

## Vera Lynn (1917 - 2020)



Vera Lynn was an English singer and entertainer whose songs were extremely popular during World War II. She is known as the "Forces' Sweetheart", having given outdoor concerts for the soldiers in Egypt, India, and Burma during the war. Among her most famous songs are "We'll Meet Again" (1939) and "The White Cliffs of Dover" (1942) (*photo: 1942*).

She remained popular after the war, frequently appearing on radio and television in the UK and the USA. In 2009, at the age of 92, she became the oldest living artist to top the UK Albums Chart with her compilation album "We'll Meet Again: The Very Best of Vera Lynn". When she died in 2020, she had been active in the music industry for 96 years (*photo: 2009*).



### We'll meet again (1939)

**Chorus:** We'll meet again, don't know where, don't know when  
But I know we'll meet again, some sunny day

Keep smiling through, just like you always do  
'Til the blue skies drive the dark clouds far away

So will you, please, say hello to the folks that I know?  
Tell them I won't be long  
They'll be happy to know that as you saw me go  
I was singing this song

*[Chorus] x 2*

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'Til the blue skies drive the dark clouds far away

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*[Chorus]*

We'll Meet Again (1939): [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HsM\\_VmN6ytk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HsM_VmN6ytk)

## The White Cliffs of Dover (1942)

There'll be bluebirds over  
The white cliffs of Dover  
Tomorrow, just you wait and see

There'll be love and laughter  
And peace ever after  
Tomorrow, when the world is free

The shepherd will tend his sheep  
The valley will bloom again  
And Jimmy will go to sleep  
In his own little room again

There'll be bluebirds over  
The white cliffs of Dover  
Tomorrow, just you wait and see

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*Some people believe that the word “bluebirds” refers to RAF airplanes, while others believe it really refers to bluebirds.*



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