

### Key concepts

- Ballads convey a range of emotions.
- Ballads have common features.
- Ballads tell a story through song.
- A song is made up of a melody and lyrics.
- A ballad usually consists of stanzas and a chorus.
- They lyrics in a ballad often rhyme.
- Sometimes in ballads (and in pop music) you will hear nonsense words, used to fill time.

### Key Vocabulary

ballad	A song in short stanzas that tells a story
Melody	Tune
lyrics	Words that make up a song.
solo	A performance by a single person.
ensemble	A performance by a group.
stanza	Verse
chorus	A part of a song that recurs at intervals.
features	A distinctive attribute.

### Features of a Ballad

Ballads can be humorous, romantic, or adventurous. They usually have a simple rhyme scheme, like couplets or abcb. In the English tradition, they are four line stanzas with alternating 4 and 3 beat lines. Features include:

1. Simple language
2. Stories
3. Ballad stanzas
4. Repetition
5. Dialogue
6. Third-person objective narration

### Famous Modern Ballads

Sam Smith 'The Writing's on the Wall'



Rihanna 'Diamonds'

Leona Lewis 'Run'

Scorpions 'Winds of Change'

Adele 'Hello'

### Things to do at home

Listen to 'Space Odyssey' By David Bowie



Can you identify the features?