

# Autumn term 2 musical appreciation

## Remembrance Day

### The Beatles and their influence

### Christmas music

Week beginning	Value	Artist/ composer/ genre	Links
6.11.23	Respect <i>Remembrance Day</i>	<b>Remembrance Day</b> <b>Górecki – Symphony of Sorrowful Songs</b> Henryk Górecki was a Polish composer. He wrote this symphony in 1976. It is in three parts. The songs are sad songs, called laments. This song is the second part (called a movement). A solo soprano sings in Polish. This song was inspired by the words etched into the walls of a Gestapo prison by an 18-year-old girl during the Second World War. The words read: "No, Mother, do not weep, Most chaste Queen of Heaven Support me always."	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8MkikoNo92l&amp;t=131s">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8MkikoNo92l&amp;t=131s</a>
13.11.23	Respect	<b>The Beatles</b>  The Beatles have released their final new song together, called 'Now and Then'.  John Lennon died 43 years ago. Three years before his death, he wrote and recorded some demo songs. These were called demo tapes because they weren't songs that were ready to release, they were song ideas. In 1994, John's wife gave Paul McCartney the tape as it had the words 'For Paul' written on it.	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Opxhh9Oh3rg">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Opxhh9Oh3rg</a>

		<p>John sang the songs and played the keyboard on the tapes and the music wasn't clear enough to use. There wasn't the technology then to just take his voice out of the recording – there is now. Peter Jackson (the director of all of the Lord of the Rings films) commissioned the use of AI technology to bring together John's vocals, George Harrison's guitar (he has also passed away since) and the vocals, guitar and drum accompaniment from Paul and Ringo Starr to produce the Beatle's final song.</p> <p>Peter Jackson also directed the music video which puts together footage of the Beatles through the ages as well as the musicians performing for the track today.</p> <p>It has reached the number one position in the most listened to songs on Spotify in the UK.</p>	
<p><b>20.11.23</b></p>	<p><b>Respect</b></p>	<p><b>Billy Joel</b>  <b>William Martin Joel</b> (born May 9, 1949) is an American singer, songwriter and pianist. He is given the nickname of the "Piano man" after his 1973 song. Joel has had a successful music career as a solo artist since the 1970s.</p> <p>After seeing The Beatles, Joel decided to pursue a career in music. In an interview he said of the group's effect on him:  That one performance changed my life ... Up to that moment I'd never considered playing rock as a career. And when I saw four guys who didn't look like they'd come out of the Hollywood star mill, who played their own songs and instruments, I said: 'I know these guys, I can relate to these guys, I am these guys. This is what I'm going to do—play in a rock band'.</p> <p>At 16 he joined the band the Echoes and played piano. By the time he was 21, he was writing and releasing his own songs as a solo artist.</p>	<p><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dcnd55tLCv8">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dcnd55tLCv8</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FHO6a2H-pqY">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FHO6a2H-pqY</a></p>

27.11.23	<b>Generosity</b>	<p><b>Bono – U2</b> Bono is the lead singer of an Irish rock band. Bono has often talked about how The Beatles are one of his biggest musical influences. He can remember hearing the song ‘I Want to Hold Your Hand’ when he was three years old. He wrote: “I associate the song with the smell of freshly cut grass as I was lying on my back on the damp green patch after my Da had cut the lawn.”</p> <p>He says of U2: “We still look to [The Beatles] as models of what can be achieved when four people get into a room and start experimenting.” He continued: “It’s sad that two of them are gone now. [...] It’s always worth reminding ourselves how lucky we are to be alive at a time when we grew up with the Beatles.”</p>	<p><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=co6WMzDOh1o">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=co6WMzDOh1o</a>  <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wbg9L13XYh0">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wbg9L13XYh0</a></p>
4.12.23	<b>Generosity</b>	<p>"Sleigh Ride" is a light orchestral piece composed by Leroy Anderson in 1948. Listen out for horse clip-clopping, and a whip used to get the horse moving. In most performances, a percussionist provides these sounds on temple blocks and a slapstick. Toward the end of the piece, a trumpet imitates the sound of a horse whinnying.</p> <p>In 1963, The Ronettes recorded a cover of "Sleigh Ride" which had lyrics to it. It was a very popular version of the song in America. Here is also version by jazz singer Ella Fitzgerald.</p>	<p><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t_2BmZ6ELal">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t_2BmZ6ELal</a>  <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DkXIJe8CaIc">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DkXIJe8CaIc</a>  <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NRSvczD9840">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NRSvczD9840</a></p>
11.12.23	<b>Thankfulness</b>	<p><b>Michael Buble</b> Michael Bubl� is a Canadian singer and songwriter. He is regarded as a singer who has renewed people in being interested and appreciating traditional pop, jazz and swing standards. ‘Standards’ are songs which become really popular overtime and are often covered by lots of different artists. His Christmas album, which was first released in 2011, went to the top of the UK and USA charts. The songs from it are still really popular today and will be heard on the radio, tv, films and playing in the shops when people are out Christmas shopping!</p>	<p><a href="https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=OLAK5uy_m43jRZfcPwbJLgFlmvSmdMI783EYsKYVE">https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=OLAK5uy_m43jRZfcPwbJLgFlmvSmdMI783EYsKYVE</a></p>
18.12.23	<b>Thankfulness</b>		