



**Series:** The Music Fairies

**Book:** Poppy the Piano Fairy

### **A Musical Message**

**‘Ooh, I love to dance!’ Rachel Walker sang along to the radio, pretending her hairbrush was a microphone. ‘When I hear music, my toes start tapping and my fingers start snapping – I just love to dance!’**

**Kirsty Tate, Rachel’s best friend, grinned and grabbed her own hairbrush. ‘I can’t stop dancing!’ she chorused. ‘Just can’t stop dancing!’**

**The girls tried to do a complicated dance routine as they sang, but then Kirsty went left and Rachel went right and they ended up bumping into each other. Laughing, they collapsed onto Kirsty’s bedroom carpet.**

**‘It’s really hard to sing and dance at the same time,’ said Rachel as the song ended.**

**‘I know,’ Kirsty agreed. ‘I don’t think we’d be very good in a band, Rachel!’**

**‘That was The Sparkle Girls with their new single, Can’t Stop Dancing,’ the Radio DJ announced as Kirsty and Rachel sat up. ‘And if anyone out there thinks they could make it big as a pop star, why not come along to the National Talent Competition next weekend?’**

**Rachel and Kirsty glanced at each other. ‘That sounds cool!’ Rachel said.**

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**‘One lucky singer or band will win a recording contract with MegaBig Records,’ the DJ went on. ‘So remember – come along to New Harmony Mall next weekend, and maybe one day I’ll be playing your songs on my show!’**

**The New Harmony Mall is only a few miles away from Wetherbury, ‘Kirsty said. ‘I’m sure Mum or Dad would take us to watch the competition if we asked them.’**

**‘That would be great,’ Rachel replied eagerly. ‘Isn’t it lucky that the contest is taking place just before I go home?’**

**Rachel was staying with Kirsty for the autumn half-term holiday, and her parents would be coming to collect her at the end of the following weekend.**

**‘And now here’s Leanne Roberts with her new song, Magical Moments,’ said the DJ.**

**‘Oh, I love this one,’ Rachel remarked, turning up the radio a little.**

**‘Me, too,’ Kirsty agreed. She smiled as Rachel began dancing round the room. ‘Maybe we should enter the Talent Competition ourselves!’**

**Rachel laughed. ‘I’m a hopeless singer!’ she said, pulling a face. ‘But I bet we’d have a lot of fun singing along with our friends in Fairyland, wouldn’t we?’**

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