

Mrs. S. Cowles

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BBC Charter Review,
Dept. of Culture, Media & Sport,
2-4 Cockspur street,
London. SW1Y 5DH

Dear Sir/Madam,

'Your BBC, Your Say'

I noted in our newspaper that you were looking for people to give comments about the BBC and I would like to express my concern regarding background music in TV programmes on BBC1 and BBC2.

I am 70 and my husband 74, which, you may feel, is why we are making this complaint, but we have as much right to an opinion as anyone else.

Over the past few days I have been keeping a record of our annoyance with loud music obscuring the speech in the following:-

- a) Inspector Lynley
- b) What the Ancients did for us.
- c) Around the World in 80 Treasures.
- d) Fred Dibnah.
- e) Flog It.
- f) The programme about Princess Margaret.
- g) The Queen's Castle.

In all these programmes I had to turn the sound down and use subtitles to appreciate what people were saying. I watch programmes because I am interested in what is being said, not for music. It appears to me that the programme makers feel that the music is of more importance than the content. Let me tell you – this is not what I pay my licence fee for.

I would appreciate an acknowledgement of my opinions, and enclose a SAE for a reply.

Yours truly

Sylvia Cowles