

Year 2  
Spring 1

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Music

Folksongs



Star Words	Definition
Folk	Traditional style of music reflecting the life of people in place or time.
Sea shanty	A song sung by sailors as they worked.
Texture	Combining different layers of music to give an overall effect.
Round	A song in which singers perform the same melody but at staggered starting points, producing an overlapping harmony.
Improvise	Creating music on the spot.

### Listening pieces

Wellerman, Nathan Evans,  
2021

Hornpipe, Sir Henry Wood  
Dance to your Daddy, Trad.

Off She Goes Jig, Trad.

Round and Round, Trad.

My Bonnie Lies Over the  
Ocean, Trad.

### Home Learning Ideas

- Listen to folk music and see what instruments you can identify.
- Can you come up with a sea shanty for Pirate Pete.

### Helpful Websites

[Musical journeys: Folk music - BBC Bitesize](#)

[Primary Music KS1: Sun, sea and song! - BBC Teach](#)

### Sticky Knowledge

## Key Features of Folk Music

- repetition of words
- lyrics about love, war, nature
- drone
- simple, repetitive rhythm and melody



## Traditional Folk Instruments of the British Isles



1. uilleann pipes



2. bodhran



4. harp



3. tin whistle



5. accordion



6. bagpipes



7. flute



8. fiddle

