**Grades 5/6 lesson plan for General Music**

Below are lyrics to two well-known songs, one is The Star-Spangled Banner (lyrics by Francis Scott Key) and the other is Let It Be by the Beatles. During the Coronavirus pandemic you can see many videos of people singing either of these two songs from porches, driveways, and even in hospital hallways. Look at the lyrics below. Explain why people are choosing these two songs and why they are singing them in public?

**"The Star Spangled Banner"**

Oh, say can you see, by the dawn's early light,  
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?  
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the perilous fight,  
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?  
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,  
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.  
O say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave  
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

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Got it!

**"Let It Be"**  
**("Let It Be" Version)**

When I find myself in times of trouble  
Mother Mary comes to me  
Speaking words of wisdom  
Let it be  
  
And in my hour of darkness  
She is standing right in front of me  
Speaking words of wisdom  
Let it be  
  
Let it be, let it be, let it be, let it be  
Whisper words of wisdom  
Let it be  
  
And when the broken-hearted people  
Living in the world agree  
There will be an answer  
Let it be  
  
For though they may be parted there is  
Still a chance that they will see  
There will be an answer  
Let it be  
  
Let it be, let it be, let it be, let it be  
Yeah, there will be an answer  
Let it be  
  
Let it be, let it be, let it be, let it be  
Whisper words of wisdom  
Let it be  
  
Let it be, let it be, let it be, let it be  
Whisper words of wisdom  
Let it be  
  
And when the night is cloudy  
There is still a light that shines on me  
Shine until tomorrow  
Let it be  
  
I wake up to the sound of music  
Mother Mary comes to me  
Speaking words of wisdom  
Let it be  
  
Let it be, let it be, let it be, yeah, let it be  
There will be an answer  
Let it be  
  
Let it be, let it be, let it be, yeah, let it be  
There will be an answer  
Let it be  
  
Let it be, let it be, let it be, yeah, let it be  
Whisper words of wisdom  
Let it be

\*activity- Listen to the Beatles sing Let It Be and Whitney Houston’s rendition of

The Star-Spangled Banner.

Materials- Youtube for the activity

National Music Standards-#6 Listening, analyzing, and describing music

#9 Understanding music in relation to history and culture