

Music—Year 4—Lean On Me

Listening



Lean On Me (Soul/Gospel)

Structure: Intro, verse 1, chorus, verse 2, bridge, chorus, bridge, verse 3, outro.

Instruments/voices you can hear: Male vocal, backing vocal, piano, bass, drums, organ.

Can you find the pulse as you are listening?

Dance, clap, sway, march, be an animal or a pop star.

Musical Activities



Using glocks and/or recorders

Warm-up games play and copy back using up to 2 notes – F + G. Bronze: no notes | Silver: F, sometimes G | Gold: F + G challenge. Which challenge did you get to?

Singing in unison.

Play instrumental parts with the song by ear and/or from notation using the easy or medium part. You will be using up to 4 notes – C, E, F + G. Which part did you play?

Improvise using up to 3 notes – F, G + A. Bronze: F | Silver: F + G | Gold: F, G + A challenge. Which challenge did you get to?

Compose a simple melody using simple rhythms choosing from the notes F, G + A or D, E, F, G + A.

Perform & Share



Decide how your class will introduce the performance. Tell your audience how you learnt this song and why. Record the performance and talk about it afterwards.

The performance will include one or more of the following:

- Improvisations
- Instrumental performances
- Compositions

About this Unit



Theme: Soul/Gospel music and helping each other.

Facts/info: Lean On Me is a soul song written by Bill Withers in 1972. The song has been covered and interpreted as a Gospel song because of its lyrics.

Listen to 5 other soul/gospel songs:

- He Still Loves Me by Walter Williams and Beyoncé
- Shackles by Mary Mary
- Amazing Grace by Elvis Presley
- Ode To Joy Symphony No 9 by Beethoven
- Lean On Me by The ACM Gospel Choir

Vocabulary

unison	pitch	vocal	pulse	compose
by ear	rhythm	piano	rhythm	improvise
notation	pulse	bass	tempo	hook
improvise	composition	drums	dynamics	riff
melody	backing	organ	texture structure	melody

Reflection

What did you like best about this Unit? Why?
Was there anything you didn't enjoy about it? Why?

Did you have any strong feelings about it?
Were you proud of yourself, happy or annoyed?