

COLETTE, YOU NEED TO MOTOR

FOR DAME COLETTE BOWE

MUSIC & LYRICS BY SUSANNAH PEARSE

VERSE

When I was younger
Still at school and just eighteen
I felt such a hunger
For the world I had not seen
The world beyond school
The world outside of Liverpool,
My teachers, the nuns
The wonderful nuns
They taught me to see
The me I could be
They gave me such care
And taught me that I could dare!

CHORUS

They said, Colette, you need to motor
There's work that you can do
You need to get away to uni
You need to get out of your comfort zone
No time to sit there getting moony
You need to make it on your own

VERSE

As I grew older
Now armed with a PhD
I also grew bolder
Filled with curiosity
I worked with intent
IN business and in government
And if I once tired
Of what was required
I thought of the nuns
My wonderful nuns
Who showed me such care
And taught me that I could dare

CHORUS

And said, Colette, you need to motor
There's work that you can do
So if there's something needing doing
Like a report to write or board to run

No time to sit there simply stewing
Give me the job I'll get it done

BRIDGE

And when I have the choice between the
easy thing
And the more tricky thing
I choose the latter
It's better to do something that can make you
sing
Even if it's hard to do!

VERSE

Forward to now
Here I am in front of you
And don't ask me how
But something else I have to do is
Work with the banks
The leadership right through the ranks
To somehow adjust
Our level of trust
In all that they do
It's tricky, it's true
I might need my nuns
My wonderful nuns
To dare, oh yeah

CHORUS

Because Colette, you need to motor
There's work that you can do
The banks must rise to this occasion
A change of culture on a seismic scale
You'll need your powers of persuasion
To see that goodness will prevail
Colette, you need to motor!