

# Knowledge Organiser – Let Your Spirit Fly – Year 3, Unit 1

## 1 – Listen & Appraise: Let Your Spirit Fly (RnB)

**Structure:** Introduction, verse, chorus.

**Instruments/voices you can hear:** Male and female voices, bass, drums, guitar, keyboard, synthesizer.

**Find the pulse as you are listening:** Dance, clap, sway, march, be an animal or a pop star.

## 2 – Musical Activities using glocks and/or recorders

**Warm-up games** play and copy back using up to 2 notes – C + D.

Bronze: no notes | Silver: C, sometimes D

Gold: C + D challenge.

*Which challenge did you get to?*

**Singing** in 2 parts.

**Play instrumental parts** with the song by ear and/or from notation using the easy or medium part. You will be using up to 3 notes – C, D + E.

*Which part did you play?*

**Improvise** using up to 3 notes – C, D + E.

Bronze: C | Silver: C, sometimes D | Gold: C, D + E challenge.

*Which challenge did you get to?*

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

## 3 – Perform & Share

Decide how your class will introduce the performance. Perhaps add some funky dance moves? 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:** RnB and other musical styles.

**Facts/info:** RnB is a mixture of Soul, Hip Hop and Gospel music. Other RnB singers include Beyoncé, Usher, Rihanna and Stevie Wonder.

### Listen to 4 other songs/pieces:

- Colonel Bogey March by Kenneth Alford (Film)
- Consider Yourself from the musical 'Oliver!' (Musicals)
- Ain't No Mountain High Enough by Marvin Gaye (Motown)
- You're The First, The Last, My Everything by Barry White (Soul)

**Vocabulary:** Structure, introduction, verse, chorus, improvise, compose, pulse, rhythm, pitch, tempo, dynamics bass, drums, guitar, keyboard, synthesizer, hook, 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?*

**What are the 'style indicators' of RnB music?**

*How do you know this is RnB music?*