



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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