

Date	Class level Fifth Class and Sixth Class	Subject Music
Strand Performing	Strand Unit Song and Singing	

Title

Listening and Performing Ceol na Mara – Music of the Sea

Objective(s)

The aim of the lesson plan if for the children to be enabled to perform:

- (1) as part of a group, one or both songs sung individually or as partner songs.
- (2) a rhythmic ostinato (tapping a pattern over and over) to accompany the songs.

Skills Required

Listening, concentration, working co-operatively.

Learning objectives

The child should be enabled to:

Perform, as part of a group, "Home From The Sea", (The song was written by Phil Coulter and recorded by Liam Clancy, Derek Ryan and by Celtic Thunder).

and/or

"Baidín Fheidhlimidh" - "Phelim's Little Boat" (The song is a traditional Irish song that originates from the Gaeltacht region in the north-west of County Donegal).

Sing in unison.

Perform a drone to accompany "Home from the Sea" and/or a rhythmic ostinato to accompany "Baidín Fheidhlimidh".

Perform as partner songs (if desired).

Learning activities

Talk and Discussion:

The children talk about the dangers of fishing along the West Coast of Ireland.

Listening and Responding:

Focused listening to each song. Students share their individual opinions and reactions to each.

Performing:

Introduce the students to the lyrics and melody of one or both songs in turn. Ask students to perform as a whole class

Collaborative Learning:

Working collaboratively to perform the songs and include the ostinato and/or drone depending on your song selection.

Resources

Lyrics of songs available on the internet: **Home From The Sea Lyrics And Chords**. Written by Phil Coulter and recorded by Liam Clancy, Derek Ryan and by Celtic Thunder.

"Baidín Fheidhlimidh" - "Phelim's Little Boat".



Differentiation

Differentiate group activities and roles to take account of individual needs, by support, task. Higher and Lower order questioning.

Assessment

Oral feedback from children, teacher observation, pupil performance.

Linkage and Integration

English: Ask students to write a poem on the life of a fisherman/fisherwoman.

Science: Compare and contrast the structure and materials used in currachs and lifeboats.

Art: Based on the image of a currach or lifeboat ask students to create a 3-D model using clay.



Báidín Fheidhlimidh

Báidín Fheidhlimí d'imigh go Góla, Báidín Fheidhlimí 's Feidhlimí ann; Báidín Fheidhlimí d'imigh go Góla, Báidín Fheidhlimí 's Feidhlimí ann!

Curfá:

Báidín bídeach, báidín beosach, Báidín bóidheach, báidín Fheidhlimí! Báidín díreach, báidín deontach, Báidín Fheidhlimí 's Feidhlimí ann!

Báidín Fheidhlimí d'imigh go Tóraí, Báidín Fheidhlimí 's Feidhlimí ann; Báidín Fheidhlimí d'imigh go Tóraí, Báidín Fheidhlimí 's Feidhlimí ann!

Báidín Fheidhlimí briseadh i dTóraí, Báidín Fheidhlimí 's Feidhlimí ann! Báidín Fheidhlimí briseadh i dTóraí, Báidín Fheidhlimí 's Feidhlimí ann!



Home from the Sea

Chorus

Home, home, home from the sea Angels of mercy, answer our plea And carry us home, home, home from the sea Carry us safely home from the sea.

On a cold winters night
With a storm at its height
The lifeboat answered the call.
They pitched and they tossed
Till we thought they were lost
As we watched from the harbor wall.
Though the night was pitch black,
There was no turning back,
For someone was waiting out there,
But each volunteer
Had to live with his fear
As they joined in a silent prayer.
CHORUS

As they battled their way
Past the mouth of the bay,
It was blowing like never before.
As they gallantly fought,
Every one of them thought
Of loved ones back on the shore.
Then a flicker of light
And they knew they were right.
There she was on the crest of a wave.
She's an old fishing boat
And she's barely afloat.
Please God, there are souls we can save.
CHORUS

And back in the town
In a street that runs down
To the sea and the harbor wall,
They'd gathered in pairs
At the foot of the stairs
To wait or the radio call.
And just before dawn
When all hope had gone
Came a hush and a faraway sound.
'Twas the coxswain he roared
All survivors on board
Thank God and we're homeward bound.
CHORUS