

Music Bulletin

Week Beginning – 22nd June 2020

Your musical update from Ms Charatan,
Ms Welch and Ms Li



Hello everyone!

This week is **school diversity week**. It is a great opportunity to think more deeply about issues affecting diversity through activities in bulletins and character. The music bulletin is no exception! Here you will find some dedicated sections to diversity in music, particularly around LGBTQ+ - do listen widely and try out as many activities as you can. Please also think about what you might like to submit for our first ever *virtual* **End of Year Concert!** We hope the summaries go well- and have a great rest of the week.

AJK Songs of the Week: Diversity

Many thanks to **Mr Wang** for suggesting these.



Y7: [Born this Way](#) – Lady Gaga (2011)

Lady Gaga said that this song is her 'freedom song'. The song discusses the self-empowerment of minorities including the LGBT community.

Y8: [Curious](#) – Hayley Kiyoko (2018)

Kiyoko wrote this song opening that it would encourage an open dialogue about LGBT, and help people feeling unsure about their sexuality.

Y9: [Q.U.E.E.N.](#) – Janelle Monae (2013)

Q.U.E.E.N is an acronym for those who are marginalised. Read more about it [here](#).

Y10: [Taylor Swift](#) – You need to calm down (2019)

Swift wrote this anthem to show her support for Equality rights and to inspire people to deal with negativity positively.

Y11: [Bloom](#) – Troye Sivan (2018)

This song is from Sivan's album of the same name, containing material about sexuality and his experiences.

Y12: [Him](#) – Sam Smith (2017)

This is a song about the challenges of being a religious gay man. Sam Smith, said that it wasn't his own story, but that he wanted to write the song for the LGBT community.

End of Year Concert!

- We are putting together a **virtual concert** for the end of the year, and we need your help! We need **performances!**
- Please **video yourself or record yourself playing or singing any piece** you like. This will be part of our concert – we would love to hear from you. Any style and length is fine!
- AND / OR: Play in a virtual band: record a part to 'Lean on Me' – by Bill Withers.**
 - Song tutorial: <https://youtu.be/7iUKuPaYXPE>
 - Chords tutorial: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YDhWZ3CpbYw&feature=youtu.be>
 - Drums tutorial: <https://youtu.be/jwUCKujc9bQ>
 - Original track: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gkaexjc-1os>
- Play along to this track: <https://youtu.be/ftPvYUXe-nU>, record your part and send it! Ms Charatan will compile it into a complete band.
- Ms Charatan's email: n.charatan@arkjohnkeatsacademy.org



We can't wait to hear from you! Any problems or questions, please get in touch!

Diversity Week

- Explore the music of these LGBTQ+ artists. Scroll down to the bottom of [this document](#) to find it!
- [Here](#) is a youtube playlist of music by LGBTQ+ musicians.
- [WQXR Pride Show](#) (this is a recorded live concert from a classical music radio station).
- Check out these [Diversity Week masterclasses](#) on a range of issues, including music.
- Try out some other activities on the 'Just Like Us' website: <https://www.justlikeus.org/home-edition-secondary>
- Learn how to play the piano riff to 'Same Love' by Macklemore and Ryan Lewis [here](#). The original song is [here](#).



SOCA Medley

Here is an amazing opportunity run by ARK to take part in a music video!

- Head to www.arkmusicresources.co.uk/enrichment (Password: MusicResources)
- Scroll down to find the Spotify playlist with all the songs – keep listening to these, so that you have these rhythms in your bones!
- Download the [sheet music](#) and/or [lyrics](#)
- Listen and sing along to the audio tracks of all the parts (soprano/alto/baritone), which are towards the bottom of the page
- The full choreography video can be found on this page as well, and a video teaching how to drum the rhythms using pots and pans, or your body!
- Email Ms Charatan when you are ready to record your part.



Making music at home

- Don't forget about the ARK [online platform](#) full of music enrichment opportunities. The password is MusicResources – *new resources are added every week!*
- Improve your rhythm and coordination by trying this online rhythm/sequencer game: [Bemuse!](#)
- Continue DJ-ing with [You.DJ](#) – a perfect break from EOYS!
- Make music on [Chrome Music Labs](#)



Staff Recommendation of The Week: Mr Wang

One of my most favourite anthems about Diversity and pride must be Katy Perry's '**Firework**'. This uplifting song has been a popular one to play during Pride parades all around the world and I love the message it is sending about self-empowerment that we all deserve to be free and shine no matter our background, language, race, religion, sexuality. I love the music video as well [here](#) that celebrates everyone and promotes freedom and acceptance!



Listening/Quiz Suggestions

- In this brand new podcast '[Ditty in a Dash](#)', singer/songwriter Frances interviews other artists and together they create a song in 15 minutes!
- Listen to Lianna La Havas acoustic set [here](#)
- Challenge yourself to this [Composer name quiz](#).

