

150 Years Old - *a song written for 3C*

F C
Long long ago in eighteen sixty-eight,
F C
something came to Helena that turned out really great
F
We all know the story of how they found gold
C
It's time now for a story that you haven't been told
F C F
It happened long ago in eighteen sixty-eight.

F C
Miners came to town and they didn't have much to do
F C
Eat, sleep, pan for gold. They longed for something new.
F
They didn't have phones there was no Minecraft
C
They needed a break, they wanted a laugh
F C C
Miners came to town and they needed something to do.

F A F C
Lewis and Clark library, Lewis and Clark library.
F A C F
Lewis and Clark Library, one hundred and fifty years old

F C
Twenty-one years before Montana became a state
F C
They built the library so books could circulate
F
It predates the territory, it predates the schools
C
(which if you think about it is pretty cool!)

F C F
Twenty-one years before Montana became a state.

(verse #4 is still a mystery! Be patient.)

Down Came the Rain – A Song about the great fire of 1928, written for 3V

A- F A- D-

Early in the morning in mid-July

A- F G7 . . .

Disaster struck downtown.

A- F A- D-

Mainstreet caught fire and the fire raged

A- F G7 . . .

Folks needed desperate help.

CHORUS:

D- A7 D- A7 D- A7 D-

The rain came down but it wasn't enough, down came the rain.

D- A7 F D- A7 D-

The rain came down but it wasn't enough, down came the rain.

A- F A- D- A- F G7 . . .

Even with the rain the fire blazed on, building to building like mad

A- F A- D- A- F G7 . . .

Fire crews and town folk all lent a hand. By sunrise the worst had passed.

CHORUS

A- F A- D- A- F G7 . . .

This was the fire of nineteen twenty-eight, one of the worst we've had.

A- F A- D- A- F G7 . . .

Neighbors helping neighbors to extinguish the flames. Together they rebuilt the town.

CHORUS

Man in the Mountains – Written for Pam Murnion's Third Grade, spring 2018

G C G C
Canyon Ferry east, MacDonald Pass to the west.
G D7 G
Look to the north and see and old man at rest.

G C G C
He watches over us, silent as a stone
G D7 G
While we make memories and call Helena our home.

C D7 G
The man in the mountains is sleeping.
C D7 G
He's been at it for millions of years.
C D7 G C D7
I can only imagine the dreams he's been havin' 'round here...

(repeat chorus)

G C G C
Ponderosa pine, blooms of the bitterroot.
G D7 G
Crystal clear waters and strong wild daughters to boot.
G C G C
Snow-capped mountains rise watching from high above
G D7 G
Sons who take chances and fall in and out of love.

CHORUS (x2)

G C G C
Winter soon will end, giving way to spring.
G D7 G
May in Montana is something straight out of a dream.

G C G C
Hike Mt Helena, splash at Spring Meadow Lake
G D7 G
Up in the north, the old man is taking a break.

CHORUS (x2)

Ballad of Helena, 2018

G D7
At first Helena was a mining town
D7 G
Then a terrible fire struck it down.
G C
A tower was built to protect their ground,
D7 G
Long live our dear Helena.

(CHORUS)

G D7
Long live our dear Helena,
D7 G
Long live our dear Helena.
G C
From before we were here to long after we're gone,
D7 G
Long live our dear Helena.

G D7
The Atlas Block building was built long ago.
D7 G
The green salamanders will rise, don't you know.
G C
For fire insurance, we're your place to go.
D7 G
Long live our dear Helena.

CHORUS

G D7
On October eighteenth, nineteen thirty five,
D7 G
The Big Shake arrived and gave such a surprise.
G C
The high school fell down and made a big frown.
D7 G
Long live our dear Helena.

CHORUS

G D7
In two-thousand eighteen the run off was bad.
D7 G
Ten Mile jumped banks and it covered the land.
G C
The people of Rossiter made a new plan,
D7 G
Long live our dear Helena.

CHORUS