



His Mother's Words

It is 1969. Paul McCartney is one of the Beatles, a very popular band. He is upset. Why is he upset? The band is breaking up. Paul doesn't want the band to break up.

Paul thinks back to the early 1960s, when the band was new. It was fun to write songs, it was fun to perform, and it was fun to be with the other Beatles. John, George, and Ringo were Paul's best friends.

But now the Beatles aren't having fun. They argue a lot about their music. They argue a lot about money, too.

"How can I keep the band together?" Paul asks himself. He thinks about the Beatles day and night.

One night Paul falls asleep and dreams about his mother. Her name was Mary, and she died when Paul was 14 years old. She speaks to him in the dream. "Don't worry, Paul," she says. "It's OK. Let it be."

When Paul wakes up, he writes a song about his mother's words. He calls the song "Let It Be."

Paul stops trying to keep the band together. A short time later, the Beatles break up forever.

After the Beatles break up, Paul McCartney continues to write and perform songs. He is a success, and he is happy. His mother was right: Usually it's a good idea to keep trying. But sometimes it's best to just let it be.

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