

Listen Up!

Listen to 'The Lark Ascending' by Vaughan Williams

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Ralph Vaughan Williams was an English 20th Century composer who wrote symphonies, chamber music, opera, choral pieces, and film scores

The Lark Ascending was based on a poem of the same name by English poet George Meredith. The composer wrote his work while in service with the British army in World War One. Some say that the skylark could be seen soaring above the trenches.

Listen out for: The romantic, soaring violin solo with reflects the skylark of George Meredith's poem.

Let's Get Creative!

Did you like the music? How did it make you feel?

If you could float off anywhere, where would you go?

What would you see down below?

COLLECT SOME WORDS

- 1 colour (what colour does the music make you think of?)
- 1 emotion (how does the music make you feel?)
- 1 adjective (describe the music or the lark)
- 1 movement word (to describe how the lark travels)
- 1 place (where is the lark flying over?)
- 1 thing/ noun (what can the lark see from the sky?)

NOW JOIN THEM TOGETHER TO WRITE A POEM or make your own word-art using the words you collected.



Listen and watch Molly Rainford introduce 'The Lark Ascending' by Vaughan Williams:
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p034rxn8>

Explore

Watch the full orchestral performance:
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p03btd19>

Can you identify all the instruments in the video performance? Can you spot and listen carefully to the FRENCH HORNS, FLUTE, CLARINET, OBOE and BASSOON?

The solo instrument in this piece is a VIOLIN which comes from the STRING FAMILY

VIOLIN

VIOLA

CELLO

DOUBLE BASS



You can find out much more about this piece and many others on
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/ten-pieces>

Extra fun

Some people recognise birds by their songs rather than by their appearance. Birdwatcher Bill Oddie will hear 90% of birds before he sees them and explains how to recognise different songs.

WATCH THIS SHORT CLIP
How to identify birds from their songs

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/clips/zq3wmp3>



Pick a quiet time to listen to the birdsong from your window or garden.

Can you identify any individual birds?
How does it make you feel listening to birdsong?