



### Activist Song

Music is a great way to convey a message and bring awareness to important issues in the community. Not only does music entertain us, but it is also a great platform for discussions that promote change.

- **Ask:** What are some things that you are passionate about changing in your community? How can you share your ideas about these changes with others?
- Place students in groups and distribute the Activist Song worksheet found on the next page.
- Explain to students they will create a song that describes something their group is passionate about changing in the community or in the world.
- Instruct students to use the tune of a popular song or nursery rhyme such as “Twinkle Twinkle Little Star” or “The Wheels on the Bus” to help with the melody of their song.
- When students have finished writing their songs, allow time in class for students to practice how they would like to perform their song to their peers. Students can use Canva to record their song if they prefer this method of presenting it to the class.
- When students are finished, have them present their songs to the class.
  - **Ask:** What were some of the messages about change that you noticed in each song?

#### Approx. Time



- 30 minutes

#### Learning Target



- I can describe ways to make a difference in the community by creating a song to share a message.

#### Big Questions



- What are some things that you are passionate about changing in your community?
- How can you share your ideas about these changes with others?

#### Lesson Source



- [Exploring Time and Place, Colorado Edition](#)





GSE Playlist

# Earth Day Songs



**Big Yellow Taxi**

Joni Mitchell



**All My Friends Are Insects**

Weezer



**Heart of the Woods**

Kacey Musgraves



**The Sound of Music**

Julie Andrews



**What a Wonderful World**

Louis Armstrong



**Colors of the Wind**

Pocohontas



**I Like Birds**

Eels



**Ends of the Earth**

Lord Huron



**I Love the Mountains**

Victoria Hall



**Rainbow Connection**

Kermit the Frog



**Mother Nature's Son**

The Beatles



**Fireflies**

Owl City



**Mr. Blue Sky**

Electric Light Orchestra



**Jungle Gym**

Jack Johnson



**I Feel the Earth Move**

Carole King



**Homegrown Tomatoes**

John Denver



**Bein' Green**

Andrew Bird



**the lakes**

Taylor Swift



**Wildflowers**

Tom Petty



**Never Turn Your Back  
on Mother Earth**

Neko Case



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