

# GIVE IT YOUR ALL

a song by Alan Smith Robertson

<https://youtu.be/wGYrNXpBhDg>

## Pre-listening activities

- Look at the list of words below
    - Which words would you use to talk about **sport**?
    - Which would you use to talk about **war**?
    - Could you use any of the words for **both** topics?
  
  - attack (v)
  - ball
  - beat (v)
  - beaten
  - champion
  - cheer on (v)
  - defeat
  - defend (v)
  - fans
  - fight (v)
  - fun
  - give up (v)
  - goals
  - lose (v)
  - miss (v)
  - referee
  - score (v)
  - shoot (v)
  - team
  - victory
  - win (v)
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- Do you play any sports? Do you prefer playing team sports or individual sports?
  - Do you watch any sport on TV?
    - Do you support any particular team? Why? Why not a different one?
  
  - You are going to listen to a song called “Give it your all”.
    - What does “give it your all” mean?
    - When was the last time you gave something your all?

Listen to the song and write the words from the first exercise that you hear.

VERSE Miss or \_\_\_\_\_, you'll hear us when we scream and roar  
\_\_\_\_\_ defend and cheer the team on  
Victory! There ain't no honour in \_\_\_\_\_  
Win the \_\_\_\_\_ and don't you give up the fight, and fight and fight

CHORUS And fight and give it your all... This is war!  
You've got to give it your all!

VERSE \_\_\_\_\_ or lose is life or death for me and you  
Tensions rise, the \_\_\_\_\_'s beaten  
We cry and weep, then go and shoot the \_\_\_\_\_  
All this strain is gonna give me a heart attack, attack

CHORUS \_\_\_\_\_ and give it your all... This is war!  
You've got to give it your all!

BRIDGE There ain't no fun in this no more  
I turned a sport into a war

CHORUS You've got to give it your all... This is war!  
You've got to give it your all!

VERSE So obsessed with scoring \_\_\_\_\_ and being the best  
It's been so long since I was happy  
So much stress and depression ain't good for my health  
Anger boils, you've got a cancerous pride, I tried, I tried...

CHORUS I tried to give it your all... This is war!  
You've got to give it your all!

### Post-listening activities

- There are three examples of the word “ain't” in the lyrics. What does “ain't” mean?
- This song hints at sport-related violence. Do you have this problem in your country?
- Do you know anyone who gets **really** angry when their team loses?
- Do you sometimes get stressed when you watch sport on TV?
  - Do you sometimes think that maybe it's not good for your health to suffer so much?
- Bill Shankly was a football player, and manager of Liverpool Football Club in the 60's and 70's, who once said: *“People say that football is a matter of life and death. I think it's more important than that”*
  - Do you agree? Why? Why not?

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intermediate & upper-intermediate levels  
Teacher's answer sheet. Length: approximately 30 - 35 minutes

## Pre-listening activities

- Look at the list of words below
  - Which words would you use to talk about **sport**?
  - Which would you use to talk about **fighting** and **war**?
    - Do you know what they all mean?
    - Can you give examples of how these words are used?
  - Could you use any of the words for **both** topics?

*Notice: although there are many combat sports like boxing, wrestling, fencing or judo, you should make it clear that when we talk about “fighting” here we refer to violent confrontations.*

attack (v)	<i>both; attack the goal, the opposing team / attack an opponent or an army</i>
ball	<i>sport</i>
beat (v)	<i>both; beat an opponent, beat another team, beat an enemy</i>
beaten	<i>participle of the verb “to beat” (eg. “Chelsea were beaten by Liverpool FC”)</i>
champion	<i>normally sport, but it can also be used to talk about the winner of a fight</i>
cheer on (v)	<i>sport; fans cheer the team on</i>
defeat	<i>both; the defeat of an opponent, another team / the defeat of an enemy</i> <i>notice: “defeat” is used here as a noun, normally it is a verb (meaning ‘to beat’)</i>
defend (v)	<i>both; defend a corner or a free kick / defend yourself from an attack</i>
fans	<i>sport</i>
fight (v)	<i>fighting and war... although it's also often used in sport “figuratively”</i>
fun	<i>sport</i>
give up (v)	<i>both; “after we scored our fifth goal they gave up” / “after Nagasaki, Japan gave up”</i>
goals	<i>sport</i>
lose (v)	<i>both; lose a match, a competition / lose a fight, a battle, a war</i>
miss (v)	<i>sport; miss a penalty (the opposite of score)</i>
referee	<i>sport</i>
score (v)	<i>sport; score a goal</i>
shoot (v)	<i>both; shoot the ball, shoot at goal / shoot someone with a gun</i>
team	<i>sport</i>
victory	<i>both; victory in a game or a match / victory in a fight or a battle</i>
win (v)	<i>both; win a match, a competition, a trophy / win a fight, a battle, war</i>

- Do you play any sports? Do you prefer playing team sports or individual sports?
- Do you watch any sport on TV?
  - Do you support any particular team? Why? Why not a different one?
- You are going to listen to a song called “Give it your All”.
  - What does “give it your all” mean?  
*to do as much as you can to achieve something*
  - When was the last time you gave something your all?

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VERSE Miss or **score**, you'll hear us when we scream and roar  
Fans defend and cheer the team on  
Victory! There ain't no honour in **defeat**  
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CHORUS And fight and give it your all... This is war!  
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VERSE **Win** or lose is life or death for me and you  
Tensions rise, the **champion's** beaten  
We cry and weep, then go and shoot the **referee**  
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CHORUS **Attack** and give it your all... This is war!  
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- There are three examples of the word “ain't” in the lyrics. What does “ain't” mean?  
*It's a colloquial contraction for “am not”, “is not”, “are not”, “has not” & “have not”  
In all three cases here it means “isn't”*
- This song hints at sport-related violence. Do you have this problem in your country?  
*notice: to hint at sth. = to refer to sth. subtly or indirectly*
- Do you ever get **really** angry when your team loses? Do you know anyone who does?
- Do you sometimes feel stressed when you watch sport on TV?
  - Do you sometimes think that maybe it's not good for your health to get so stressed?
- Bill Shankly was a football player, and manager of Liverpool Football Club in the 60's and 70's, who once said: “People say that football is a matter of life and death. I think it's more important than that”.
  - Do you agree? Why? Why not?