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## A Mother's Day Song

*An activity of "It sounds silly but it is now the world's most famous poem".*

Read "It sounds silly but it is now the world's most famous poem" (page 20, *What's Up* April 2023). John Cooper Clarke's poem, "I Wanna Be Yours", is rich with similes and metaphors. Follow his example. With Mother's Day around the corner, explore using similes and metaphors to express your appreciation for your mother or a mother figure. Work in small groups for the second part of this activity.

A **simile** is a comparison between two things. It uses the words "as" or "like". For instance, "Her hair was as soft as silk.", or "The moon was like a silver coin in the sky."

A **metaphor** is a comparison between two things that does not use the words "as" or "like". For instance, "Her hair was silk.", or "The moon was a silver coin in the sky."

### ON YOUR OWN

1a) Give an example of a simile used in "I Wanna Be Yours".

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b) Give an example of a metaphor used in "I Wanna Be Yours".

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c) Which is your favourite simile or metaphor in the poem? Explain why you like it.

2) Jot down some similes and metaphors using everyday household items to describe motherly love.

Examples: *My mother's love is a delicious bowl of ABC soup, nourishing and comforting me. My mother's love is like a hairbrush detangling my problems and worries!*

## IN SMALL GROUPS

- 3) Using the similes and metaphors your group members listed, write a Mother's Day song with 8 to 12 lines. Set the song to a familiar tune or compose one. You may rap if you like.

Our Song Title: \_\_\_\_\_

- 4a) Watch the following video to see how household items can be used as instruments in playing music.

**Hit songs of 2014 - performed with household items**

➤ [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Svg\\_floHij8&t=38s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Svg_floHij8&t=38s)

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- b) Use your own household or classroom items as instruments to perform your group's song for your class to enjoy. Have fun!