



KEY VOCABULARY

**folk song**

a **popular, traditional song** from a particular region or country. We often do not know who has written a folk song, so musicians are sometimes known for '**collecting**' or **discovering** the songs rather than writing them

**chorus**

a part of a song which is usually **repeated after each verse** and has the **same lyrics** and **tune** each time it appears

**verse**

a part of a song which has **different words** but the **same tune** each time it appears

**a cappella**

where music is **sung without instrumental accompaniment**

**Morris dancing**

a type of **traditional English folk dancing**

**ballad**

a **story set to music** in the form of a song

**call/response**

songs where **one singer (a soloist) leads** and everyone else **replies together**

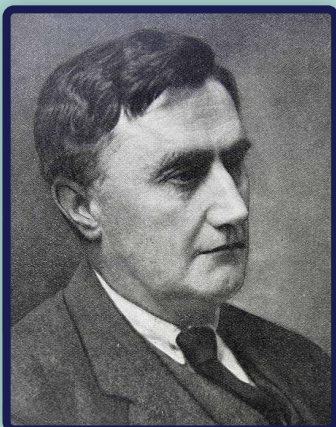
**simple metre**

A type of metre where the beat can be **divided into two**

**compound metre**

A type of metre where the beat can be **divided into three**

A fiddle – a different name for the violin often used in folk music



**Ralph Vaughan Williams**

An English composer who collected many English folk songs in the early 20th century and set a version of *An Acre of Land*



People picking hops to make beer, like those described in the folk song 'Hopping Down in Kent'



**Simon and Garfunkel**

An American folk/rock duo who are known for their version of the folk song *Scarborough Fair*