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| Learner stage | What I should know, understand, be able to explain or do |
| Exceptional Mastery (E) | I can create a piece of music that has clear structure and development by exploiting a range of musical elements (dynamics, rhythm, harmony, texture, tempo) creating a piece that is satisfying and has a clear sense of style. |
| Advancing mastery (A) | I can develop my musical ideas using rhythm and texture.  I can use dynamics and tempo to portray appropriate moods for my protest song |
| Secure mastery (S) | I can create a chord progression that uses root position and inverted chords  I can write lyrics that have a clear meaning.  I can create a melody that has clear phrases and balance |
| Developing mastery (D) | I can create a chord progression using simple triads  I can write lyrics for a simple catchy chorus and create melodic ideas through singing. |
| Emerging mastery (F) | I can create a simple bass line that follows the root note of given chords  I can contribute to writing lyrics as part of a small group. |