

Manuscript
The Saxophone player
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Presenter: Now you are going to meet a young Polish girl. She is trying to make her dream come true. She wants to become a professional saxophone player, but it can be difficult, when you don't get any help

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Saxophone is my beloved one and my friend. My world.

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I feel at home in Śląsk and in my city. This is where I belong. I always smile when I come back here.

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This is where I was born and raised. Here I can be myself. Everyone here understands me. I know that you have to be mobile in today's world. I know people migrate, they move to big cities in search of work. I may do it, too. But Śląsk will always be deep in my heart.

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As for the saxophone – this region is the best place to learn playing reed instruments. The best musicians playing reed instruments live right here. Śląsk has always nurtured this tradition.

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We had a great band rehearsal today.
Which band? The Coal Miners' Marching Band?
Yes, that one.
Was Gosia there?
No.

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A woman in a marching band! Unbelievable!
Why is that? We have equal opportunities.
Equal opportunities?
Yeah, of course. And a variety, too.
But there are only a few women in that band...

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Are women worse musicians?

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In the old days women used to stay home. They would not even think of joining a band.

In the old days... Men were making enough money to support a family so women wanted to stay home.

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People are poor. They have no money.

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I feel lonely sometimes. There are few people who are on the same wavelength, who feel the same way.

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There is a rule in my life that good things do not last long. Those people that I care for go separate ways. But I have learnt to live with it. Physical closeness does not matter as much to me as the fact that mentally we are really close.

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Awareness of the fact that there is someone like me, and the hope that I will meet more people like that is good enough for me.

Maybe I will be in a relationship with someone like that, or be friends with people like that.

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I feel that I know exactly what I should be doing with my life and I can predict the future. I want to teach playing sax. I want this very much.

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Of course every musician dreams about touring, traveling, being in a limelight and hearing an applause. This is incredible. However, what is also wonderful is being able to shape a young personality, giving them your knowledge and witnessing their growth. To me this is equally wonderful.