



■ Gresham's Girls, from left: Rhianna Campbell-Cann, Clementine Chapple, Amelia Fox, Alice Dale, Molly Sankey and Henrietta Hovenden.

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Gresham's Girls rock, according to chart star

Praise for a moving song recorded by a group of north Norfolk schoolgirls is snowballing this Christmas.

Gresham's Girls, a band formed by half a dozen pupils at Gresham's School, Holt, have released their version of Manchester rock band James' hit *Sit Down*, hoping to raise money for a mental-health charity.

And their fragile, haunting rendition has been attracting praise on social media - including a supportive tweet from Tim Booth, lead singer with James.

The six - Molly Sankey, Clementine Chapple, Amelia Fox,

Rhianna Campbell-Cann, Henrietta Hovenden and Alice Dale - wanted to raise awareness of mental health in young people and decided to produce and sell the song, with monies raised going to the school's charity of the year, *Young Minds*.

A spokesman for Gresham's, an independent school, said: "There was something about the lyrics of *Sit Down* that resonated with the girls. There is a certain vulnerability that is reflected, and much is made of the highs and lows of life, and yet there is an overwhelming sense of optimism, hope and support."

Lyrics include the verse: Those

who feel the breath of sadness, *Sit down next to me*, Those who find they're touched by madness, *Sit down next to me*, Those who find themselves ridiculous, *Sit down next to me*, Love, in fear, in hate, in tears."

Booth tweeted about the girls' version: "This is really touching." Three years ago *Sit Down* was placed fourth in a poll by BBC Radio 2 and the Official Charts Company to find the greatest track to miss out on the number one spot in the UK charts.

The track can be downloaded and purchased at <https://itun.es/gb/oKMKgb>