



My Lady Greensleeves by Dante Gabriel Rosetti



folk group Mumford and Sons

Contemporary

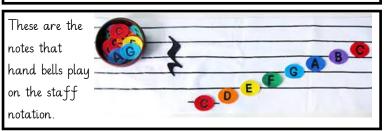


## **Folk Music**

Folk music is a type of music that comes from a country's people and traditions. A piece of folk music should contain all of these parts.

- They usually tell stories or describe everyday life.
- They are played on simple, traditional instruments like guitars, fiddles, or flutes.
- It is passed from one user to the next by word of mouth, rather than by being written down.
- The original composer is often unknown. Instead, the tune and words spread naturally.
- A folk song often exists in several different versions but these versions have a simple **melody**, clear verses that tell a story and with a repeated chorus and refrain.
- Folk music is one of the major groups of types of music. It is now often divided into **traditional** folk music, like the song Greensleeves and contemporary folk music.





## **Key Work**

- Scarborough Fair is a traditional English ballad, dating back to at least 1670.
- Traditional ballads are usually by unknown authors, having been passed on orally from one generation to the next.

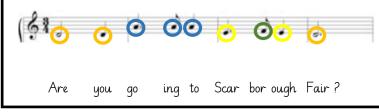
You will sing Scarborough Fair from memory. To do this, you will need:

- to recognise how pitch can be presented in informal musical notation
- sing **rhythmic** patterns in contrasting tempo, keeping to the pulse

You will perform Scarborough Fair's **melody** and **harmony** on hand bells. To do this, you will be playing together in the class's **ensemble** of singing and instrument playing.

## **Key Skills**

Below is the first line of Scarborough Fair. The coloured circles over the top of the musical notation show the colour of the handbell that plays each of these notes.



## **Key Vocabulary**

Word Definition

ballad a song narrating a story in short

verses.

pitch how high or low the sound you

hear

ensemble groups of people who perform

at the same time

the recurrence of notes and rhythm

> rests (silences) in time. When a series of notes and rests repeats, it forms a rhythmic

pattern

melody a pleasing combination of pitch

and rhythm

refrain the line or lines that are re-

peated not the chorus

harmony the sound of two or more

notes heard simultaneously

traditional Music which uses non-electric

instruments.

contempo-Music which is happening now rary

and uses modern instruments

These are hand bells. The different colours indicate the different notes that they play.

