

A song for the son I lost, for his charity and for so many kids in hospital this Christmas

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Samuel, my 9 year old son, started Samuel's Charity while fighting cancer in 2013. 5 months later he lost his battle. His charity is growing and helping thousands of seriously and terminally ill kids in the UK.

I was interviewed on a podcast on the 5th December and the interview led to Samuel's Charity being the recipient of all proceeds from the song.

The team at The Modern Mann podcast wrote, sang and produced the song, Sounds of Christmas, with other Podcast presenters singing hence the 'group' being called the 'Podcast All-Stars'. It is a Christmas song but is about the sounds of Christmas being a reminder of missing someone - very relevant to far too many parents, siblings and friends.

It is awful knowing how many children's wards have very little or no support for the most basic things for kids like pens, dolls or colouring books let alone games consoles, decent WiFi, good quality food, sofa beds for parents to sleep on, a happy, positive and calming environment... the list goes on.

Samuel knew how hard it is to deal with a serious and terminal disease. His last Christmas was in hospital. I am haunted by the memories but more so by the ones I will never have with Samuel.

I can't change what happened to Samuel but we can change what happens to many thousands of children in hospital this Christmas.

Martin, Samuel's dad and Trustee.

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