Starry-Eyed Stan

Have you ever heard a starfish sing? I'm not sure if they can... Apart from one young boastful chap, a star whose name was Stan.

One day, he got up on the stage with fans all gathered round, And as he sang, they cheered and swooned, "Oh, what a gorgeous sound!"

But the smell of all the creatures who'd assembled in one spot Attracted quite a nasty crab whose name was Lancelot.

"Mmm," he said, "what have we here? A feast of fish galore! I'll eat my fill and then come back to munch on even more!"

Now, when the fish saw Lancelot, they all began to flee, But starfish find that tricky so they tend to freeze, you see.

> Young Stan still hadn't noticed that his audience was gone. He was caught up in the moment so continued singing on!

Then, Lancelot approached him with a hungry-looking grin, But stopped and started shouting, "Oh, good gracious, what's that din?"

> The tune was just too lovely for a grouchy crab to bear.







"Please teach us all to sing as well, we need a new defence."

But Stan just laughed, "You'll never learn, my talent's too immense!"

The next day, Stan was singing to an audience of eels, When his show was interrupted by some not-too-distant squeals.

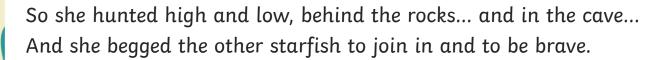
Then suddenly, there came a noise; a click! and then a clack! And everybody knew that grumpy Lancelot was back!

Stan stood strong and faced him as he sang with all his might, But Lancelot looked different and seemed far less full of fright.

Just as Stan had lost all hope, he heard a little yelp... It was Jay, the tiny starfish,

who just knew she had to help.

Jay could hear her voice was wobbling as she struggled with the song, And she knew for it to work she'd need more friends to sing along.



Then, one by one, each starfish stood until they formed a crowd, And the song began to grow as each one bellowed loud and proud.











Vibrations moved the water and soon rocked the ocean bed, And the sound waves blew the ear defenders off the big crab's head!

The crab just couldn't stand the noise and so he ran away. Then the singing turned to cheers of "Yes! We did it! Oh, hooray!"



Stan stood humbly on the stage to thank his tiny friend And all the other starfish who had helped him in the end.

He promised to make up for all the selfishness he'd shown, As he knew that he could not defeat old Lancelot alone.

He told them all to meet him in the morning by the stage, And to bring along their friends of any species, size or age.

For Stan had formed a plan to keep the nasty crab away...

With some music and some teamwork and
the best friends in the bay!







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	a shark
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 Accept answers that focus on Stan learning the importance of working together as a team. He realises the importance of friendship.

