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Liberace

Southampton: The Liberace charm hits Britain in person, as America's sensational entertainer arrives on the Queen Mary for a concert tour. As you might have expected - Liberace has brought with him his "Mom", his brother George and a "grand piano". And naturally he hopes that we'll all bask in the sunshine of his musical gifts. SOUND

Meanwhile, for hundreds of his fans who had travelled from all parts of Britain, this was indeed, the answer to a weekly promise "I'll be seeing you!"

From the fans came a bouquet of red roses, while others threw rose petals. But some husbands, (so it's said) wanted to throw a grand piano!

Eventually, the Liberace Special got under way for London - and an occasional wave en route hit just the right note.

Few entertainers have made such a great impact in a few years as Liberace. <sup>When he was</sup> ~~at the age of~~ seven, Paderewski predicted a great future for him. Some people don't think he'll live that long!

As the fans <sup>including many</sup> ~~mostly~~ middle-aged matrons, ~~(mostly middle-aged matrons)~~ massed for the charge at Waterloo Station - Liberace appeared from his special coach.

<sup>BUT</sup> the ~~the~~ Battle of Waterloo was not won on a tinkling keyboard. The good old London Bobby saved the modern missionary of classical music (as he calls himself) from his wild-eyed British fans.

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