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CLASS – 9

ENGLISH

Beehive

CH-2 : The Sound of Music

Part – 1
Evelyn Glennie Listens to Sound without Hearing It

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OVERVIEW

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1. Evelyn Glennie Listens to Sound without Hearing It
2. The Shehnai of Bismillah Khan



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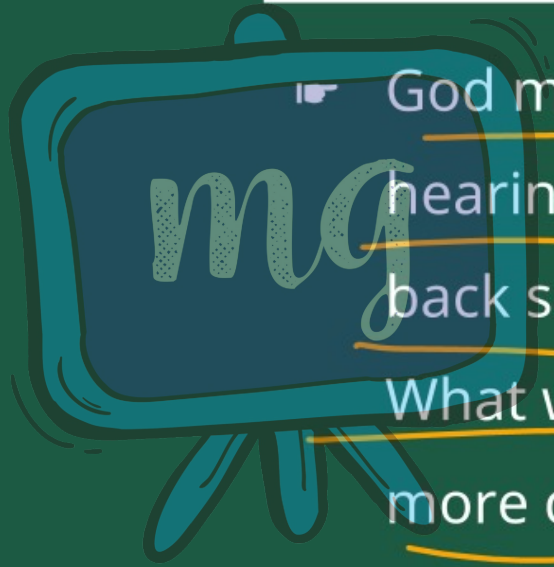


Deborah Cowley was born in India, grew up in Toronto, Canada is a freelance writer and broadcaster.

"The Sound of Music" divides into two parts. Each part focuses on two musicians, **Evelyn Glennie** and **Bismillah Khan**. Part one throws light on Evelyn's life and struggles to become a successful musician.

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☛ God may have taken her hearing but he has given her back something extraordinary. What we hear, she feels — far more deeply than any of us. That is why she expresses music so beautifully."

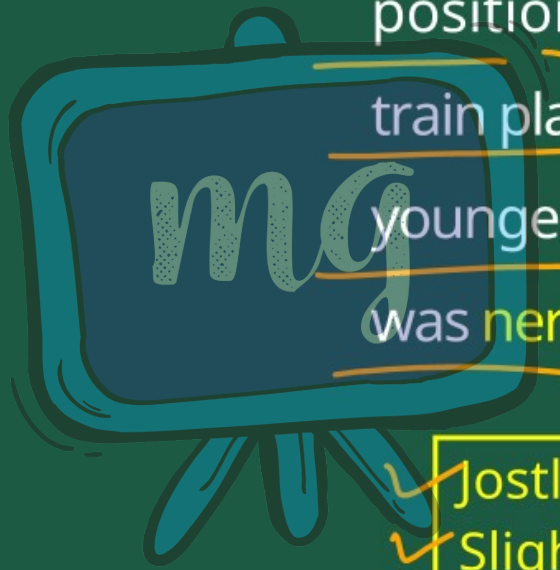
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- Evelyn Glennie who fought against a physical disability and made her life a success story.



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1. RUSH hour crowds jostle for position on the underground train platform. A slight girl, looking younger than her seventeen years, was nervous yet excited as she felt



Jostle	:	धक्का देना
Slight	:	छोटी और पतली
Nervous	:	बैचेन
Excited	:	उत्साहित

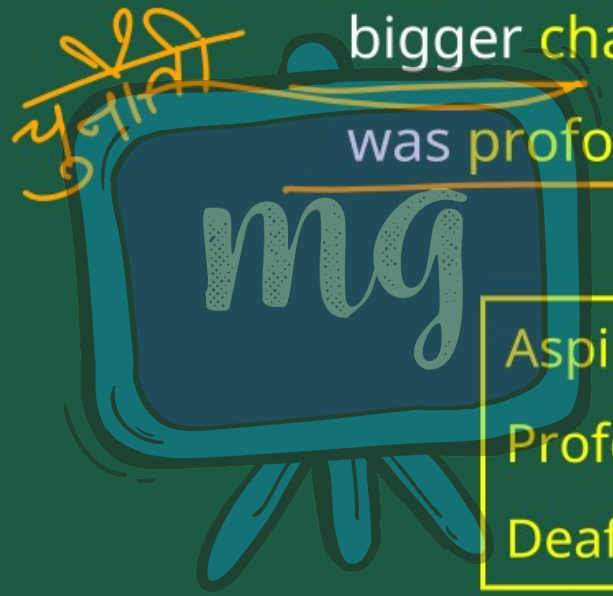
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the vibrations of the approaching train. It was her first day at the prestigious Royal Academy of Music in London and daunting enough for any teenager fresh from a Scottish farm.

Vibrations	:	कम्पन
Approaching	:	पास आती हुई
Prestigious	:	प्रतिष्ठित
Daunting	:	डरावना

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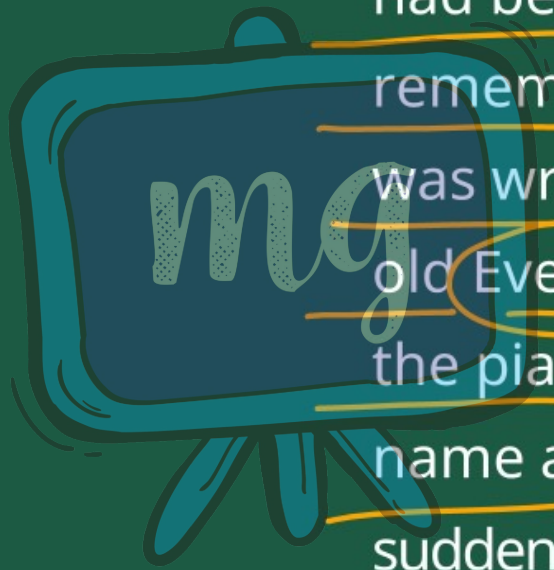
But this aspiring musician faced a bigger challenge than most: she was profoundly deaf.



Aspiring	:	महत्वकांक्षी
Profoundly	:	पूर्णतया
Deaf	:	बहरी

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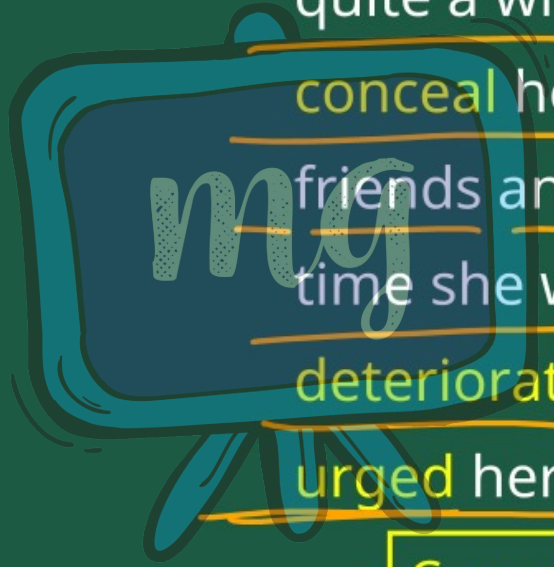
2. Evelyn Glennie's loss of hearing had been gradual. Her mother remembers noticing something was wrong when the eight-year-old Evelyn was waiting to play the piano. "They called her name and she didn't move. I suddenly realised she hadn't



Gradual : नियमित

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heard," says Isabel Glennie. For quite a while Evelyn managed to conceal her growing deafness from friends and teachers. But by the time she was eleven her marks had deteriorated and her headmistress urged her parents to take her to a



Conceal	:	छिपाना
Deteriorated	:	बिगड़ना
Urged	:	विनती करना

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specialist. It was then discovered that her hearing was severely impaired as a result of gradual nerve damage. They were advised



Specialist	:	विशेषज्ञ
Discovered	:	पता लगाना/खोजना
Severely	:	अत्यधिक
Impaired	:	ख़राब
Advised	:	परामर्श

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that she should be fitted with hearing aids and sent to a school for the deaf. “Everything suddenly looked black,” says Evelyn.



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3. But Evelyn was not going to give up. She was determined to lead a normal life and pursue her interest in music. One day she noticed a girl playing a xylophone and decided that she wanted to play it too. Most of the

- Determined : दृढ़ निश्चयी
- Pursue : अनुसरण
- Interest : रूचि



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teachers discouraged her but percussionist Ron Forbes spotted her potential. He began by tuning two large drums to different notes. “Don’t listen through your ears,” he would say, “try to sense it some other way.” Says Evelyn, “Suddenly



Discouraged	:	हतोत्साहित/निरुत्साहित
Percussionist	:	तालवादक
Potential	:	सामर्थ्य

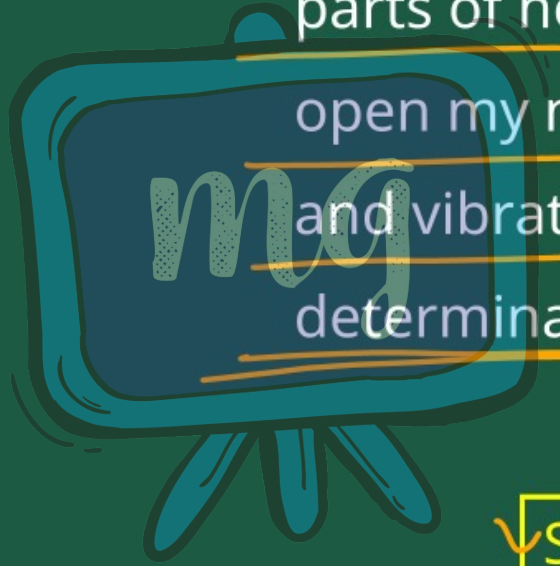
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I realised I could feel the higher drum from the waist up and the lower one from the waist down." Forbes repeated the exercise, and soon Evelyn discovered that she



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could sense certain notes in different parts of her body. “I had learnt to open my mind and body to sounds and vibrations.” The rest was sheer determination and hard work.



Sheer : महीन/मात्र

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4. She never looked back from that point onwards. She toured the United Kingdom with a youth orchestra and by the time she was sixteen, she had decided to make music her life. She auditioned for the Royal Academy of Music and

Toured	:	दौरा
Auditioned	:	स्वपरीक्षण

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scored one of the highest marks in the history of the academy. She gradually moved from orchestral work to solo performances. At the end of her three-year course, she had captured most of the top awards.



Performances	:	प्रदर्शन
Captured	:	लेना

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5. And for all this, Evelyn won't accept any hint of heroic achievement. "If you work hard and know where you are going, you'll get there." And she got right to the top, the world's most sought-after multipercussionist with a mastery of some thousand instruments, and hectic international schedule.

Achievement	:	उपलब्धि
Hectic	:	अत्यधिक व्यस्त

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LEARNING OUTCOMES



1. The Power of Human Potential
2. Self-confidence

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ASSESSMENT



1 How old was Evelyn when she went to Royal Music academy?

A 17 years old

B 18 years old

C 19 years old

D Below 17

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ASSESSMENT



2 Who spotted Evelyn's potential?

A Her father

B Friends

C Mother

D Ron Forbes

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ASSESSMENT



3 Where was the Royal music Academy?

A U.S.

B Burmingham

C Paris

D London