



BCMG Summer Composing Challenge 2025: Compose your own music using the ideas below.

If you can, record it and send to learning@bcmg.org.uk. We'd love to hear your creations!

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Compose music that only uses long and short sounds	Steal an idea from music you know and create a completely new piece of music from it	Compose music to describe the life cycle of a flower	Find some unusual sounds on your instrument and make a piece using them	Record sounds from around your house. Use the free software Audacity to edit, sequence and layer them into a piece of music	Create a graphic score on a postcard using lines shapes and images. BCMG will play the best one and send you a recording
Write or find a short poem and turn it into a song	Compose music for a procession	Compose a jingle for an ice cream van	Listen to George Crumb's <i>Canis Mundis (A Dog's World)</i> then compose music to describe your pet	Make up a musical game	Compose a melody only using these notes C F# G A
Compose a musical conversation for you and a friend or family member	Sit under a tree and imagine an amazing piece of music that you might compose	Listen to <i>Music for Piece of Wood</i> by John Cage and compose music that only uses wooden sounds	Go on a walk and use the shape and contour of line on the map to create a melody	Listen to <i>Stripsody</i> by Cathy Berberian then compose music for your family that only uses vocal sounds	Include this rhythm in your music... 
Continue this melody..... 	Compose a Concerto for Saucepan, Cheese Grater and Brush	Find an interesting pattern outside and use it to create a rhythm	Change the words of the song <i>What shall we do with the drunken sailor</i> to create your own sea shanty	Go to an art gallery. Choose an picture to inspire your music	Compose using https://synesthesia.integra.io/