

## 1 – Listen & Appraise: 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.

## 2 – 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.

## 3 – 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, by ear, notation, improvise, melody, pitch, rhythm, pulse, composition, backing vocal, piano, bass, drums, organ, pulse, rhythm, tempo, dynamics, texture structure, compose, improvise, hook, riff, melody, solo

## 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?*