

PORTOBELLO SECONDARY SCHOOL

THE SCHOOL SONG.

In the first upload (ver 1) the Latin *ope* was pronounced to rhyme with *soap*. In versions 2 and 3 (may be the same apart from running time) the script was changed to *opay* to try to force the correct pronunciation.

Music Cecil Sharman; Words J. Hamilton Birrell (who was headmaster at the time.); 1933

[Credit to Ian Small]

	Version 1 ('ope')	Version 2 ('opay')	Version 3 ('opay')
Verse 1	Hail, Portobello! We greet thee right proudly, Thee our great mother in learning's fond ways. List to the song from our hearts beating loudly Hear how we love thee, O list to our praise.	Hail, Portobello! We greet thee right proudly, Thee our great mother in learning's fond ways. List to the song from our hearts beating loudly, Hear how we love thee, O list to our praise.	Hail, Portobello! We greet thee right proudly, Thee our great mother in learning's fond ways. List to the song from our hearts beating loudly, Hear how we love thee, O list to our praise.
Chorus	Onward, upward let us go Ope et consilio, Onward, upward let us go Ope et consilio.	Onward, upward let us go, Opay et consilio. Onward, upward let us go, Opay et consilio.	Onward, upward let us go, Opay et consilio. Onward, upward let us go, Opay et consilio.
Verse 2	Hail, Portobello! We'll never forget thee, Nurse of our fancy and guide of our youth. List to our praise, let us higher still set thee, Guardian of beauty, of love and of truth.	Hail, Portobello! We'll never forget thee, Nurse of our fancy and guide of our youth. List to our praise, let us higher still set thee, Guardian of beauty, of love and of truth.	Hail, Portobello! We'll never forget thee, Nurse of our fancy and guide of our youth. List to our praise, let us higher still set thee, Guardian of beauty, of love and of truth.
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*Bridge	Hearts united, spirits strong, Through the halls we raise our song, Proudly singing through the years, Honour built on joy and tears,	We sing of your halls, your wisdom so bright, We gather as one, in morning's clear light. Where knowledge and spirit together may grow, Your torch carried high as onward we go.	We sing of your halls, your wisdom so bright, We gather as one, in morning's clear light. Where knowledge and spirit together may grow, Your torch carried high as onward we go.
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*Outro	Let the echoes always stay, Guiding each and every way, Portobello, home and guide, With your wisdom by our side.	Hear now our voices, faithful and true, Forever, Portobello, we'll honour you, Onward, upward let us go, Opay et consilio	Hear now our voices, faithful and true, Forever, Portobello, we'll honour you, Onward, upward let us go, Opay et consilio