

Albatross – Wings of Freedom – Lyrics

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Slave Chant - full cast – humming & singing – A1 Prologue

Ain't got no soul, I want my freedom
Ain't got no strength, ain't got no freedom
I've lost my life, I've lost my freedom
Wishing I could fly away

I Touch Your Eyes – Mother sings to Solomon – A1 Prologue

I touch your eyes, so you can see
The wonders of the world, the wind in the trees
I touch your ears, so you can hear
The voice inside your heart when choices aren't clear

***Your inner voice will guide you when it's cold and dark
Stay strong, believe and hope, we'll never be apart***

I touch your lips, so you can speak
To help you realise the dreams that you seek
I raise your chin, hold your head high
Be proud of who you are don't frown or cry

***Your inner voice will guide you when it's cold and dark
Stay strong, believe and hope, we'll never be apart
We'll never be apart***

Off On A Journey – Elsie (Solo) - A1 S1

Off on a journey with my head held high
To the horizon through the sea and sky
A great adventure, eyes open wide,
The chance of failure's, more than I can abide

I'll raise my chin, hold my head high
I don't know where you are but I will try
To find you on the seas, united once again
Together like old times, together 'til the end
Together 'til the end...

Heave Ho – whole cast – A1 S2

Sailors	Heave Ho!
Victorians	Off you go
Beggars	Spare a penny Sir?
Sailors	Heave Ho!
Victorians	Off you go
Beggars	Spare a penny Sir?
Sellers	Will you buy? Will you buy? Will you buy?
	Will you buy? Will you buy? Will you buy?
Victorians	Leave me alone!
Sailors	Heave Ho!
Victorians	Off you go
Beggars	Spare a penny Sir?
Sailors	Heave Ho!
Victorians	Off you go
Beggars	Spare a penny Sir?
Sellers	Will you buy? Will you buy? Will you buy?
	Will you buy? Will you buy? Will you buy?
Victorians	Leave me alone!

John de Conquer – Sailors, Elsie and Slaves – A1 S4

(Sailors & Elsie)

John de Conquer, of feather and flesh
Could walk on the waves of sound
He was a saviour, a symbol of hope
For the slaves in the ships that he found

His spirit would follow them, guide and protect them
From horrors that lay in store
He is the albatross, graceful and strong
And will be forever more

(CHORUS – Sailors & Elsie & Slaves)

Walking with wings, walking the waves
Walking the winds that filled the sails
Following silently, flying majestically
Hoping to rectify human betrayal

Trouble Don't Last Always – Mission Mamas & Elsie – A1 S5

Everyday I'm dreaming
Whilst sweeping and cooking and cleaning,
Dreaming of the life I left behind
It doesn't have any meaning anymore
Life here in this mission,
Has given me the ambition
To provide the life I left behind
For the kids who find their way into our lives

*I'm so glad trouble don't last always,
I'm so glad trouble don't last always,
I'm so glad trouble don't last always,
My troubles will fly away*

*I'm so glad trouble don't last always,
I'm so glad trouble don't last always,
I'm so glad trouble don't last always,
My troubles have set me free
My troubles have set me free*

Dear Mother – Solomon & Mother - duet - A1 S7

Solomon Dear Mother I still look for you, I feel you in the air
Oh Mother I still talk to you, I sense you everywhere
When I am weak and all alone, I recall your words
Of strength and hope and freedom – to keep flying with the birds

Solomon There are times I feel I'm falling
Mother Spread your wings, you'll soon be soaring

Mother Dear Solomon, my precious boy, know that I'm always here
Watching you, walking with you, I will always be near
Oh Solomon I am so proud of who you have become
Stay strong, have hope, keep flying, keep heading for the sun

Solomon There are times I feel I'm falling
Mother Spread your wings, you'll soon be soaring

Mother I will always be right by your side
Solomon Every day I dream of your smile
Mother In my arms I'll cradle you tight
Solomon I am strong I will not lose this fight

Solomon And I'm feeling strong, now, Mother
And I'm standing tall, now, Mother
I will always fly, high, Mother
I'm on my way, strong I will stay x2

Karibu Stonetown – whole cast - A1 S8 – P23

Welcome to Zanzibar

Break Free – Solomon and Slaves – A1 S9

(Solomon) Hear me, I'm lonely, it's only me, set me free
Oh, life isn't fair; this is more than I can bear
Alone in this silent world, misunderstood and never heard

(Solomon and Slaves)

I wanna break free x 4

**These chains are dragging me, dragging me, dragging me, dragging me,
Dragging me down, down, down**

I wanna break free x 4

**These chains are dragging me, dragging me, dragging me, dragging me,
Dragging me down, down, down**

INSTRUMENTAL

I wanna break free x 4

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Dragging me down, down, down**

I wanna break free x 4

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Rote Learning – School Kids, Miss T & Jane - A1 S10

Kids: Well Bishop Smythies it's like this you see
We've been learning our A B C
Ay is 'ah' and 'ah' is Ay
Animals and aunties arriving all day
Bee is 'buh' and 'buh' is Bee
Big boat sails, billowing in the wind

Scoot: Yeah, and BIG boooooo...

Kids: SCOOT!!
Cee is 'cuh' and 'cuh' is Cee
Cats and caterpillars, climbing trees

Jane: Very soon children you'll be able to read

Grp 1: Like the long, tall grass by the mangrove trees?

Jane: Well, yes, they're reeds, they're a noun, they're a thing

Jane: We'll learn the verb, TO read something

Grp 2: But the words sound the same, that's silly, that's wrong

Jane: When you learn to read, you'll see where they belong

Jane: R.E.E.D "reed"

Kids: R.E.E.D "reed",

Jane: Good, R.E.A.D “read”, repeat
Kids: R.E.A.D “read”
(The kids becoming very confused – Miss T returns to lead the class...)
Miss T: R.E.A.D “red”
Kids: R.E.A.D “reed”
Miss T: NO! R.E.A.D “red”
Grp 3: But she just said R.E.A.D was “reed”
Miss T: (Becoming flustered) Well, it is: If it’s the verb TO READ, then it’s spelt R.E.A.D and you pronounce it “reed”. But if it’s the past tense – if you did it a minute ago or a year ago - then it’s also spelt R.E.A.D but you pronounce it “red”. Understand?

Grp 4: Huh?? I don’t get it!
Grp 5: Miss T?
Miss T: Yes?
Grp 5: What colour is this?
Miss T: Why, it’s red of course
Grp 5: How do you spell this?
Miss T: R.E.D, “red”
Grp 5: Not R.E.A.D then?
Miss T: No, the colour red is spelt R.E.D – it’s the same pronunciation as the past tense for “reed” but it’s spelt differently.

Kids: Eh? What? Huh? Hmm...
Grp 6: Miss T?
Miss T: Yes? (Now losing her patience)
Grp 6: Where do you come from in England?
Miss T: I come from a town in the South of England called “Redding” (*Reading*)
Grp 6: Redding? Oh, right, like colouring IN red? RED-ING?
Miss T: Well, no, it’s spelt R.E.A.D.I.N.G (giving up completely)
Grp 7: (completely confused, uninspired and fed up) What? Like “reeding”?
 Redding? Reeding? Redding? Reeding? Redding? Reeding? I don’t get it, this is stupid...

Jane: Erm, right (clapping her hands), class dismissed
Kids: YAY, woohoo, hurray!

Painting of His Soul – A1 S11

Elsie He makes me wonder, what’s in his mind
 To scratch his surface, what would I find?
 I want to know him, and find out more
 Will he show me his pictures?

Solomon I wish she knew me, knew how I feel
 I dream she hears me, could that be real?
 My voice fails me, she needs to know
 All the paintings of my soul

Solomon Should I show her all the stories of my life?
Elsie I wish he'd show me all the pictures in his mind
Solomon I think I'll show her all the paintings of my soul
Elsie I wish he'd show me all the paintings of his soul

Solomon These are the pictures, inside my mind
Elsie These are the memories, you left behind
Both We seem much closer, less far apart
 This is the journey of your/my heart

Instrumental – Touch Your Eyes Theme

Solomon These are the pictures, inside my mind
Elsie These are the memories, you left behind
Both We seem much closer, less far apart
Both This is the journey of your/my heart
Solomon This is the journey of my heart

Trouble Don't Last Always – A2 S1

CHORUS

*I'm so glad trouble don't last always,
I'm so glad trouble don't last always,
I'm so glad trouble don't last always,
My troubles will fly away*

*I'm so glad trouble don't last always,
I'm so glad trouble don't last always,
I'm so glad trouble don't last always,
My troubles have set me free
My troubles have set me free
My troubles have set me free*

Freedom Song – A2 S1

Julie Like an animal, I was chained, stolen away against my will
 Like an animal, I belonged, to people fuelled to hate and kill
Mama F My life was worthless; I was a thing, to be traded for money
 Demoralised, dehumanised, unable to think or breathe

*Fighting for freedom, Dreaming of freedom, Praying for freedom, from my...
My grief, my pain, my loss, this crime of humiliation, loneliness and sorrow
My grief, my pain, my loss, this crime of domination, exploitation, every day*

Instrumental

Cecil I'd lost all hope, I'd lost all feeling, I wished that I'd soon meet my end
Elsie My own father, betrayed me, no more shall I pretend
Solomon My silent world is my definition, no one knows my real name
I'm stigmatised, please sympathise, I have the same rights to claim

*Fighting for freedom, Dreaming of freedom, Praying for freedom, from my...
My grief, my pain, my loss, this crime of humiliation, loneliness and sorrow
My grief, my pain, my loss, this crime of domination, exploitation, every day*

Instrumental

*Fighting for freedom, Dreaming of freedom, Praying for freedom, to live...
My life, my way, my time, today with optimism, honesty and happiness
My life, my way, my time, to stay with the human right just to be me*

...Now I am free

Ashamed – Elsie and Mama Felicitas – A2 S4

Elsie I'm so ashamed of him,
I feel so angry
I'm so ashamed of him,
I've wasted my journey
I just don't know what to do.
I give up, I'm done, I'm through

Mama F Listen to me my dear,
Don't jump to conclusions
Listen to me my dear,
It may be an illusion

Elsie I just don't know what to do.
I give up, I'm done, I'm through

Mama F Hush now my child, come here to me
Sometimes these things aren't always as they seem
Don't trust the anger that you feel within your soul
Keep going, don't give up, you're stronger than you know

Cecil Angry
Solomon Misery
Elsie He lied to me
Mother Listen to me

(repeat – layered with Mama F & Mother below)

Mama F & Mother **Hush now my child, hold your head high**
Be proud of who you are, don't frown or cry
Don't trust the anger that you feel within your soul
Keep going, don't give up, you're stronger than you know
You're stronger than you know

Slave Chant – A2 S5

Slaves **hum** the melody x 2

'Aint got no soul, I want my freedom
'Aint got no strength, 'aint got no freedom
I've lost my life, I've lost my freedom
Wishing I could fly away

'Aint got no soul, I want my freedom
'Aint got no strength, 'aint got no freedom
I've lost my life, I've lost my freedom
Wishing I could fly away

'Aint got no soul, I want my freedom
'Aint got no strength, 'aint got no freedom
I've lost my life, I've lost my freedom
Wishing I could fly away

Vocal Harmony 1



'Aint got no soul, I want my freedom
'Aint got no strength, 'aint got no freedom
I've lost my life, I've lost my freedom
Wishing I could fly away
Wishing I could fly away

Vocal Harmony 1



Vocal Harmony 2



Sound effects (waves, thunder, lightening, splashing, creaking)

Sinking (instrumental) – drowning slaves - A2 S5

Instrumental

Albatross Themes – Saved – A2 S5

Solomon: See Me (ahhh), Help Me (ahhh),
Don't Leave Me (ahhh), Free Me

Mother: You're alive, you can survive
Wipe your tears away and don't you cry
You have got a second chance in life
You'd better take it
You're alive, you can survive
Wipe your tears away and don't you cry
You have got a second chance in life
You'd better take it

Mother: I touch your eyes, (ahhh)
So you can see
The wonders of the world, (ahhh)
The wind in the trees

Elsie: (See Me)	Edwards (to Solomon): I touch your eyes, So you can see
Elsie: (I believe)	The wonders of the world, The wind in the trees
Elsie: (You set him free)	Your inner voice will guide you When it's cold and dark
Elsie: (Please forgive me)	Stay strong, believe and hope We'll never be apart

ALL THREE THEMES:

Solomon:
(See Me)

(Help Me)

Mother:

I raise your chin,
Hold your head high
Be proud of who you are
Don't frown or cry

Mama F:

You're alive, you can survive
Wipe your tears away and don't you cry
You have got a second chance in life (Free Me)
You'd better take it

Solomon:
(Don't Leave Me)

Mother + Elsie:

Your inner voice will guide you
When it's cold and dark
Stay strong, believe and hope
We'll never be apart
(Elsie runs to Edwards in the jail)

(ALL) – We'll never be apart (ahhh)

Mother: I touch your eyes

Anansi – Hairy, Scary Spider – A2 S7

He is sly and he is scary, he is big and really hairy
Watching you with his 8 eyes, he is the devil in disguise

*Hairy, scary, hairy, scary, Anansi the spider
He is coming, getting closer, he is gonna bite ya!*

Butterfly – Mother and Mama Felicitas – A2 S8

Mother Be gentle with his dreams, be gentle with his soul
His wisdom and his strength, are far greater than you know
Be gentle with his heart, be gentle with his mind
If you take the time to know him, you'll be surprised at what you find

*Like a butterfly, his wings are fragile
Like a butterfly, don't curb his flight, let him fly with might
Lift him up if he should fall, raise him up and make him feel tall
Like a butterfly, his wings are fragile
Like a butterfly*

Mama F I'll be gentle with his dreams, *(be gentle with his dreams)*
I'll be gentle with his soul, *(be gentle with his soul)*
His wisdom and his strength, are far greater than I know
I'll be gentle with his heart, *(be gentle with his heart)*
I'll be gentle with his mind, *(be gentle with his mind)*
I will take the time to know him, I'll be surprised at what I'll find

*Like a butterfly, his wings are fragile
Like a butterfly, don't curb his flight, let him fly with might
Lift him up if he should fall, raise him up and make him feel tall
Like a butterfly, his wings are fragile
Like a butterfly*

24) Wings of Freedom – A2 S10 – P55

We're flying with the wings of freedom
We're touching the stars tonight
We're soaring on the wings of freedom
Together we can win this fight

We stand united, our heads held high
Together we will fight for our human rights
We're strong together, we'll fight forever
We're touching the stars tonight