

MOTORCYCLE MICHAEL

Words by Steve Davis

for narrator, young audience and chamber orchestra

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SLOW ♩ = 50

Flute 1

B Clarinet 1

Harmonica

Percussion 1
Trgl., Snare dr.,
Susp. Cymb.,
Tam-tam, B. dr.

Xylophone

Percussion 2
Xylophone
Timps, B. drum

Narrator

Crowd

Piano 1

Piano 2

Violin 1
pizz.
f

Violin 2
pizz.
f

Viola
pizz.
f

Cello
ppp con sord.

Contrabass
Bass needs extension or must tune down to 'D'
ppp con sord.

triangle
p

Xylophone

Yes, I remember the day well. Yes. The sun, disappearing behind thick cloud, had smiled its last pale smile and said goodnight. The damp of a wet day was drying out slowly. Street lights appeared. Somewhere, a dog barked.

"Woof!"

Fl. 1

B Cl. 1

Harm.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Narr.

A cat chased a mouse.

A lonely bird sang its sad song to the moon.

Pf. 1

Pf. 2

Vln. 1

accel.

f

pizz. (scream)

8va

arco (snap)

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vcl.

Cb.

Cue: "quiet, quiet"
Music stand "accidentally" falls over

Cue: "a police officer."

A Not too fast $\text{♩} = 88$

Piccolo f

Fl. 1

B Cl. 1

Harm.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Narr.

It was a very large bird. Everything was quiet, quiet [pause for 'effect'], so quiet. The town seemed asleep. Or was it? What was that noise? [Noise begins] Footsteps, voices, a crowd of people. Wait! [Noise stops] Here's a police officer.

And there's a gentleman near him who seems to be lost.

NOISE shouting, stamping, etc.

Pf. 1

Pf. 2

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vcl. lunga pizz.

Cb. lunga pizz.

B Steady $\textcircled{d} = 72$

Fl. 1

B Cl. 1

Harm.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2 Bass Drum \textit{ppp}

Narr. *Narrator adopts two different 'character' voices* (Police Officer) "Move along; move right along." (Man) "Pardon me, please." (P. O.) "Move right ... oh, what? Can I be of assistance, sir?"

Pf. 1

Pf. 2

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vcl. pizz. \textit{mf} senza sord.

Cb.

Musical score page 5 featuring 13 staves. The staves are grouped into sections by brace:

- Flute section:** Fl. 1 (G clef), B Cl. 1 (G clef, key signature of A major), Harm. (G clef).
- Percussion section:** Perc. 1 (percussion symbol), Perc. 2 (Bass clef).
- Narrator section:** Narr. (G clef).
- Piano section:** Pf. 1 (G clef), Pf. 2 (G clef).
- String section:** Vln. 1 (G clef), Vln. 2 (G clef), Vla. (C clef), Vcl. (Bass clef), Cb. (Bass clef).

Measure 34 is indicated above most staves. The Narrator staff contains lyrics: "(M.) "The crowd, where does it go?" (P. O.) "What crowd? Oh, this crowd! Why, they're going to the speedway."

C

Fl. 1

B Cl. 1

Harm.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Narr.

[Normal voice] Speedway ... speedway ... the very word set my pulses racing. I was carried along with the crowd, transported

Pf. 1

Pf. 2

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vcl.

Cb.

pizz.

held guitar style ***mf***

pizz.

held guitar style ***mf***

pizz.

held guitar style ***mf***

pizz.

mf senza sord.

D

Fl. 1

B Cl. 1

Harm.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Narr.

upon that delicious smell of hot exhausts, hot tyres and hot dogs. At last, I was in the stadium. Oh, the indescribable joy of it!

Pf. 1

Pf. 2

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vcl.

Cb.

E Not too fast $\text{♩} = 76$

Fl. 1

B. Cl. 1

Harm.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Narr.

(Man) "Excuse me, please; who is the race between?"
 [Narr.] Between the Knights and their arch-rivals the Red Devils.
 Over there are the two greatest riders in the land - Motorcycle Michael, riding for the Knights, and Dirtbike Dave for the Devils.

It was so ... it was so ...

Pf. 1

[Motorcycle Michael]

Pf. 2

f [Dirtbike Dave]

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vcl.

Cb.

strum lunga

strum lunga

strum lunga

strum lunga

strum lunga

Fl. 1

B Cl. 1

Harm.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Narr.

Pf. 1

Pf. 2

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vcl.

Cb.

71

p

71

p

71

not much fun in win - ning,

If you know you'll win at the be -

71

f

slide

71

arco

G

Fl. 1

B Cl. 1

Harm.

Perc. 1 triangle *mp*

Perc. 2

Narr. gin - ning, And so through thick and thin, Mi - chael al - ways rides a fair race:

Pf. 1

Pf. 2

Vln. 1 pizz. *f*

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vcl.

Cb.

Fl. 1

B Cl. 1

Harm.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Narr.

A - gainst de - ceit and those who cheat, He'll al - ways set a square face.

Pf. 1

Pf. 2

Vln. 1 arco *p*

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vcl.

Cb.

I

Fl. 1

B Cl. 1

Harm.

Perc. 1 susp. cymb.

Perc. 2 Timps

Narr. He has a thirst, for first; And for that he'll do his

Pf. 1

Pf. 2 f p mf > p

Vln. 1 f

Vln. 2 f pizz. slide

Vla. f arco

Vcl. f

Cb. f slide p mf p

Fl. 1

B Cl. 1

Harm.

cresc.

Perc. 1 snare dr. *p* cresc. *f*

Xylophone

Perc. 2 *p* cresc.

Narr. best and worst, Or eat his crash hat: That ma - li - cious, wi - cked scowl means Hell win by fair or

Pf. 1

Pf. 2 *f*

Vln. 1 *f*

Vln. 2 *f* arco

Vla. *f*

Vcl. *f*

Cb. *cresc.* *f*

J

Fl. 1
B
Cl. 1
Harm.
Perc. 1
Perc. 2 Bass Drum
Narr. foul means.

K

Timp
The races began, and the results were announced.
The first race was won by the Knights.
The second has been won by the Devils
CHEERS
BOOS

Pf. 1
Pf. 2

Vln. 1
Vln. 2
Vla.
Vcl.
Cb. arco

Fl. 1

B
Cl. 1

Harm.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Narr.

The Knights! The Devils! The Knights! The Knights! The Devils,
twice!

BOOS CHEERS BOOS CHEERS CHEERS

CHEERS BOOS CHEERS BOOS BOOS

Pf. 1

Pf. 2

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vcl.

Cb.

L SLOW $\text{♩} = 50$

Fl. 1 119

B Cl. 1 119

Harm. 119

Perc. 1 119 Bass Drum pp

Perc. 2 119 Xylophone pp

Narr. 119 Repeat as necessary sec
The bikes roared, the crowd roared, my ears roared. It was the last race, and the points were equal. Everything depended on this final race. Could the Knights do it? Would the Devils win?
In between races I had spotted Dirtbike Dave slipping quietly away. I followed him as he went to where the riders left their bikes.

BOOS

CHEERS

Pf. 1 119

Pf. 2 119

Vln. 1 119 ppp con sord. pp Sub. pp Sub.

Vln. 2 119 ppp con sord.

Vla. 119 ppp con sord.

Vcl. 119 ppp

Cb. 119 pizz. pp

M

Fl. 1

B. Cl. 1

Harm.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Narr.

I hid while he looked around. Then, with an evil laugh, I saw him make straight for the gleaming machine belonging to Motorcycle Michael. I watched as a spanner glinted in the moonlight. With a final, devilish chuckle, he left the bike shed.

Pf. 1

Pf. 2

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vcl.

Cb.

O Brisk
♩ = 88

Fl. 1 132

B. Cl. 1 132

Harm. 132

Perc. 1 132

Perc. 2 132

Narr. 132

He quickly became part of the dark shadows around him. I wondered what it could all mean, but the final 'rider of the night' race was soon due to start, so I went back to join the spectators.

The crowd were calling for their heroes and chanting their names.

Pf. 1 132

Pf. 2 132

Vln. 1 132

Vln. 2 132

Vla. 132

Vcl. 132

Cb. 132

Fl. 1

B
Cl. 1

Harm.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Narr.

Crowd divides into 4

(A) Michael's supporters

Who's the man on the clean ma-chine?

(B) Michael's supporters

Mi-chael, Mi - chael.

Who's the man in the blue and true?

One, two; one, two, three.

Pf. 1

Pf. 2

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vcl.

Cb.

143

Fl. 1

B Cl. 1

Harm.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Narr.

One, two, three, four.
Mike Mike
Riding on his motor - cycle!

Mi-chael is the one for me.
Lis-ten to the Mi-chael roar.
Mi-chael, Mi-chael, Riding on his motor - cycle!

Pf. 1

Pf. 2

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vcl.

Cb.

P

Fl. 1

B Cl. 1

Harm.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Narr.

(C) Dave's supporters
He goes like he's from ou-ter space.

(D) Dave's supporters
D - A - V - E

Watch him, watch him win the race.
D - A - V - E Dave is ace.

Pf. 1

Pf. 2

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vcl.

Cb.

Fl. 1

B
Cl. 1

Harm.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Narr.

Dirt-bike Dave will get first place.
Watch him, watch him win the race.

Who's the king?(Clap)
He's the king.(Clap)

Clap your hands and sing!(Clap,clap, clap)
Clap your hands and sing!(Clap,clap, clap)

Pf. 1

Pf. 2

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vcl.

Cb.

Q Medium Reggae $\text{♩} = 120$

Fl. 1

B
Cl. 1

Harm.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2 Bass Drum

Narr.

Pf. 1

Pf. 2

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vcl.

Cb.

Fl. 1 164 *f*

B Cl. 1

Harm.

Perc. 1 164

Perc. 2 164

Narr. 164

Michael's supporters

Mo - tor - cy - cle (Clap) Mi - chael (Clap) Mo - tor - cy - cle (Clap) Mi - chael (Clap)

Pf. 1 164

Pf. 2

Vln. 1 164 *f*

Vln. 2 164 *f*

Vla. 164 *f*

Vcl.

Cb.

R

Fl. 1 168

B Cl. 1

Harm.

Perc. 1 168

Perc. 2 168

Narr. 168

Mo - tor - cy - cle (Clap) Mi - chael (Clap) Mo - tor - cy - cle (Clap) Mi - chael (Clap)

Pf. 1 168

Pf. 2

Vln. 1 168

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vcl.

Cb.

S

Fl. 1 172

B. Cl. 1

Harm. 172 bluesy
f

Perc. 1 172

Perc. 2 172

Narr. 172

Mo - tor - cy - cle Mo - tor - cy - cle Mi - chael.

Dave's supporters
Dirt - - - bike

Pf. 1

Pf. 2

Vln. 1 172 f

Vln. 2 f

Vla. f

Vcl. f

Cb. f

Fl. 1

B Cl. 1 *f*

Harm.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Narr.

Dave (Clap, clap) Dirt - - - bike Dave (Clap, clap) Dirt - - - bike Dave (Clap, clap)

Pf. 1

Pf. 2

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vcl.

Cb.

T

Fl. 1

B Cl. 1

Harm.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Narr.

Dirt - - - bike Dave (Clap, clap) Dirt bike Dave.

Pf. 1

Pf. 2

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vcl.

Cb.

Musical score page 31, featuring the following instruments and dynamics:

- Fl. 1**: Treble clef, dynamic **p**.
- B Cl. 1**: Treble clef, dynamic **p**.
- Harm.**: Bass clef, dynamic **p**.
- Perc. 1**: Dynamic **p**.
- Perc. 2**: Bass clef, dynamic **p**.
- Narr.**: Treble clef, dynamic **p**.
- Pf. 1**: Bass clef, dynamic **p**.
- Pf. 2**: Bass clef, dynamic **p**. Includes a dynamic marking **p**.
- Vln. 1**: Treble clef, dynamic **p**.
- Vln. 2**: Treble clef, dynamic **p**.
- Vla.**: Bass clef, dynamic **p**.
- Vcl.**: Bass clef, dynamic **p**.
- Cb.**: Bass clef, dynamic **p**.

The score consists of ten staves, each with a different instrument. The first six staves (Flute 1, Bassoon 1, Harp, Percussion 1, Percussion 2, and Narrator) have no music and are marked with a dynamic of **p**. The remaining four staves (Piano 1, Piano 2, Violin 1, and Violin 2) have music. The piano parts show eighth-note patterns, while the violin parts show sixteenth-note patterns. The bassoon part has a sustained note with a dynamic of **p**. The cello and double bass parts also have sustained notes with a dynamic of **p**.

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FREE (entries given by conductor)

Fl. 1

B Cl. 1

Harm.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Narr. [Loud hailer] There's a screech, there's a swerve, there's a deafening roar. There's a loud, anxious crowd shouting "More, give us more" at the riders and bikes to the number of four. But one stalls on the line! - Leaving three, you agree, left to score!

Dirtbike, taking the bend with a shower of debris and a spurt of the dirt, makes to shake himself free of pursuit by good Michael. The third rider, see, as he stops in disgust: he's got too much to do. Finally, there's just Dirtbike and Michael, the red and the blue.

Pf. 1 repeat as quickly as possible

Pf. 2 repeat with varied pause length

Vln. 1 fff behind bridge

Vln. 2 fff behind bridge

Vla. fff behind bridge arco

Vcl. repeat as quickly as possible

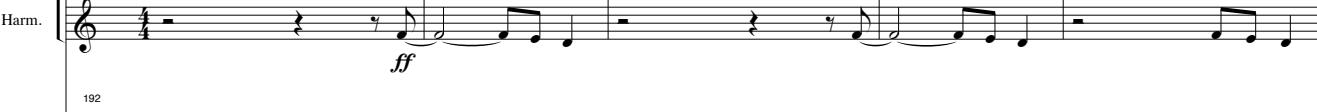
Cb. fff arco repeat as quickly as possible

FAST 4

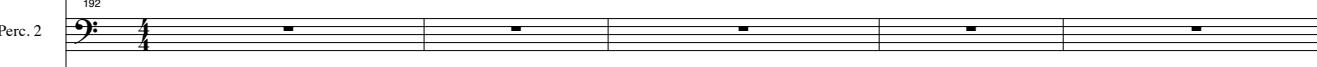
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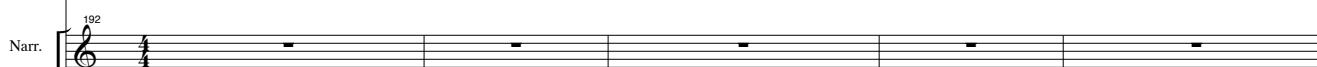
Fl. 1 192 

B. Cl. 1 192 

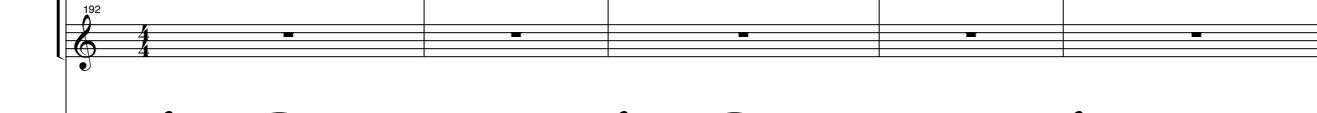
Harm. 192 

Perc. 1 192 

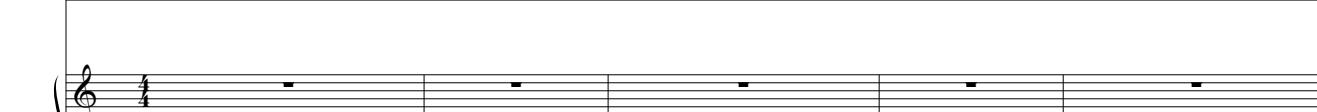
Perc. 2 192 

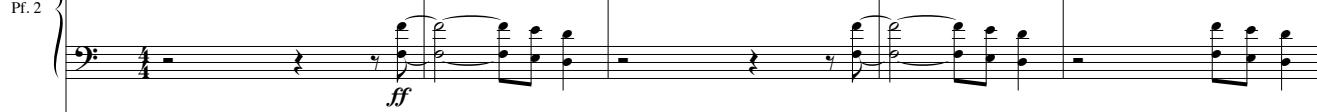
Narr. 192 

Pf. 1 192 

Pf. 2 192 

Vln. 1 192 

Vln. 2 192 

Vla. 192 

Vcl. 192 

Cb. 192 

Fl. 1 202 Piccolo *ff*

B Cl. 1 *ff* slide

Harm.

Perc. 1 202 *ff*

Perc. 2

Narr.

Michael's supporters

Mo - - - tor - cy - cle (Clap) Mi - chael (Clap) Mo - - - tor - cy - cle

Pf. 1 202 *ff*

Pf. 2 6 6

Vln. 1 202 *ff*

Vln. 2 *ff*

Vla. *ff*

Vcl.

Cb.

Fl. 1 205

B Cl. 1 3 3

Harm.

Perc. 1 205

Perc. 2 205

Narr. 205

(Clap) Mi - chael (Clap) Mo - - - tor - cy - cle (Clap) Mi - chael (Clap)

Pf. 1 205

Pf. 2 6

Vln. 1 205

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vcl.

Cb.

Fl. 1 208

B Cl. 1 3 3 3

Harm.

Perc. 1 208

Perc. 2 208

Narr. 208

Pf. 1 208 Mo - - - tor - cy - cle (Clap) Mi - chael (Clap) Mo - - - tor - cy - cle

Pf. 1 208

Pf. 2 6 6

Vln. 1 208

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vcl.

Cb.

W

Fl. 1 211

B Cl. 1 3 3 tr. ff gliss.

Harm. ff (with sn. dr. sticks)

Perc. 1 211 ff

Perc. 2 211

Narr. 211

Mo - - - tor - cy - cle Mi - - - chael. Dave's supporters
Dirt - - - bike

Pf. 1 211

Pf. 2 6 6 ff sul pont.

Vln. 1 211 ff sul pont.

Vln. 2 211 ff sul pont.

Vla. 211 ff sul pont.

Vcl. 211 ff sul pont.

Cb. 211 ff

Fl. 1

B Cl. 1

Harm.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Narr.

Dave (Clap, clap) Dirt - - - - bike Dave (Clap, clap) Dirt - - - - bike

Pf. 1

Pf. 2

Vln. 1 naturale sul pont.

Vln. 2 naturale sul pont.

Vla. naturale sul pont.

Vcl. naturale sul pont.

Cb. naturale sul pont.

Fl. 1

B Cl. 1

Harm.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Narr.

Pf. 1

Dave (Clap, clap) Dirt bike Dave (Clap, clap) Dirt

Pf. 2

Vln. 1

naturale sul pont.

Vln. 2

naturale sul pont.

Vla.

naturale sul pont.

Vcl.

naturale sul pont.

Cb.

X

Fl. 1 223

B Cl. 1 223

Harm. 223

Perc. 1 223

Perc. 2 223

Narr. 223

Pf. 1 223

bike

Dave.

Pf. 1 223

6

6

Mo - tor - cy - cle

Dirt - - - - bike

Pf. 2 223

Vln. 1 223

Vln. 2 223

Vla. 223

Vcl. 223

Cb. 223

ffff

ffff

gliss.

ffff

Tam-tam

ff

ffff

ffff

pizz.

Fl. 1

B
Cl. 1

Harm.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Narr.

Pf. 1

Pf. 2

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vcl.

Cb.

Fl. 1 232

B Cl. 1

Harm. 232 *tr.* *gloss.*

Perc. 1 232

Perc. 2 232

Narr. 232

Pf. 1 232
Mo - tor - cy - cle (Clap) Mi - chael (Clap) Mo - tor - cy - cle Mo - tor - cy - cle
Dirt - - - bike Dave (Clap, clap) Dirt bike

Pf. 1 232

Pf. 2 232

Vln. 1 232

Vln. 2 232

Vla. 232

Vcl. 232

Cb. 232

Y FREE (entries given by conductor)

Fl. 1

B. Cl. 1 repeat with varied pause length (omit motive) speeding up suddenly slowing down sudden stop

Harm.

Perc. 1 susp. cymb. slowing down suddenly slowing down sudden stop

Bass Drum

Perc. 2

Narr. Michael's riding is gliding; he's the best of the two and he's opened a lead. Dirtbike's starting to frown at the noble young Michael whose ace motorcycle ... is SLOWING DOWN! Still Michael's cycle trickles on But Dave roars past: he's going, going, gone! Can it then be allowed that a man such as he ought to win? But his wheel ... has CAVED IN! Now

Mi - chael.

Dave.

Pf. 1 repeat as quickly as possible slowing down sudden stop

Pf. 2 repeat with varied pause length (omit motive) speeding up suddenly slowing down sudden stop

Vln. 1 fff behind bridge

Vln. 2 fff behind bridge

Vla. fff behind bridge arco

Vcl. repeat as quickly as possible slowing down sudden stop

Cb. fff arco repeat as quickly as possible slowing down sudden stop

Z Gently $\text{♩} = 66$

Fl. 1

B Cl. 1

Harm.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Narr.

Dave is ly - ing on the floor and Mi - chael is pro - ce - ding as be - fore. Pro - ce - ding at a sta - tely,

Pf. 1

Pf. 2

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vcl.

Cb.

Fl. 1

B Cl. 1

Harm.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Narr.

gen - tle pace, he pas - ses slow - ly, low - ly Dave to win... TO WIN THE RACE!

lunga

Timp

sfp

f

lunga

lunga

CHEERS

BOOS

Pf. 1

Pf. 2

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vcl.

Cb.

repeat ad lib.

f

repeat ad lib.

Fl. 1 253

B Cl. 1

Harm.

Perc. 1 253 Bass Drum

Perc. 2 253 sec

Narr. 253 And that's the end of the story. Pardon? Oh yes, it was very fortunate for Michael that Dirtbike Dave's wheel collapsed. And, I mean, he didn't deserve to win after what he did to Michael's bike did he? I wonder if someone tampered with his bike as well? No, no it's very unlikely. You see, who had anything to gain? Only Motorcycle Michael, and he wouldn't sabotage anyone's machine, would he? Of course not. After all, he's always clean, always brave, always fair. And if it wasn't him, then why would anyone else go and loosen six of the spokes on Dirtbike Dave's wheel? Oh! ... Oh dear, I suppose that's given it away now. Yes, of course, I did it. I knew his wheel would cave in sooner or later. But why did I do such a spiteful, nasty thing? Well, I'm very, very bad ... but I'm also - Michael's dad!

Pf. 1 253 gliss.

Pf. 2 253 f gliss.

Vln. 1 253 slide f

Vln. 2 253 slide f

Vla. 253 slide f

Vcl. 253 slide f

Cb. 253 slide f

MOTORCYCLE MICHAEL

Crowd chants - the crowd divides into 4. Michael's supporters A and B, Dave's supporters C and D.

Cue: "The crowd were calling for their heroes and chanting their names."

Michael Chant

- A Who's the man on the clean machine?
- B Michael, Michael
- A Who's the man in the blue and true?
- B Michael, Michael
- A One, two - one, two, three
- B Michael is the one for me
- A One, two, three, four
- B Listen to the Michael roar
- A Mike
- B Michael
- A Mike
- B Michael
- A+B Riding on his motorcycle

Dave Chant

- C He goes like he's from outer space
- D Watch him, watch him win the race
- C D-A-V-E
- D D-A-V-E, Dave is ace
- C Dirtbike Dave will get first place
- D Watch him, watch him win the race
- C Who's the king? (Clap)
- D He's the king (Clap)
- C+D Clap your hands and sing (Clap, clap, clap)