

Sing for Hull



With the Albemarle Broadband

Week 2 – Let's Go Fly A Kite Listening Activities

Let's Go Fly a Kite is a famous song, written for the Disney film Mary Poppins, which has now also become a hit musical, performed across the world. Listen to the original version of Let's Go Fly A Kite from the musical Mary Poppins and answer these questions:

- 1. What instruments can you hear?
- 2. Listen to the singer, Julie Andrews. Think about how she is performing the song. How does this reflect the character of Mary Poppins?
- 3. In the lyrics, there is the line 'send it soaring'. What does the music do at that point to match the meaning of the words?
- 4. What do you think the line 'With your feet on the ground, you're a bird in flight' means?
- 5. What does the melody do during the words 'Oh, Oh, Oh' at the end of each verse? What do you think this could represent?
- 6. Do you like the song?



7. Can you think of any other songs from films and musicals?

Let's Go Fly A Kite – Did you know?

Did you know that the time signature for the song is ¾? This means there are 3 beats in each bar. Music is split into bars, which contain a set amount of beats. This makes it easier to play and gives the music a certain feel. Try counting along to the music saying '1, 2, 3'. You can hear a clear 'um-cha-cha' in the accompaniment that will help you do this. Music in ¾ is often compared to a waltz, a dance with 3 beats in the bar. Try dancing to the song, moving your feet on each beat. It has a lilting feeling which is similar to a kite soaring up and down.