

Y6 Monday 11th May R.E.

Today you are going to listen to 3 religious songs. When Christians sing these songs, they are not just singing, they believe that they are praising God as they sing. They sometimes believe that when they are singing these songs of praise, they are **connecting to God** through song and music, just like they feel that they connect to God when they pray.

Listen to a very old, traditional hymn (written in 1885): HOW GREAT THOU ART

Search for BESY choir how great thou art

And listen to a modern worship song that you may recognise from assemblies: WHEN I NEEDED A NEIGHBOUR

Search for Romsey Abbey choir when I needed a neighbour

Now listen to a famous gospel song: OH HAPPY DAY

Search for oh happy day Edwin Hawkins-Anthony Brown W/FBCG Combined choir

Task:

Now write your responses. Which song of praise did you prefer and why? How did the songs compare and contrast (what was similar/different)?

Do you have a favourite assembly song from school. What is it? Why do you like it so much? Have you ever

felt spiritually uplifted (moved in a religious way) by a song? If so, explain further.

In OH HAPPY DAY what do you think these lyrics mean to Christians:

- a) Jesus washed my sins away
- b) He taught me how to watch and fight and pray

In HOW GREAT THOU ART

What do you think the lyrics mean:

- c)He taught me how to watch and fight and pray..

In WHEN I NEEDED A NEIGHBOUR

What do you think the lyrics mean:

- d)..and the creed and the colour and the name won't matter were you there?