

Pharrell Williams Song 'Happy' Covered By Russia's Red Army Choir

The Independent is reporting this morning of a bizarre turn of events, with the Russian Red Army Choir posting a cover of the Pharrell Williams song "Happy" on video sharing site YouTube.

The bizarre video of Williams "Happy," uploaded to YouTube three days ago, shows the famous Russian choir in full decorated uniforms letting loose to one of 2014's most popular songs – already covered around the world.

The Telegraph explains that the Red Army Choir is an official ensemble of the Minister of the Interior of the Russian Federation, and was first formed in Stalinist Russia in 1939 to glorify the revolutionary ideal and lift the morale of the exhausted troops during World War II.

The choir has since developed a proud tradition of stirring cover versions of popular songs. In the past they have covered Men at Work's "Land Down Under," Daft Punk's "Get Lucky," and Adele's "Skyfall."

Last year, the choir opened the Winter Olympic Games in Sochi.

While not appearing to be the most appropriate song, "Happy" fits with the choir's original task, which was to lift the moral of exhausted troops. Their version of Pharrell's tune appears to include dancing police officers and traffic wardens.

