

Ballads

Famous musicians you will look at during this unit who have created Ballads.



David Bowie



Bryan Adams



Samantha Barks



The Righteous Brothers



Whitney Houston

Year 3 key knowledge

- To know that a ballad tells a story through song.
- To know that lyrics are the words of a song
- To know that in a ballad, a 'stanza' is a verse.

Vocabulary

ballad	A song which tells a story- similar to a poem	Chorus	Repeated sections of the music with the same tune and lyrics.
ensemble	A small group of musicians who perform together	Stanza	A short section of text, known as a verse in a song or poem.
Compose	To create an original piece of music.	Solo	Performing alone.
Nonsense words	Words which have no meaning and are often used for filling time in songs, e.g. la, do, ooh	Expression	Making your thoughts or feelings known when reading, singing or performing.

What are we learning?

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What is a ballad?

Features

- Follows a rhyme scheme.
- Tells a story- Can be dramatic, funny or romantic.
- Strong, lively rhythms
- Repetition of key lines and phrases.
- Can be in many styles, such as pop and musical theatre.
- **Stanza**- a short section, known as the verse.



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You will be singing 'Everything I do' by Bryan Adams and 'Space oddity' by David Bowie.

What type of music are these songs? **Ballads**

You will sing in a **ensemble**.

When singing these songs, think about;

- Speed
- Instruments
- Story line
- Lyrics
- Chorus
- Verses

Chorus- a **repeated section** of music with the **same** tune and **lyrics**.

Stanza- a story written in short phrases



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Songs usually tell a **story**.

Ballad- a song which tells a story.

Lyrics- the words to a song.

Story mountain

Opening- describes the setting, introduces the characters.

Build up- excitement and tension, gives emotion.

Climax- major dilemma

Resolution- characters find a route through their difficulties.

Ending- happily ever after.



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When creating a song based off an animation, include the following things;

- A **stanza**- a verse
- **Chorus**- a repeated section of music with the **same** tune and **lyrics**.
- Happy tune- Feeling, showing or causing pleasure.

Ballad- a song which tells a story.

Lyrics- the words to a song.

Ensemble- A small group of musicians who perform together.



Adding **nonsense words** into your lyrics from previous lesson.

La
Na
Nay
Hey
Ooh
Ah
Da
Dee
Oh

Nonsense words- Words which have no meaning and are often used for filling time in songs, usually pop songs, e.g. la, do, ooh.

Ballad- A song which tells a story- similar to a poem.

Compose- to create an original piece of music.

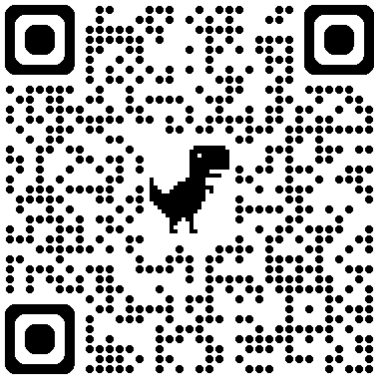
Ensemble- a small group of musicians who perform together.

Happy- feeling, showing or causing pleasure.

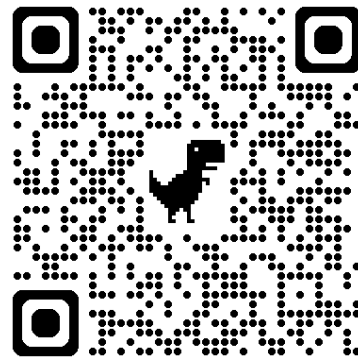


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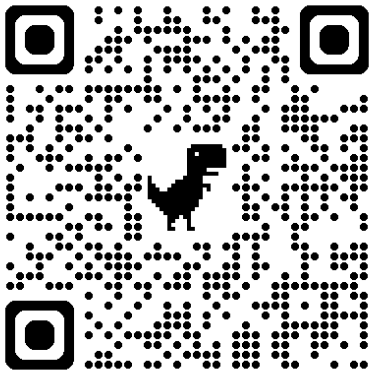
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Scan to learn more about composing music to tell a story