

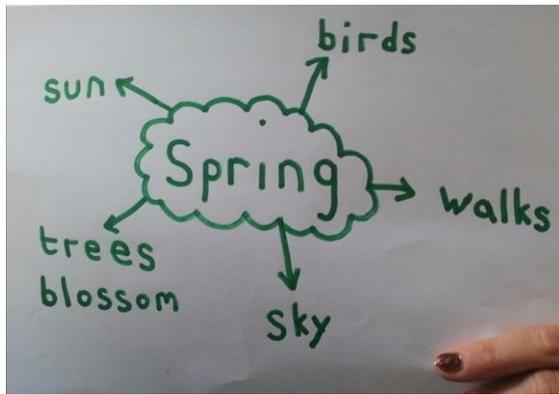
## Beginner Songwriting Guide

### *Step 1: Inspiration - what inspires you?*

*Art, film, people, photos, stories...*

### *Step 2: Theme - what would you like to write about?*

*Create a thought shower*



*Cut out words from  
songs/magazines*



### *Step 3: Lyrics - make your words into sentences*

*"The sun shines on,  
As I'm walking along,  
Spring has sprung,  
There are songs to be sung"*

*Try rhyming words at the end of lines* 

*e.g. I've used 'sprung' and 'sung'*

# Making your music!

**Step 1:** *Style/Mood* may be inspired by what you are saying in your lyrics...

- 💡 *Would you like it to sound happy or sad?*
- 💡 *What tempo should it be? e.g. slow or upbeat*

**Step 2:** *Chords* are two+ notes played together.  
*Using more than one chord can create the basis of your song/the accompaniment.*

- 😊 *Major Chords - sound 'happy' or bright*
- ☹️ *Minor Chords - sound 'sad'*

*Try different combinations of chords and choose which you feel sound the best played after each other.*

e.g.      *Track 1    C    F (major chords - happy sound)*

*Track 2    Am   F (A minor chord - sad sound)*

🔊 *Listen to my audio tracks as an example or use them to sing your lyrics*

### *Step 3: Lyric Melody - how you sing the words*

👉 *Say your lyrics over your music to see how the rhythms of the words can fit (like a rap!)*

👉 *Sing your lyrics over the music - try different melodies or ways of singing the words until you are happy with it. Express yourself!*

### *Don't forget!*

- *Structure your song into Verse + Chorus.*

*The 'Chorus' is the catchy part that's repeated. Which part is your chorus?*

- *How do I record or share my song?*

*There are lots of ways to record music at home using free online tools and apps.*

*Musinc will be doing a session on how to record at home so stay tuned!*

- *Be creative and have fun!*

