

Sweet Thames

One little boy—he was a dear little boy, rather shy, and not much confidence...

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But he sang beautifully.

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And I taught him ‘Sweet Thames Flow Softly.’ And I always remember him standing up, in front of the class, singing ‘Sweet Thames Flow Softly’. It was really a lovely experience.

He left my class, and went upstairs to David’s class, and he’d got no confidence and those kids actually sort of *tortured* him.

David’s class
rather shy, and
David’s class

Fooling him about, pushing him around, pushing his chairs over—and he was in absolute agony. This boy: that while he was in my class he actually loved singing and his confidence was sky high, you know? He stood up there singing to the whole class this long, beautiful song. And after that he went upstairs and was absolutely demolished. It took all his confidence away.

Fooling him about

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He’d got no control over the kids, at all. To let that happen to that poor boy. I should think that was a black mark against David for not controlling that. I hope he felt ashamed of himself.

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That must have been agonizing for him, when they were sort of pushing him around, and kicking him about, tipping his chairs over. Thoroughly torturing him, really.

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I mean mostly all the kids were very healthy and happy but he was a very shy...

rather shy, and

He did need care, really. You know—he wanted someone to just look out for him. And he was the very one that it shouldn’t have happened to.

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But he sang beautifully

He was taken away after that, and went to Goudhurst school. So...

Do you know if the boy did any better when he went to Goudhurst?

Oh I’m sure he did—I’m sure he did well. He became a baker afterwards, I do know that. Went down to bake for Aber’s down in Lamberhurst. Oh no, he did OK. He was perfectly all right.

But he sang beautifully

care