



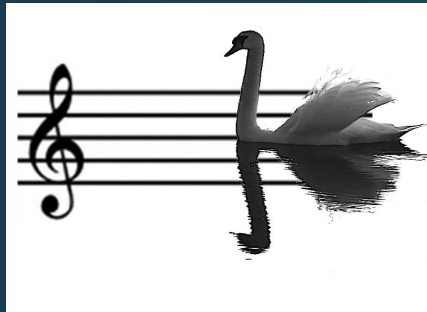
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Celebrating Lives, Making Memories and Leaving Legacies

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- The Swan Song Project was founded in 2017 by songwriter Ben Buddy Slack.
- The idea was to give people facing the end of their lives the opportunity and support to write and record their own song.



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- Sessions started at Marie Curie Hospice Bradford in May 2017





- In 2018 we started working at St Gemma's Hospice Leeds.
- In 2019 we started working with Wheatfields Hospice Leeds
- We also started working with people receiving bereavement support (Including pre-bereavement)

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/uk-england-leeds-50156353>





The benefits of The Swan Song Project

- Celebrating Lives
- Making Memories
- Leaving Legacies
- Provides a space to reflect on life and relationships
 - Provides comfort for years to come
- Gives listeners a better understanding of these difficult times



Covid - 19

- Made our service available virtually meaning we can now work with people all over the country
- Started a podcast - Over 20,000 listeners from all around the world. Guests have included Frank Turner, Jon Gomm, Emily Barker and Chip Taylor.
- Started a virtual singing group Over 200 sign ups from all around the world.
- Continuing to build partnerships with other end of life and bereavement organisations across the country



Participant Feedback

- “It’s given a different perspective to saying goodbye”
- “This song has been the best thing I have ever done to express my love and appreciation for my Mum”
- “It kept me from weeks of worries and many scary events out of my control and allowed a place for me to reconnect to a part of me that still had some control”



Who is it for?

- Anyone facing the end of their life through terminal illness or otherwise.
- Anyone dealing with a bereavement (recent or from longer ago)
- Anyone anticipating a bereavement



F.A.Qs

- **How long does it take to write a song?**

It varies. On average 5 x 1hr sessions. We usually do one 1hr session per week

- **Do people need to have music experience?**

Nope

- **How much does it cost?**

We do all of our own fundraising so there is no cost to our partner organisations or the people we support.



Referral process

1. We can provide flyers/posters and are happy to visit and give presentations.
2. Please mention the project to any service users you think may be interested.
3. When someone is interested, email me Ben@swansongproject.co.uk.
4. We can then arrange a time for me to speak to them and answer any questions or arrange a 1st session.
5. I can keep you as updated as you like throughout the process.

Thanks for listening



"May your heart always be joyful, may your song always be sung"
Bob Dylan

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