**An Englishman in New York (Sting / The Police)**

Introduction

*What is typical of an Englishman, according to you? Could you mention some stereotypical behaviour?*

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*Now read the text “11 British Stereotypes: Fact or Fiction?” Compare the stereotypes that are mentioned in the text with your own list.*

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*What characteristics of an Englishman can you find in this song?*

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d27gTrPPAyk>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=flWP28y2cyw>

I don't drink coffee I take tea, my dear.
I like my toast done on one side.
And you can hear it in my accent when I talk,
I'm an Englishman in New York.

You see me walking down Fifth Avenue,
A walking cane here at my side.
I take it everywhere I walk,
I'm an Englishman in New York.

Whoa. I'm an alien.
I'm a legal alien.
I'm an Englishman in New York.
Whoa. I'm an alien.
I'm a legal alien.
I'm an Englishman in New York.

If "manners maketh man" as someone said,
He's the hero of the day.
It takes a man to suffer ignorance and smile.
Be yourself no matter what they say.

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Modesty, propriety can lead to notoriety,
But you could end up as the only one.
Gentleness, sobriety are rare in this society.
At night a candle's brighter than the sun.

Takes more than combat gear to make a man.
Takes more than a license for a gun.
Confront your enemies, avoid them when you can.
A gentleman will walk but never run.

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Glossary

- manners maketh man

- propriety: behavior that is accepted as socially or morally correct and proper

- notoriety: being famous and well-known, especially for something bad

- sobriety: temperance or moderation, especially in the use of alcoholic beverages

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