

Il mio nome



La mia classe

L'Opera Lirica Italiana (1)

Go to www.euroclub-schools.org. Enter the Italian Zone. Click on Italian Opera. Finally, click on O Mio Babbino Caro. Read through the information on the web page and listen to the music.

PART 1 For the whole class together -

Pretend that you are in the audience at an Italian opera house such as *il Teatro alla Scala di Milano*. After listening to the *aria*, react according to your own personal opinion of how it was performed. Which of the following will be your reaction?.....

- * to clap
- * to clap and call out 'Brava!' (good)
- * to clap and call out 'Bravissima!' (very good)
- * to clap and call out 'Bis!' (twice, again)
- * to clap, standing up whilst calling out 'Brava!'
- * to clap, standing up whilst calling out 'Bravissima!'
- * to clap, standing up whilst calling out 'Bis!'
- * to sit doing nothing

PART 2 Listen again to the *aria*. Please answer the following questions by expressing your own opinion -

1. Do you think *Lauretta* sounds happy, sad or something else?
2. What effect do you think this *aria* will have on her father as he listens?
3. Do you think *Lauretta* is serious about jumping off the bridge?
4. Are there any musical instruments that can be heard clearly as *Lauretta* sings?
5. Do you have an opinion about *Lauretta's* personality when you hear her singing?
6. Do you think the *soprano* is a good singer?
7. How does the music make you feel?
8. Which adjectives would you use to describe the *aria*?