

# Movies & Languages 2019-2020

## *Rocketman*

### *About the movie*

<b>DIRECTOR</b>	Dexter Fletcher
<b>YEAR/COUNTRY</b>	2019/USA
<b>RUNTIME</b>	121 min.
<b>LANGUAGE</b>	English with English subtitles
<b>GENRE</b>	Musical
<b>ACTORS</b>	Taron Egerton, Jamie Bell



### PLOT

The film follows the life of Elton John, who was born in 1947 and originally named Reggie Dwight, until the early 1980's. It is cleverly pieced together in two ways: on the one hand, his music is played in chronological order as we see him as a child and a youngster growing up with his parents and grandmother in a lower middleclass household on the outskirts of London; on the other hand, the film uses a discussion group centring around his rehabilitation at an alcoholic anonymous centre as a central theme to look at critical points in his life (his father, coming out as gay, drugs). His father was blocked emotionally and expressed very little love. His mother and father get a divorce leaving Elton at first even more confused and dejected. He uses music to pull himself out of a depressing situations. From the moment that a record company gives him a break there is no looking back. Together with his songwriter Bernie Taupin, they make one successful record after another.

### LANGUAGE

A lot of the English in the movie is typical of the English lower-middleclass. There are, however, a good dose of other accents like American and Scottish.

VOCABULARY

<b>Yellow Brick Road:</b> the magic road from the Wizard of OZ	<b>To skim stones:</b> to throw stones so that they skip across the water
<b>To bitch:</b> to complain a lot	<b>Mama Cass:</b> a famous American rock star who was quite fat
<b>To get him out from under my feet:</b> take him away from me, because his presence is irritating	<b>You let the blue touch people:</b> you let the light from heaven come down and shine on people
<b>To drag yourself home:</b> to gradually go home because you are not fully aware of what you are doing	<b>I must have been green:</b> for sure I was a beginner or a novice; I didn't know how to do something because I had no experience
<b>Pend up emotions:</b> emotions that remain frustratingly inside a person and never come out (British)	<b>Honky cat:</b> a cool person
<b>A fag:</b> a cigarette (British); a bad term for homosexual (American)	<b>Puffer:</b> a bad term for a homosexual (British)
<b>A quid:</b> a pound	<b>Stop sulking:</b> stop complaining
<b>Frothy coffee:</b> coffee with foam on the top like a "cappuccino"	<b>Fairy queen:</b> the woman who can magically make your dreams come true
<b>Don't get your knickers in a twist:</b> don't get all excited	<b>He sure plays a mean pinball:</b> he is very good at pinball
<b>To take the piss:</b> to make fun of	<b>And she's going to be high as a kite by then:</b> and she's going to be totally out of her mind by then
<b>Shit hot piano player:</b> an extremely good piano player	<b>A couple of vodka and Tonics to set you on your feet again:</b> have an alcoholic drink to calm down and see the situation better
<b>My stage gear:</b> the clothes I wear on stage	<b>Outrageous:</b> amazing
<b>Little twat:</b> an irritating person	