



Suggested Activities

(to accompany 'Songwriting Inspiration' video)

Songs of the Elements

Take a listen to these two pieces of music:

[The Elements – Jean Féry Rebel \(1737\)](#)

[Elements – Lemon Jelly \(2002\)](#)

- Write a song inspired by Air, Water, Earth or Fire
- Make a word list for one or all of them and use this to inspire lyrics
- Think of sounds that you could use to represent these elements and use them as the basis of your music

Messed Up Clichés

- Think of a popular saying or phrase, then turn it on its head. You could use this as your title and write the rest of the song about it, or you could write loads and use them all

Make a Rule Then Break It

- Make a rule - musical or lyrical
- Anything goes - try 'I can only use Major Chords' or 'Only use one syllable words'
- Then break it!