



## KEY VOCABULARY

**blues**

a musical **genre** that originated in the **Southern states of the USA** in **African-American communities** around the **1860s**

**12 bar blues**

blues music that follows a **set harmonic pattern** over **12 bars**

**harmony**

when notes are **played together** to create a **pleasing effect**

**triad**

a set of **three notes or pitches** which are like **building blocks in music** – triads are used to make **patterns** in pitch

**bassline**

the **lowest part** of the music

**walking bassline**

a bassline that moves at a **steady pace**, generally with **notes of equal length**

**flattened note**

notes that are typical in Blues music that gives it a **sad, melancholy** feeling



**Herbie Hancock**

American jazz musician and keyboard player, who performed *Watermelon Man*



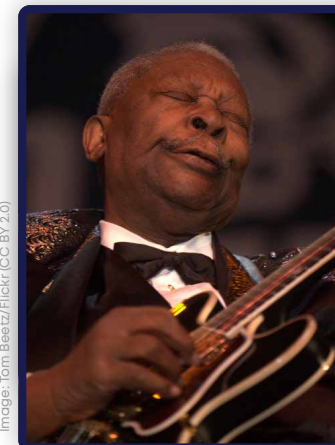
**Lead Belly**

A famous early blues musician, who created *Good Morning Blues*



**Ma Rainey**

A famous early blues singer, who sang *Runaway Blues*



**B.B. King**

An influential blues guitarist, singer and songwriter, who performed *Every day I have the blues*

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