

Harmony/Background Music

March 16

Introduction:

- Who remembers what melody is?
- When we played songs, what did you hear besides the melody?

Lesson:

- Use karaoke tracks to hear just the non-melody parts
- Song Examples
 - Jolene - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8ff0szPBM2M>
- Harmony in popular songs
 - How many people do you hear singing?
 - Example: Say Something, Little Talks
 - Raise your hand when you hear the harmony
- Major / Minor chords
 - Do these make you feel happy or sad?
 - Compared to a single note, chords help express emotion
 - Activity: Lia plays major and minor chords, kids go to left side of the room when they feel happy, go to the right side when they feel sad
- Comparisons: melody is like the frosting and the background is the layers of cake, melody is like the centerpiece of a painting and the background is the supporting detail

Conclusion:

- Can a song have only melody or only harmony?
- What songs make you feel happy/sad?
- Next week we won't be meeting, preview mini concert for next class