



ABBA Waterloo

Name : _____

Complete the lyrics.

Waterloo

By ABBA (1974)

My, my

At Waterloo, _____ did surrender

Oh, yeah

And I have met my _____ in quite a similar way

The _____ book on the shelf

Is _____ repeating itself

Waterloo

I was defeated, you _____ the war

Waterloo

Promise to _____ forevermore

Waterloo

Couldn't escape if I wanted to

Waterloo

Knowing my _____ is to be with you

Wa-Wa-Wa-Wa-Waterloo

Finally facing my _____





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ABBA: 50 years since Waterloo

News article by the University of Sydney (5.4.2024)






Formed in Sweden in 1972, ABBA was made up of Björn Ulvaeus (keyboards), Benny Andersson (guitar), and singers Agnetha Fältskog and Anni-Frid (Frida) Lyngstad. The group entered the 1973 Melodifestivalen, the Swedish selection for the Eurovision Song Contest, with the song Ring Ring and placed third. But the song and the album of the same name become a big hit in Sweden and several other countries.

ABBA entered the competition again the following year with Waterloo. The song took them to the finals of the Eurovision Song Contest in Brighton England, where they won on 6 April, 1974.

Waterloo catapulted ABBA to international fame and set the stage for their unparalleled success. The song was a huge hit in Sweden and topped the charts in many countries in Europe.

“Waterloo’s lyrics were oblique,” she said. “They are referencing a historical battle as a metaphor for a relationship. I can’t think of another song that does this! And the way the lyrics were delivered were also unique. ABBA had a particular way of pronouncing English words that catches the ear and is a part of their identifiable sound.”

From their humble beginnings to global superstardom, ABBA's music continues to resonate with audiences across generations, transcending cultural boundaries and uniting listeners in a shared love for timeless melodies.





Answer the following questions based on the text. You can answer in English or in Finnish.

1. How many years ago did ABBA win Eurovision with the song Waterloo?

2. How many members were in ABBA and what was their role?

3. What was ABBA's first Eurovision entry song and how did it do in the competition?

4. What are the lyrics of Waterloo about?

