

“Electricity” from *Billy Elliot the Musical*

Music by Elton John

Book and lyrics by Lee Hall

A panellist at the Royal Ballet School auditions asks Billy what it feels like when he’s dancing. Billy responds with the following song (“Electricity”). Choose some activity that you like to do and write a paragraph or poem about how it makes you feel. Afterwards, if you feel comfortable sharing this, turn to your partner and read your paragraph or poem.

I can’t really explain it
I haven’t got the words
It’s a feeling that you can’t control
I suppose it’s like forgetting
Losing who you are
And at the same time
Something makes you whole
It’s like that there’s a music
Playing in your ear
And I’m listening, and I’m listening
And then I disappear

And then I feel a change
Like a fire deep inside
Something bursting me wide open
Impossible to hide

And suddenly I’m flying
Flying like a bird
Like electricity
Electricity
Sparks inside of me
And I’m free, I’m free

The highlighted section below is repeated after Billy’s dance sequence

It’s a bit like being angry
It’s a bit like being scared
Confused and all mixed up
And mad as hell

It's like when you've been crying
And you're empty, and you're full
I don't know what it is
It's hard to tell

It's like that there's some music
Playing in your ear
But the music
Is impossible
Impossible to hear

But then I feel it move me
Like a burning deep inside
Something bursting me wide open
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Billy dances and then repeats the highlighted section