

UKS2 Music Knowledge Organiser: You've Got A Friend

Key Enquiry Question: Explore the song You've got a friend by Carole King.

National Curriculum Objectives:

- ★ play and perform in solo and ensemble contexts, using their voices and playing musical instruments with increasing accuracy, fluency, control and expression
- ★ listen with attention to detail and recall sounds with increasing aural memory
- ★ appreciate and understand a wide range of high-quality live and recorded music drawn from different traditions and from great composers and musicians
- ★ an understanding of the history of music



Key vocabulary

Word	Meaning
melody	Another name for a tune.
compose	Creating and developing musical ideas and 'fixing' these.
improvise	To make up a tune and play it on the spot; there is an assumption that it can never be recreated.
cover	A version of a song performed by someone other than the original artist that might sound a bit, or very, different.
pulse	The heartbeat or steady beat of a song/piece of music.
rhythm	The combination of long and short sounds to make patterns.
pitch	The range of high and low sounds.
tempo	An Italian word used to describe how fast/slow the music goes.
dynamics	How loud or quiet the music is.
timbre	The quality and character of the sound.
texture	Layers of sound in music.
structure	How the sections (verses and choruses etc.) of a song are ordered to make the whole piece.
dimensions of music	Musical dimensions identify the ways in which any sound can be described and the ways in which each dimension can be changed to create different musical effects.
hook	A term used in pop music to describe a short catchy phrase or riff that we can't stop singing; the bit that 'hooks' us in; the main musical idea from a song that we remember.
riff	A short repeated phrase, often played on a lead instrument such as guitar, piano or saxophone
solo	An Italian word used to describe playing/singing/performing on our own
civil rights	The rights of citizens to political and social freedom and equality.
gender equality	Access to rights or opportunities is unaffected by gender
unison	Occurring together or simultaneously.
harmony	Different notes sung or played at the same time, to produce chords.

Sticky Knowledge:

- ★ You've Got A Friend was a song written by Carole King in 1971.
- ★ It was first recorded by Carole and featured on her famous album, Tapestry.
- ★ In the 1960s, Carole King was employed to write pop songs for artists to perform.

4 other songs written by Carole King...

- ★ The Loco-Motion sung by Little Eva
- ★ One Fine Day sung by The Chiffons
- ★ Up On The Roof sung by The Drifters
- ★ Will You Still Love Me Tomorrow