

GAMES IN LONDON

Ken Livingstone away would go with Tessa Jowell and Sebastian Coe
And so they did and made a bid with Moscow, Paris and Madrid
To bring the Games to London.

Seven years they laboured hard: the planners, the builders, Scotland Yard.
They moved the earth to make it so, they made a million flowers grow
For the Games in London.

**Run and swim and pedal all the day – athletes have no time to play.
All they want is a medal on the day: At the Games in London.**

Some were scathing some were scared, some delighted, some prepared.
And when they stood in readiness, all except for G4S,
They called the British Army.
They ran with torches up and down - the fever spread to every town.
All the razzamatazz and the interviews, for two whole months no other news,
On the television.

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The world arrived by aeroplane to ride the tube and the Javelin train.
Lanes were closed to you and me to fetch the Olympic Family
From the Park Lane Hilton.
Seventy thousand volunteered - in red and purple they appeared -
They showed the punters round the place, they put a smile on every face
To make the Games in London.

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It doesn't do to count the cost: what's been won and what's been lost
Pain and joy for all to share: all that money went somewhere
For the Games in London
McDonalds were among the winners: they sold several million dinners:
Likewise Heineken and Coke. Some got rich and some went broke,
No-one gave a monkeys.

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Ben Ainslie, Brownlee, Rutherford, Ellie Simmonds and Jessica Ennis;
Anthony Joshua, Nicky Adams and Victoria Pendleton
And Bradley Wiggins.
Chris Hoy, Mo Farah, Michael Phelps, Kiprotich and Usain Bolt:
And twenty five hundred more all told got medals of silver or of gold
Or semi-precious alloy.

**Run and swim and pedal all the day – athletes have no time to play.
Now if they still want a medal on the day: They'll have to go to Rio.**

Written in the folk tradition of songs recording historic events of their time.