

[The voice of W. J. Holloway](#)

Portrait of W. J. Holloway, taken in 1893. Copyright National Portrait Gallery. It is not often that you can hear the voice of someone born more than 180 years ago. Actor W. J. (William James) Holloway was born in Westminster in 1843 but at the age of thirteen his family...

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