1. To introduce the song, write MAY YOU ... on the board and explain to students you are going to wish them something. For example, you can say “May you pass your exam”, “May your dreams come true”, etc. Make sure students infer the pattern MAY + SUBJECT + BASE FORM OF THE VERB.

2. Write the following verbs on the board:
   - be – bless – build – climb – come – do – grow up – have
   - keep – know – let – see – stay – stand

3. Invite students to work in pairs or in groups for some minutes, exchanging wishes using the verbs above. Possible wishes: “May you climb the highest mountain in the world”, “May you see your best friend become famous”, “May you know everything you need to know”

4. Explain they are going to listen to a song from a father to his child, which contains a lot of wishes. Students listen for the verbs above and number the verbs in the order they hear them (if they appear more than once, refer to the first time). Play the song.

   Key:
   1. bless 5. let 9. grow up 13. stand
   2. keep 6. build 10. be 14. have
   3. come 7. climb 11. know
   4. do 8. stay 12. see

5. Give each student a copy of the worksheet. Students fill in the gaps with the missing verbs, according to their answers to the previous activity and context.

6. Play the song again. Students check their answers in pairs.

7. Correct in open class, play the song and sing together!

8. Grammar focus: May. Focus on the use of may to express wishes. Students can also review other uses of may, e.g. permission, possibility.

9. Vocabulary: To enrich students’ vocabulary, ask them to use some words in the song to form as many words as possible. If necessary, allow them to use a dictionary.

   Make the students aware of how they can form words in English by adding prefixes (un-, a-, mis-, etc.), suffixes (-ly, -al, -ful, etc.) or by making internal changes (long/length). Point out some words may not change (love can be a noun or a verb, hard can be an adjective or an adverb), some may change pronunciation (present n. /'preznt/ - /present v. /pri'zent/), others may change spelling (practice n. /præktɪs/ v.).

   Here are some suggestions:
   - True, truth = untrue, truthful, truthfully, truthfulness
   - Build = building, builder, built
   - Strong = strongly, strength
Forever Young – Bob Dylan

Complete the song with following verbs:

be – bless – build – climb – come – do – grow up – have
keep – know – let – see – stay – stand

May God ________ and ________ you always,
    May your wishes all ________ true,
    May you always ________ for others
     And ________ others ________ for you.

   May you ________ a ladder to the stars
    And ________ on every rung,
    May you ________ forever young.

Forever young, forever young,
    May you ________ forever young.

   May you ________ to ________ righteous,
    May you ________ to ________ true,
    May you always ________ the truth
     And ________ the lights surrounding you.

   May you always ________ courageous,
   ________ upright and ________ strong,
   And may you ________ forever young.

Forever young, forever young,
    May you ________ forever young.

   May your hands always ________ busy,
   May your feet always ________ swift,
   May you ________ a strong foundation
    When the winds of changes shift.

   May your heart always ________ joyful,
   May your song always ________ sung,
   And may you ________ forever young.

Forever young, forever young,
    May you ________ forever young.

WRITING

Your best friend will be 18 next week. His/her life is going to change soon:
he/she doesn’t know whether to go to university or find a job. Write a letter
or an email in 180-220 words, giving him/her your opinions, advice and/or
suggestions, giving reasons. Don’t forget to wish him/her all the best!
May God bless and keep you always,
May your wishes all come true,
May you always do for others
And let others do for you.

May you build a ladder to the stars
And climb on every rung,
May you stay forever young.

Forever young, forever young,
May you stay forever young.

May you grow up to be righteous,
May you grow up to be true,
May you always know the truth
And see the lights surrounding you.

May you always be courageous,
Stand upright and be strong,
And may you stay forever young.

Forever young, forever young,
May you stay forever young.

May your hands always be busy,
May your feet always be swift,
May you have a strong foundation
When the winds of changes shift.

May your heart always be joyful,
May your song always be sung,
And may you stay forever young.

Forever young, forever young,
May you stay forever young.