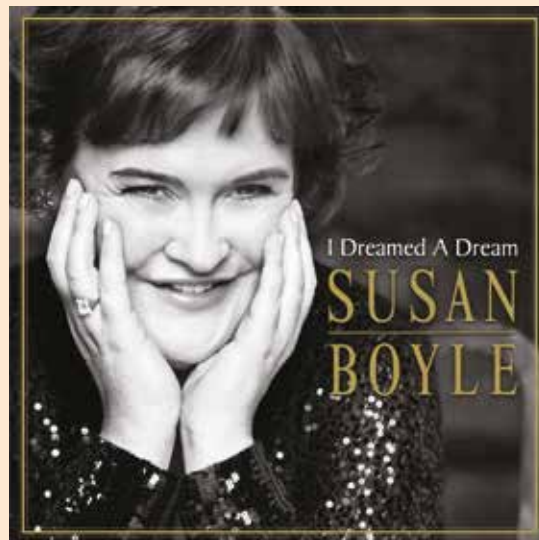


She dreamed a dream



Susan Magdalane Boyle (born 1961) is a singer from a small town in Scotland. **(1)** _____ after appearing on the TV programme Britain's Got Talent, **(2)** _____ 'I Dreamed a Dream' from the musical Les Misérables.

Susan, **(3)** _____, was the youngest of eight children in a musical family.

(4) _____ she was diagnosed with learning difficulties and was often the target of bullies,

(5) _____. However, she began singing in school productions and both her teachers and her mother, Bridget, **(6)** _____,

encouraged her to perform in singing competitions, **(7)** _____ for many years.



In 2007, her beloved mother died and Susan stopped singing. She stayed at home with her cat, Pebbles, for two years, until finally she was persuaded to enter Britain's Got Talent. The audience, **(8)** this plump, 48-year-old woman, were absolutely amazed when she opened her mouth to sing. Susan Boyle singing 'I Dreamed a Dream' became a YouTube sensation, **(9)** worldwide, particularly in America.

In the years after the show Susan, or 'SuBo' as she is now known, went on to make four best-selling albums, **(10)** in the UK and the US. There is even a stage musical of SuBo's life called, of course, 'I Dreamed a Dream'.

She now travels the world singing but always returns to the same family home in Scotland.

