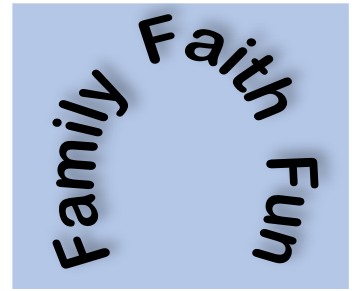




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Sing a song to the Lord!



Do any of you dream about becoming a famous pop singer/song writer in the future? Have you tried writing a song already?

In church today we sing hymns written by many different people over the centuries – yes centuries (wonder if any pop songs will still be sung in a hundred years time!).

Way back in the 7th century a man called Caedmon looked after the cows belonging to a monastery. He couldn't read or write or sing to save his life, which bothered him when he was younger. But as he grew old he accepted that he couldn't sing and was content. Then one night he fell sleep in the cowshed and dreamt that a voice called his name and said "Caedmon, sing me a song".

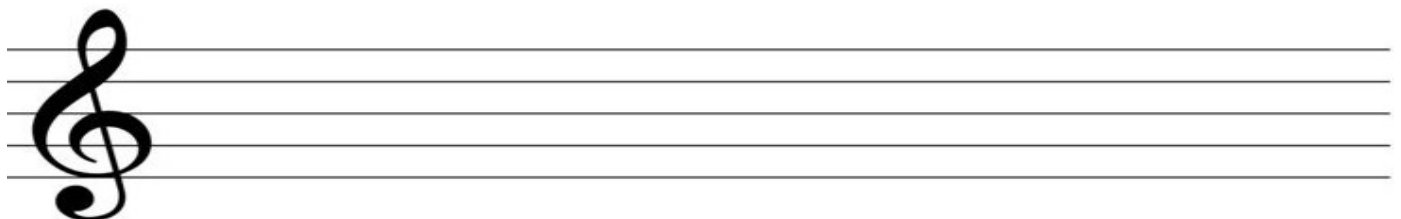


Caedmon protested that he couldn't sing but the voice said, "Sing to me a song about Creation." In his dream he began to sing in praise of God and perfectly in tune! When he woke up he could remember it exactly and found he could add extra words. He eventually went to see the head of the monastery, Abbess Hilda, who was amazed. She put him to the test by telling him stories from the Bible and asking him to make up songs about them, which he could now do.

In the picture can you see Caedmon asleep with the cattle and an angel in his dream. Then below we see him writing down the words and finally teaching the monks his songs. He became a pop-star of his day.

Caedmon died around AD670 and is specially remembered on 11th February.

Have you tried to write a poem or a song, and the music notes? Is there someone who could show you some sheet music to see how's done. Then write some notes on the lines below, and perhaps see if they can be played.



Caedmon's song was all about praising God for our wonderful world. Can you do the same?

Write some words for your song or poem here. Can you sing them to the tune you've written above?

Play a Tune



Find all these musical instruments in the grid.

ACCORDION

BANJO

CELLO

DRUM

FLUTE

GUITAR

HARMONICA

HARP

MARIMBA

ORGAN

PIANO

RECORDER

ORGAN

PIANO

RECORDER

SAXOPHONE

TRIANGLE

TROMBONE

TRUMPET

TUBA

XYLOPHONE

P	A	C	I	N	O	M	R	A	H	L	B	C	P	N	V	P
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Colour this picture of some animals having fun playing their instruments (one doesn't need colouring because he is black and white. Do you know which one and what he is?)

