



The Hertha Ayrton Song

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Hertha Ayrton

Her name is

In all domains she was pioneering

Her mother a seamstress her father long dead

From penniless immigrant to famous inventor

Verse 1 - The electric arc (Group A)

Hollowing, Hissing Crackling Flickering
She made great improvements to the electric Arc
Hollowing, Hissing Crackling Flickering
The Burning Hot electric flame
Hollowing, Hissing Crackling Flickering
Metallic Lampost, pitch plain black
Hollowing, Hissing Crackling Flickering
Wind up movies, old projector
Hollowing, Hissing Crackling Flickering
Floodlight spotter on a moving car
Hollowing, Hissing Crackling Flickering
She upgraded them all

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Verse 2 - Suffragette (Group B)

Curious, brave, she was all
Hertha's daughter Barbara

She was a suffragette, She was a suffragette
She was a suffragette, She was a suffragette

Hertha and her daughter went to vote one day
They were not allowed – they were women – it's not fair?

She was a suffragette, She was a suffragette
She was a suffragette, She was a suffragette

Some fell into a mouse trap
Now the cats have caught them
They tried to run away



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But the police handcuffed them

She was a suffragette, She was a suffragette

She was a suffragette, She was a suffragette (a few more times!)

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Verse 3 FRIENDS (Group C)

George Elliot and Barbara Bodichon

Found £92 to send Hertha to college

When they needed help they came to her

When she needed help she went to them

She started a fire brigade and she led the choir

At Girton College Cambridge

When they needed help they came to her

When she needed help she went to them

Marie Curie was her best friend

They met when they weren't allowed to go in

To talk about science with men.

A few years later Herthat tried again

The 1st woman to speak at the Royal Society

When they needed help they came to her

When she needed help she went to them

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Verse 4 - WW1 (Group D)

Cough, sneeze etc..

The soldiers cough and sneeze

As they fall on their knees

And get a terrible disease ssssss

Flipper flapper fan

She made a flapper fan in 1915

It took 2 years for the generals to accept it.

As the chemical gas came towards their faces

They used the flapper fan to blow it away (blow it away)

Like a horrible stormy day

She was a genius

Chorus