

Collective Worship Hymn Reflection



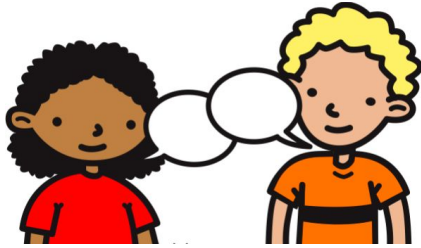
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Pro Deo et Ecclesia

*Steal Away, Steal Away,
Steal Away to Jesus
Steal away, steal away home;
I ain't got long to stay here.
3 My Lord, he calls me;
he calls me by the lightning.
The trumpet sounds within my soul;
I ain't got long to stay here.*



Listen to the hymn 'Steal Away to Jesus' and sing along if you would like to.



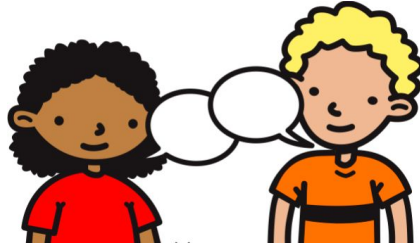
Do you remember the different reasons why the hymn 'Steal away to Jesus' may have been written?



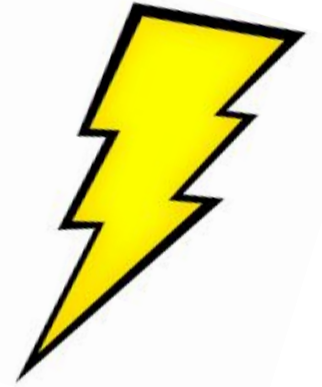
Some people think the words of the hymn were written just as a **worship** song to encourage people to spend time quietly and secretly with Jesus.

Some people think the words of the hymn are a **hidden message** to the slaves who sung them and that the words 'Steal Away' were a secret way of encouraging the slaves to run away to find freedom.





What sorts of weather do verses 1 and 3 of the hymn mention?



Verse 1

My Lord, He calls me.
He calls me by the **thunder**.

Verse 3

My Lord, he calls me,
He calls me by the **lightning**.

Slaves often used to try and run away during a thunder storm, so the rain would wash away their tracks and the thunder cover the noise they made as they escaped.

Some people think that is why the words above are in verses 1 and 3! **What do you think?**





Reflection:

Think about all we are learning in Black History month about listening to everyone's stories. Which story have you enjoyed most and why?

Prayer:

Thank God that he is a just and fair God who listens to everyone. Pray that our school will be a place where everyone has a voice and a place to tell their story.