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.

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

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

CHORUS


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

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 an 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)