



Year 8 Christmas Blues

Hello lovely year 8 classes!

How are you doing?

Following on from last week's Blues Research challenge, I now want you to write your own **Christmas Blues lyrics**.

1. Write your Lyrics!

The lyrics should follow the traditional 12 bar blues lyric pattern of A A B (we talked about this briefly in one of my lessons).

This means that the lyrics will have a total of 3 lines. The first and second lines will be the same and the third line will be different. The final word of lines A and B should rhyme.

Here's an example:

A I woke up this morning and I found myself alone
A I woke up this morning and I found myself alone
B I got nothin' to do so I'll go play my trombone

Here's another example, this time Christmas themed:

A It's Christmas time, and I'm feeling very sad
A It's Christmas time, and I'm feeling very sad
B But when I see my lovely presents, I don't feel so bad

Once you have written your lyrics, send them to me at music@laleham-gap.kent.sch.uk.

Important thing to remember: Each line needs to fit into 4 bars of music, each bar 4 beats long. So don't make them too long or indeed too short. The examples above will give you a guide.

2 – Go a bit further and record your song!

After you've written your lyrics, you can practice singing your blues song over this backing track: <https://youtu.be/AGfrna58u18>

This is a great way to have a go at improvising a melody. Even a really simple two-note melody, based around the notes C and Eb, will sound effective. Listen to these Blues songs – you can hear how the singers do it. (Click on the links.)

WC Handy (known as the “father of the blues”) – [Memphis Blues](#)

James Brown singing – [I Feel Good](#)

Send a recording of your work to music@laleham-gap.kent.sch.uk!!
I would love to hear it!

It could even go in the Virtual Christmas concert if you get it to me by **the 6th December!!**

Keep well and stay safe. Love Miss Howard xxx

