

## Music

**Note:** any activities involving photographing pupils must have parental permission.

- This section explores the way in which music and lyrics work together, and how the meaning and mood of the lyrics can be expressed in music. In one case (Boney M *By the Rivers of Babylon*) the music is upbeat but the words are sorrowful. Handel's music reflects the text in both mood and meaning as do some of the modern songs.
- ***The Bible behind the music*** gives the biblical material that inspired the music.
- The music in this section mostly uses the King James Bible which dates from 1611; yet the pieces reflect different times and musical styles: from classical and folk to modern pop and hymns. How the Bible is reflected in different times and styles can be explored.
- Pupils can experiment with setting a few words from the Bible to music, either composing their own or selecting a well known tune that works with the words. Any tunes selected should be appropriate for the words.



### Works to use:

- *All people that on earth do dwell* (1551) Psalm 100:1-2 sung to the tune 'The Old Hundredth'
- *The Lord is my Shepherd* (1650 version and modern 'Choirboys' version) Psalm 23:1-2
- *The Messiah* by Handel
- *Turn, turn, turn* (To everything there is a season) by the Byrds/Pete Seeger Ecclesiastes 3:1-8
- *You shall go out with joy* by Stuart Dauermann and Steffi Geiser Rubins Isaiah 55:12
- *Millenium prayer* (Lord's Prayer) sung by Cliff Richard Matthew 6: 9-13
- *By the rivers of Babylon* by Boney M Psalm 137: 1-4

The above pieces can be explored by the teacher beforehand on line if extra information is required. Performances of many are available on line.

The songs *Turn, Turn, Turn*, *The Lord is my shepherd* and *By the rivers of Babylon* occur in children's song books such as *Alleluia! (A and C Black)* and *The Complete Come and Praise (BBC)*.



## Resources

<http://nethymnal.org> Words and music and Bible index for a range of hymns

<http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Category:Hymns> Sound files of hymns

[www.songfacts.com/category/songs\\_inspired\\_by\\_the\\_bible.php](http://www.songfacts.com/category/songs_inspired_by_the_bible.php) List of songs inspired by the Bible

[www.worshipmap.com/lyrics/messiah.html](http://www.worshipmap.com/lyrics/messiah.html) Bible verses used in Handel's Messiah

<http://av1611.com/kjbp/kjv-dictionary/kjv-dictionary-index.html> An online dictionary that gives definitions of old words