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## Exploring Music Fusion

*An activity of "How Music Travels".*

Read "How music travels" (pages 18-19, *What's Up* October 2023). Then, try this activity to enjoy the evolution of music around the world.

- 1) Based on the *What's Up* article, list three examples of how music can cross borders and cultures.

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- 2a) Watch the following videos to see how different music genres come together.

K-pop and western pop music:

➤ **Coldplay X BTS - My Universe** (Official Video)

<https://youtu.be/3YqPKLZF WU?si=Pv6AfaNIgbhVonWW> (Coldplay, 20 Sep 2021)

*(The song conveys how love goes beyond borders and nothing can stop people from loving each other even in difficult situations.)*

Hip-hop and Tamil folk music:

**Lineath Rajendran & Kevin Brendan performs upbeat "Munnaeru Vaalibaa" | National Day 2023**

➤ <https://youtu.be/2ljbDrPRUKA?si=y3tiWg7Vzlj3DqCf>

Mediacorp Entertainment (10 Aug 2023)

*(Munnaeru Vaalibaa is a traditional Tamil folk song that means "move forward, youth". It is played here with both contemporary and traditional Indian instruments like the sitar.)*

- 2b) Jot down your thoughts about these two performances. What strikes you most about how elements from different cultures are brought together in each performance?

3a) In groups of three or four, create your own imaginary music collaboration. Think of a song title, story or theme, at least four lines of lyrics, music genres you would like to combine, and the choice of musical instruments.

**Song Title**

**Story/Theme behind Our Song**

**Music Genres**

**Song Lyrics**

**Instruments**

**Reasons for Choice of Genre & Instruments**

3b) Share your ideas with the class. Better still, perform the song for them!