

# Year 3: Music

## Three Little Birds

Robert Nesta Marley OM was a Jamaican singer, musician and songwriter. Considered one of the pioneers of Reggae, his musical career was marked by fusing elements of Reggae, Ska, and Rocksteady, as well as his distinctive vocal and song writing style.



Reggae (♩ = 76) (Swing 16th notes)

Piano

Tempo means the speed at which a piece of music should be played. As with many other musical terms, Italian words are used to describe different tempos of music. Sometimes a metronome mark is used with the beats per minute. Writing the term for the tempo and the BPM gives the musician reading the music a very clear idea of how it should be played.

Tempo Marking	Meaning	Beats Per Minute
<i>Largo</i>	Slow and broad	40–60 bpm
<i>Larghetto</i>	Slow and broad, but a little bit faster than largo	60–66 bpm
<i>Adagio</i>	Slow with great expression	66–76 bpm
<i>Andante</i>	A walking pace	76–108 bpm
<i>Moderato</i>	At a moderate speed	108–120 bpm
<i>Allegro</i>	Fast, quick, and bright	120–156 bpm
<i>Vivace</i>	Lively and fast	156–176 bpm
<i>Presto</i>	Very, very fast	168–200 bpm
<i>Prestissimo</i>	Even faster than presto	200 bpm and over

### Listen to 5 other reggae songs:

- Jamming by Bob Marley
- Small People by Ziggy Marley
- 54-46 Was My Number by Toots and The Maytals
- Ram Goat Liver by Pluto Shervington
- Our Day Will Come by Amy Winehouse

## Vocabulary

backing vocals	Voice accompaniment for a singer.
composer	A person who writes music.
elements	Dynamics, tempo, pitch, timbre, duration, texture, melody and structure.
musician	A musician is a person who composes, conducts, or performs music.
organ	An organ is a keyboard instrument with pipes.
pentatonic scale	A musical scale with five notes per octave.
Reggae	A type of music that originated in Jamaica in the late 1960s.
riff	A short repeated phrase in popular music.
specific mood	A feeling that the music creates.
traditions	Customs, or beliefs, passed from generation to generation.

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



Bob Marley wrote the Reggae song, *Three Little Birds*.

