

MOVIE TIME!

Once is an Irish musical film directed by **John Carney**. It is set in Dublin and stars two real musicians: Glen Hansard, of the Irish rock band The Frames, and the Czech Marketá Irglová. In the film they are two struggling musicians who encourage each other to realize their dreams. Hansard and Irglová composed and performed all of the original songs in the movie. In particular, the song **Falling Slowly** won the Academy Award for Best Original Song in 2007.



In the following scene, an Irish young man (listed in the credits as "Guy") sings and plays the guitar on Grafton Street in Dublin. Here he meets a young woman (listed as "Girl") who sells flowers. She is a Czech immigrant and she is a musician, too. He asks to hear her play, so they visit a music shop where she often goes to play the piano.

Search the web and listen to the song **Falling Slowly** included in the script.

Girl: Can we come in? This is the man I told you about. He's a real gentleman.
Guy: Hi.
Girl: Ok for me to play today?
Man: Yeah, that's fine.
Girl: Thanks.
Man: Not the baby Yamaha, she's sold.
Girl: Okey-dokey.
Guy: Uh-huh.
Girl: Now, which one today? (plays the piano) That kind of thing.
Guy: It's amazing. Did you write that?
Girl: No, no. Mendelssohn did.
Guy: It's good.
Girl: (laughs) It's good, yes. Play me another of your songs.
Guy: No.
Girl: Please.
Guy: Not here.
Girl: Why? Bill doesn't mind.
Guy: Do you think it would be all right?
Girl: Yes.
Guy: Ok. I'll put that there, yeah? This is in C, yeah?
Girl: Yeah, I can see that.

Guy: (laughs) Ok. So it goes... It goes... (hums tune). Yeah? And then there's a bit in it... Can you do that? (hums tune) Brilliant. And then there's another part goes... (hums tune). Yeah? And then the chorus... So you have those two bits?
Girl: Uh-huh.
Guy: And the chorus goes... (hums tune). That's it. Perfect. Brilliant. So do you wanna give it a spin?
Girl: Yes.
Guy: Ok. (clears throat). Two, three, four. (sings) I don't know you But I want you All the more for that Words fall through me And always fool me And I can't react We change here. And games that never amount To more than they're meant Will play themselves out

Both: Hold it. And the chorus. Take this sinking boat And point it home We've still got time Raise your hopeful voice You had a choice You've made it now
Guy: Falling slowly, eyes that know me And I can't go back Moods that take me and erase me And I'm painted black Well, you have suffered enough And warred with yourself It's time that you won Again
Both: Take this sinking boat And point it home We've still got time Raise your hopeful voice You have a choice You've made it now Falling slowly Sing your melody I'll sing along
Guy: Along Call, and I'll sing along.



SPEAKING

1. In pairs, discuss what film you would like to watch tonight. Give reasons. Use the following expressions:

- What about...?
- Let's...
- Why don't we ..., instead?
- I like/I don't like/I prefer

2. In groups, discuss the following question:

Do you know any journalists in your country or in the world who have been intimidated or were killed for their work?



MULTIPLE CHOICE

3. Choose the correct option.

- The best selling daily newspaper is A) The Irish Times B) The Irish Examiner C) The Irish Independent
- The Irish Times is published every day except A) Sundays B) Saturdays C) Mondays
- Veronica Guerin started her career as a journalist in A) 1958 B) 1994 C) 1990
- She was killed in A) June 1996 B) October 1994 C) December 1995
- The public state service broadcaster in Ireland is: A) RTÉ B) TRÉ C) RET
- Radio and television programmes are: A) Only in Irish B) Only in English C) Both in Irish and English

E-mail



Write to an English-speaking friend about a film you saw at the cinema last Saturday. Say:
 • who the actors and actresses are;
 • what the film is about;
 • why you liked it.



WRITTEN PRODUCTION

4. Write the answers to the following questions.

1. What is the largest selling newspaper in Ireland?
2. Which newspaper is considered more conservative?
3. When was The Irish Times launched?
4. Who was Veronica Guerin?
5. Why was she killed?
6. What does RTÉ mean in English?
7. When did the radio service begin in Ireland?
8. How is RTÉ financed?

AA FOCUS ON LANGUAGE
 Find in the script examples of informal or incorrect English.

ZOOM ON
THE SEVEN NOTES IN ENGLISH
 The names of the seven notes in English are: C (Do) F (Fa) B (Si)
 D (Re) G (Sol)
 E (Mi) A (La)