



### Louis Armstrong - *What a Wonderful World*

**Watch the video, then complete the following with answers from the word bank:**

trombone - Armstrong - trumpet - movie - strings - brushes

The singer in this clip is Louis (1) Armstrong.

He is holding his instrument, the (2) trumpet in this clip, but he doesn't play it.

A prominent musical instrument section that you can hear, but not see in the clip are the (3) strings.

Standing behind Armstrong in the clip is someone playing a (4) trombone.

This song hit the charts when it was released in 1968, and also again in 1988, when it was featured in a (5) movie called 'Good Morning Vietnam.'

The drums are very quiet in this song, and although you can't see them, you can hear that the drummer is using (6) brushes instead of sticks.

### Comparing

This song is generally considered to be 'pop music' of the late 1960s, and it also reappeared in the 1980's. How is it similar and different to the pop music of today?

#### Similarities to today's music

- It is tonal and melodic.
- The main melody is someone singing.
- The song is about the same length as a pop song today.
- It has verses and choruses, as songs still do today.

#### Differences to today's music

- It doesn't have many guitars.
- It isn't as fast or loud as many songs today.
- He stays pretty still on the stage to sing, doesn't move around a lot.

**Sample answers ONLY!**

Students will come up with their own ideas



### Think about it

What do you think this song is about? What is the theme of the lyrics and what story do they tell?

**Student answers will vary. You can choose to go into as much or as little detail as you like.**

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