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Level 1 Music 2024

91951 Shape music ideas to create an original
composition

EXEMPLAR

Achievement



Music 1.4 - Shape music ideas to create an original composition

NSN:

Composition : Night Sky

Key: C

Chords: I, III, IV, V, VI, VII

Write up:

During the production of this song, I experimented with multiple instruments to create a baseline for the song, with piano, strings, bass, and a drum beat. From there, I made a few guitar riffs to insert into the song to act as the melody for the song. The time signature for this song is 4/4, and is inspired by the song Pink Matter, by Frank Ocean. The piano in my song imitates the piano in Pink Matter, and the guitar riffs provide the same melodic feel as in Pink Matter. As for the strings and bass, I matched their progressions with that of the piano, to further reinforce the rhythm section of the song. For the drums, I used the GarageBand tools to create my own, to match the rest of the song. The skills I used to compose this piece by myself were taught to me by singer/songwriter Lisa Tomlins.

Achievement

Subject: Music

Standard: 91951

Total score: 04

Q	Grade score	Marker commentary
One	A4	<p>This piece was created using a DAW (Garageband). The music is simple and structured. The candidate has created a four-beat repeated chordal accompaniment using appropriate timbres. Over this they have played melodic fragments on guitar that sound improvised. The candidate has also played in a basic drum-beat, rather than pasting an AI loop. The inspiration (Pink Matter by Frank Ocean) is stylistically perceptible, although there is no vocal line. The candidate describes their creative processes. The visual representation could possibly be used to recreate the music as it includes a clear screen shot and a list of chords. To achieve at a higher grade, the candidate could have added a vocal line and provided a notated score of the keyboard chords or perhaps developed the keyboard part further.</p>