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Starry Starry Songs

An activity of "NASA to replace telescope in space"

Read **"NASA to replace telescope in space"** (page 8-9, *What's Up* August 2017). Thanks to the Hubble space telescope, we know so much more about outer space than ever before. And, with the new James Webb Space Telescope replacing it, we can expect to learn even more about the universe. But, humans have been inspired by starlit night skies long before we had any space technology. And, now there are hundreds of songs about the sun, moon, and stars. What better way to celebrate all we know about the universe than to sing some of those songs?

DURING TWO MUSIC PERIODS

1. Browse through **"NASA to replace telescope in space"** (page 8-9, *What's Up* August 2018).
2. Form groups of 6 to 8 students. Make a list of songs that mention stars. Here are some examples:
 - "A whole new world" in *Aladdin* (Disney)
 - "When you wish upon a star" in *Pinocchio* (Disney)
 - "Fly me to the moon" - Frank Sinatra
 - "Starry starry night" - Don McLean
 - "Reach for the stars" - S Club 7
 - "Catch a falling star" - Perry Como
3. Select one song as your group's song. Make sure that your song does not have words that are inappropriate (e.g. foul language) because you will be performing the song in class.
4. Write the song title, name of the group or singer, publisher and release year on the board. Add a brief paragraph about why your group chose this song.
5. Locate items in and around the classroom that make different sounds. Use them as your musical instruments.
6. As a group, practise singing your song and playing your musical instruments.
7. Have every group present its song to your class, with a brief introduction explaining what it is about, and the reason for choosing it. Better still, sing for your teachers at your Teachers Day celebrations!