



# Sing for Hull

With the Albemarle Broadband



## Week 12 – Fight Song

### Listening Activities

*Fight Song* was written by the American singer-songwriter **Rachel Platten** and co-writer **Dave Bassett**. It was featured on Platten's 2016 album **Wildfire** and was inspired by a moment of self-doubt, when Rachel was struggling to make it in the music industry. She wrote *Fight Song* as a reminder to believe in herself. Listen to the Rachel Platten singing *Fight Song* and answer these questions:

1. What genre do you think the song belongs to?
2. The title and lyrics use the phrase '*Fight Song*'. What type of 'fight' is the song talking about?
3. Read the lyrics of the song. They use a lot of figurative language, such as similes and metaphors. Can you spot any phrases where an image is used to describe a feeling or situation?
4. *Fight song* has been used in adverts, TV shows, political campaigns and also as the official theme song for the WWE's '*Rise Above Cancer*' campaign. Why do you think this song is used so often?
5. On the music video for *Fight Song*, Rachel Platten is seen playing the keyboard at the same time as she is singing. Can you think of any other singers who accompany themselves on an instrument?
6. Can you identify the structure of the song using the terms: Intro, Verse, Pre-Chorus, Chorus, Bridge and Outro?
7. The song uses a large range of dynamics, with soft (*piano*) sections and louder, stronger (*forte*) sections. Can you see a pattern? How do the dynamics represent what the lyrics are saying in each section?
8. Do you like the song *Fight Song*? Why?

### *Fight Song – Did you know?*

In music, the **key** tells you the **scale** that the piece of music is based on. *Fight Song* is in the **Key of G Major**. Usually songs end on the **key chord**, which is also known as the **root** or **tonic**. This gives the music a sense of closure. *Fight song* is unusual because it ends on the fourth chord of the scale, which is the **C Major Chord**. This leaves the song unresolved and the listener expecting more. In the lyrics of the last line, 'I've still got a lot of fight left in me', Rachel is telling her listeners that her journey is not over. Both the lyrics and last chord reflect this, leaving you expecting more.