,
Our searching is over,
The Rea draws us onto this ground,
From Europe we've journeyed,
We've faced many dangers,
Our birthright
We now have found

Our journey's long,
Now hear the song
The pull we feel it is so strong,
The land has called us here,
We are Boerma's people.

This song, talks about the first visitors/ settlers to Birmingham.

What do you learn from it?

Where did they come from?

Who's people are they?

What drew them to this area?

Young Boulton

It's Boulton who we see,
The first one of the three,
Who our story's all about.
Birmingham's son.

When only a small boy,
He'd never buy a toy,
Using any bits he found,
He'd make it himself

Working through the night,
Trying hard to get it right,
Persistence, patience, perseverance,
He would succeed.

perseverance



patience



Persistence



This is Boulton on the £50 note!

Write a sentence on your whiteboard using
each of the words.



Bolt On This

Some children are born with a silver spoon,
It brings them luck there's no doubt,
But Matthew he had a set of tools,
And look how he turned out,
While still a lad he asked his dad,
For advice on a career,
Well Matthew son, there's only one,
You will be an engineer.

And you'll will bolt on this and bolt on that,
There's no two jobs quite the same
With pulleys, wheels and pistons, boy,
You will carry on the family name.

At seventeen he went to work
In his father's factory.
The nuts and bolts and lathes and tools
Were a sight for him to see.
At lunchtime while the workers talked,
To his bench he'd disappear,
With a bag of tools and a sheet of steel,
He was born an engineer.