

## Chapter 11

# SONGS AND STORIES



Hindustani classical, *Baul gaan*, *bollywood* songs, Hip hop—you may have heard some of these styles of music.

Different kinds of music sound different. They have unique characteristics of style, patterns, origin, instruments and purpose.

A music genre is a category that groups music based on shared characteristics, sounds, or patterns.

Can you name some genres of music that you have heard? What is unique about them?

We can generally categorise music into four major categories:

1. Folk music — *Lok sangeet*
2. Classical music — Hindustani and Carnatic
3. Other traditional forms — Devotional music, *Rabindra Sangeet*, semi-classical, etc.
4. Popular or creative music — Film songs, pop songs, etc.



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## Activity 11.1 Identify the Genre

Listen to the following music samples online and identify which genre they belong to:

1. *Raga Bhupali* by Hariprasad Chaurasia
2. *Ye Dosti hum nahin todenge*
3. *Rabindra Sangeet* by Kanika Bandyopadhyay
4. *Kesariya balam* by Manganiyar musicians

### Why Music?

Have you ever thought about the role of music in our lives?

Music tells stories, makes us feel emotions and celebrates traditions.

In many cultures and languages, there are special songs for festivals and special events and times of the year. Sometimes, the same event may be celebrated in different ways by different groups of people.

#### Do You Know?

*The harvest festival is celebrated all over India, but has many different names. What is it called in your region?*



*Raga Bhupali* by  
Hariprasad Chaurasia



*Ye dosti hum nahin  
todenge*



*Rabindra Sangeet* by Kanika  
Bandyopadhyay



*Kesariya balam* by  
Manganiyar musicians

## Activity 11.2 Harvest Songs

Here is a song from Punjab about Baisakhi, the harvest festival:



Name some harvest festivals from around the country:

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### Punjabi — Baisakhi Song Traditional Folk Song

*Aayi Vaisakhi, Aayi Vaisakhi Challo paiye  
bhangra Muk gayi khetaan di rakhi, Ral ke  
paiye bhangra.*

*Baapu bechi kanak te Kheesa nota de naal  
bharya. Maa ne seeta suit sohrna Gote de naal  
jadiya.*

*Aao saheliyon, aao haarniyon Saare paiye  
bhangra. Saare paiye bhangra.*

*Aayi Vaisakhi..*

*Saare maro taaliyaan te Phir main boli paawan  
Boli paa ke gori nu main Gidhe vich nach awan.*

*Nache gori matak matak ke Asi vi paiye  
bhangra. Asi vi paiye bhangra.*

*Aayi Vaisakhi..*

*Haan ji paiye bhangra.*

*Challo pai bhangra.*

Find a song from another part of the country that celebrates the harvest season, listen to it, write down the words, and learn to sing it. Do the songs sound similar or different? If so, how?

## Musical Styles

Let us learn two types of songs — a lullaby and a patriotic song.

### Activity 11.3

#### Lullaby — *Ennamma Thozhi*

Language: Tamil

Traditional Folk Song

*Ennamma thozhi bommaya kaanum  
Naan enna seyya poren*

*Ennamma thozhi bommaya kaanum  
Naan enna seyya poren*

*Thalai vaari pinni*

*Pookal vaithu pudhu chattai pottu vittu  
Iypasi maasam kaveri snanam*

*Bommaya vaangi vandhen*

Song link: <https://tinyurl.com/Ennamma-Thozhi>



## ★ Activity 11.4 Patriotic Song



Songs are a wonderful way to express our love for our country and to bring people together. There are many wonderful patriotic songs that you can sing in a group.

Here are some popular patriotic songs. Find the songs online and learn to sing them in a group.

### 1. Nanha munna rahi hu

Composer: Naushad

Lyricist: Shakeel Badayuni

*Nanha munna rahi hu, desh ka sipahi hu,  
Bolo mere sang Jai Hind, Jai Hind Jai Hind,  
Jai Hind, Jai Hind*

### 2. Aao bachchon tumhe dikhaye

Composer: Hemant Kumar

Lyricist: Kavi Pradeep

*Aao bachcho tumhe dikhaye jhanki  
Hindustan kee*

*Iss mittee se tilak karo yeh dharatee hai  
balidan kee*

*Vande Mataram Vande Mataram*

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Find a patriotic song in your language. Learn it and share it with your class.

## ★ Activity 11.5 Songs for Unity

Music is a wonderful unifying force and has played an important role in nation-building. During India's freedom struggle, songs served as an important tool to bring people together to fight for a common cause.

### Do You Know?



Shri Bankim Chandra  
Chattopadhyay

*Vande Mataram* was written by Shri Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay, who glorified Bharat Mata (Mother India) in this poem. Even though *Vande Mataram* is commonly sung in Raga Des, it has

many other versions, and is one of the most widely recorded songs in history.

One of the best-known songs is *Vande Mataram*, which ignited a spirit of patriotism among freedom fighters and the people of the country. Even today, it is a song that unites and uplifts us. While *Jana Gana Mana* is the National Anthem, *Vande Mataram* is known as the National Song.

Learn to sing this song in a group.

### Vande Mataram

Written by: Shri Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay

*Vande Mataram Vande Mataram*  
*Sujalam Suphalam Malayaja sheetalam*  
*Sasya Shyamalam mataram*  
*Vande Mataram*  
*Shubhra Jyotsnam Pulakita Yamineem*  
*Pulla kusumita drumadala Shobhineem*  
*Suhaasineem sumadhura bhashineem*  
*Sukhadam varadam mataram*  
*Vande Mataram*



ASSESSMENT — Chapter 11: Songs and Stories			
Competencies	Learning Outcomes	Teacher	Self
C-3.2	Understands the concept of music genres		
C-4.2	Is able to articulate differences between different types of songs		
	Understands the role of music in history and tradition		
C-4.2	Is eager to explore various kinds of folk music		

**Teacher's feedback on student's strengths** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Teacher's feedback on areas of improvement** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Any other observation** \_\_\_\_\_

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