

# The Sorting Hat's Second Song

Lyrics, J. K. Rowling, Setting Alan Murray, 2019

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a tempo of 75. It consists of five staves of music. The first staff starts with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (Bb), and a 4/4 time signature. The tempo is marked as quarter note = 75. The first staff has a Dm chord above it. The second staff has Bb, C, A, and Dm chords above it. The third staff has Dm, C, Dm, Dm, C, and Dm chords above it. The fourth staff has D, G, and A chords above it. The fifth staff has D, G, D, C, and Dm chords above it. The lyrics are written below the notes. The score ends with a double bar line and a key signature change to two sharps (D major).

♩=75 Dm Bb A Dm

One thou-sand years a-go when I was new-ly sewn There were four wiz ards of re known whose

5 Bb C A Dm Bb A

names are still well known, Bold Gryf fin- dor from wild moor Fair Ra-ven-claw-from glen Sweet

8 Dm C Dm Dm C Dm

Huf - fle - puff from val - ley broad Shrewd Sly the- rin from fen Now

11 D G A

slip me snug a -bout your ears I've ne - ver yet been wrong I'll

13 D G D C Dm

have a look in - side your mind and tell you \_\_\_\_\_ where you be - long!

A thousand years or more ago, when I was newly sewn  
There lived 4 wizards of reknown, who's names are still well known  
Bold Gryffindor, from wild moor, fair Ravenclaw, from Glen  
Sweet Hufflepuff, from valley broad, shrewd Slytherin, from fen  
*Now slip me snug about your ears, I've never yet been wrong*  
*I'll have a look inside your mind and tell where you belong!*

They shared a wish, a hope, a dream, they hatched a daring plan  
To educate young sorcerers - thus Hogwarts school began  
Now each of these four founders formed their own house, for each  
Did value different virtues in the ones they had to teach

By Gryffindor, the bravest were prized far beyond the rest  
For Ravenclaw the cleverest would always be the best  
For Hufflepuff, hardworkers were most worthy of admission  
And power hungry Slytherin loved those of great ambition

While still alive they did divide their favourites from the throng  
Yet how to pick the worthy ones when they were dead and gone?  
'Twas Gryffindor who found the way he whipped me off his head  
The founders put some brains in me so I could choose instead

*Dedicated to my perfect granddaughters, Heidi and Morag (both Harry Potter fans), and also given to the gentle voice of Sue Owen - for her to sing to her grandsprogs. Wazoo, Sue.*