# Dementia in hospital - What can you do?

**For a person with dementia** a hospital stay is often confusing & frightening. Not knowing where you are, nothing familiar to hold on.

**Research has shown** that the majority of people with dementia leaving a hospital mentally worse than when they arrived.

### That's why the nursing needs your help

Because you are the care specialist of your family member with dementia. Your presence is giving comfort & support to your family member with dementia. You are a handhold for your family member who wanders around in the dementia fog.

**By working** together with the nursing you contribute to a care where your family member experience lesser confusion & lesser stress, reducing the chance of a mentally decline through the hospital stay.

## How can you help?

- Being in the recovery after the operation
- Helping with breakfast, lunch, diner, personal care
- If necessary staying at night in the hospital
- Bringing a few photo's which create a home feeling
- Providing the personal favourite music with headphone or music pillow
- Doing physical activities, like walking through the corridors or to the restaurant
- Tell the nursing what the person makes restless, anxious or calm him
- Is there something the person likes to hold in his hands?
- Spread the visitors, make a schedules for the visitors

### Hang the forgetmenot Flyer above the bed

Everybody who comes by the bed sees that this patient wanders in the dementia fog, knowing I must speak and do things calmer and quieter.

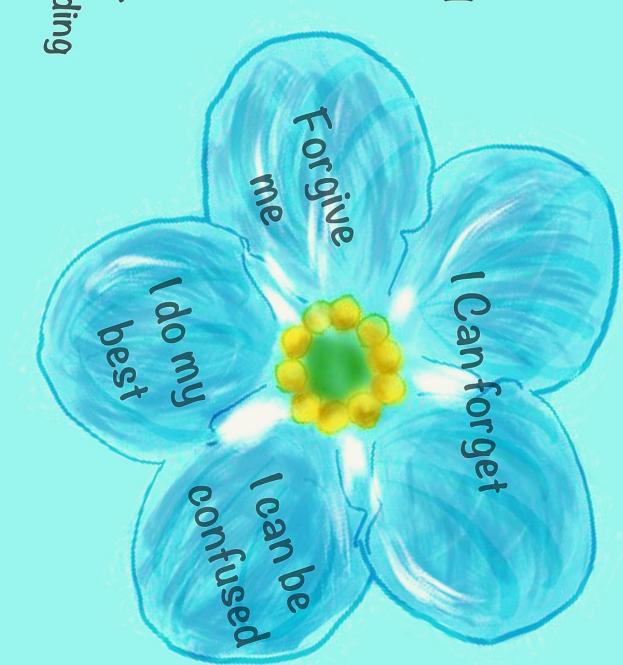
# How to Find the right music?

On <u>AlzheimerHappinss.com</u> you find The Music Discovery List which is a roadmap to find the music which gives rest, peace and home feelings to a person with dementia.



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# When I thumble and fall l can use your help



patience & understanding Thank you for your