

Activity Sheet

C.Y. O'Connor (I Wish You Were Here)

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1. Water was scarce, people couldn't go on
Searching for gold in the blazing sun.
Goldfields life was at its worst
Many died from typhoid, some died of thirst.
2. C. Y. O'Connor delivered a plan
To build a pipeline through rocks and sand.
Helena River would be the start
Where water would flow to the Goldfields heart.

Chorus

What would he say if he came back today that great engineer?
Having no doubt his plan would work.
C. Y. O'Connor, I wish you were here
To see water pumped from Mundaring Weir.

3. The longest pipeline the world had seen
In bygone days it was just a dream.
People said it couldn't be done
But O'Connor and his men proved them wrong.
4. From Mundaring on through Southern Cross,
Reaching the reservoir at Mt Charlotte.
Days were long, rewards were few,
Somehow they would see it, see it through. **Chorus**
5. Came that memorable day in nineteen hundred and three,
When water, clear water flowed endlessly.
To O'Connor now we pay our due,
He made that Goldfields dream, dream come true.

Chorus

What would he say if he came back today that great engineer?
Having no doubt his plan would work.
A final note made it clear, saying: "Put the wing walls to Helena Weir".
A final note made it clear, saying: "Put the wing walls to Helena
Put the wing walls to Helena Weir".
I wish you were here.



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Lively ♩ = 120

1 F C G F C
1. Wat - er was scarce; peo - ple

6 G F C Am Dm
could - n't go on search - ing for gold in the blaz - ing sun. Gold - fields life__ was at its worst. Man - y

11 F Dm G F G C G
died from ty - phoid; some died of thirst._____ 2. C. Y. O' Con - nor de - liv - ered a plan

17 F C Am Dm⁷ C
To build a pipe - line through rocks and sand.____ Be the start.
to build a pipe - line through rocks and sand. Hel - en - a riv - er would be the start, where wat - er would

22 Am F Dm **Chorus** G C
To the Gold - fields heart. If he came back to - day that great eng - i -
flow__ to the Gold - fields heart. What would he say if he came back to - day that great eng - i -

28 F Dm G F C
neer. Hav - ing no doubt his plan would work. C. Y. O' Con nor I wish you were here to see
neer, hav - ing no doubt his plan would work.

33 G C F C G F
Wat - er pumped from Mun - dar - ing Weir. [Instrumental]
wat - er pumped from Mun - dar - ing Weir. 3. The

39 C G F C Am
long - est pipe - line the world had seen. In by - gone days it was just a dream. Peo - ple said; it

44 Dm F Dm G F G C
could - n't be done, but O' Con - nor and his men proved them wrong. 4. From Mun - dar - ing on through

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50 G F C Am Dm

Reach-ing the res-er - voir at Mt. Char-lotte. Days were long; re-wards were few.

South-ern Cross; Reach-ing the res-er - voir at Mt. Char - lotte.

55 C Am F Dm G

See it through. **Chorus** If he came back to-day that

Some-how they would see, see it through. What would he say... if he came back to-day that

C F Dm G F

great eng - i - neer. Hav-ing no doubt his plan would work...

great eng - i - neer, hav-ing no doubt his plan would work. C. Y. O'Con-nor I

Instrumental

C G C F C G

Wat-er pumped from Mun - dar - ing Weir.

wish you were here to see wat-er pumped from Mun - dar - ing Weir.

Key Change

Sing Unaccompanied or with one guitar strum on 1st beat of bar only

A7 D A G

5.Came that mem-or-able day in nine-teen hund-red and three; when wat-er, clear wat-er flowed

D Bm Em D Bm G

Resume accompaniment

end-less-ly... To O' Con-nor now we pay our due. He made that Gold-fields dream... come... true.

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83 **Chorus** Em if he came back to-day that A great eng - i - D neer. G Hav - ing no doubt his

What would he say if he came back to-day that great eng - i - neer, hav - ing no doubt his

88 A plan would work. G Put the wing walls to Hel - en - D a Weir. A D G Bar 84

plan would work. A fin - al note made it clear, say - ing, put the wing walls to Hel - en - a Weir.

94 G A fin - al note made it D clear, say ing, A put the wing walls_ to Hel - en - D a, G Bar 89

A fin - al note made it clear, say ing, put the wing walls_ to Hel - len - a,

A Put the wing walls_ to Hel - D en - a_ G Bar 92

put the wing walls_ to Hel - en - a_ Weir.

Instrumental

Weir.

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I wish you were_ here.