

Year 6: Music

Happy

'Happy' is a song written, produced and performed by Pharrell Williams. Happy is a Pop song that has a Soul music sound and groove from the 1960s; very much like a Motown song. It uses the G major scale.



The song was written for the movie 'Despicable Me 2'.



G major scale

G A B C D E F# G

Heavily based in Soul music, Neo-Soul is distinguished by elements ranging from Funk, Jazz Fusion, Hip Hop, and African music, to Pop, Rock, and electronic music.

Neo-Soul songs typically use instruments like electric guitars, basses and pianos.



Further listening:

- Top Of The World sung by The Carpenters;
- Don't Worry, Be Happy sung by Bobby McFerrin;
- Walking On Sunshine sung by Katrina And The Waves; **Bass guitar**
- When You're Smiling sung by Frank Sinatra;
- Love Will Save The Day sung by Brendan Reilly.



Brightly (no chord) D7 N.C. D7 G

It might seem cra - zy what I'm 'bout to say.

Words and Music by Pharrell Williams

Vocabulary

boundaries	In music, boundaries are there to fit songs into genres, such as RnB or Pop.
groove	The rhythmic part of music that makes you want to dance or move.
hook	A short, catchy phrase or riff that we cannot stop singing.
memory	Remembering something, or knowing it off by heart.
Neo-Soul	A style of music from Soul and RnB - songs are mixed in the studio to sound like an older era of music.
Pop	Popular music.
producer	A person who oversees and manages the recording and production of a band or performer's music.
riff	A short, repeated phrase, often played on a lead instrument.
solo	Playing, singing or performing on your own.
style indicators	Identifiers that show us the genre of music.

CRC Article 29: All children have the right to have their talents developed to the full.

