

The Big Night

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Gretchen took a deep, shaky breath as she peeked out from behind the stage curtain. The auditorium was full. Everyone was there to hear the piano recital.

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Mr. Harold patted her snoulder. "You can do it, Gretchen. I believe in you."

She nodded, and he moved on to give encouragement to the next student.

Gretchen moved toward the back of the stage to wait for her turn. She heard sniffles and frowned.

Peeking around the corner, she saw Matthew. He was only seven years old, but he played the piano like a maestro.



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Gretchen stepped toward him. "What's wrong, Matthew?"

He sniffed again and wiped his tears. "I'm scared."

A sympathetic smile spread across Gretchen's face. "I understand. I'm nervous, too. I know you'll knock it out of the park," she said.

As she said the words, she realized she meant them very much. Matthew always did a great job. She believed in him.

Maybe that was how Mr. Harold felt about her, too.

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- 1) What was the "Big Night" about?
 - a) Gretchen's experience of stage fright
 - b) Gretchen's boosting Matthew's self-confidence
 - c) a wonderful musical evening by Mr. Harold's students
 - d) how Gretchen overcomes her stage fright to give a great piano recital

2) What does the phrase "like a dream" mean?

3) How does Gretchen

4) Which sentence

- a) At the piano
- b) Gretchen recited the piano extraordinarily well.

5) If something is music to your ears, it makes you feel very happy. This is a metaphor. Find another literary device used in the text.

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