



**Commonwealth
Music Relay**



Helpful tips for composing your own version of Rotary's Music Relay Song for Peace



What you can do

Here is a link to the whole project, including song audio, lyrics and sheet music
<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Q-lwhUZ6w2Xnge-833HSqEyJy2VURa7X?usp=sharing>

If you don't read music, you can listen to the recording of the song and read the lyrics and just try to learn it by ear. It doesn't matter if you slightly change bits of it – or you can sing it exactly as it is.

If you play an instrument, you could play the melody along with the Oscar (the singer).



Listen to the accompaniment. Could you make up your own accompaniment to the song on a different instrument (maybe a sitar, a kora or a steelpan)

You could maybe work with a singer and do something together?

You might want to sing the song in a different language, which is your own. If so, that would be wonderful and we can't WAIT to hear it!

Maybe you are part of a musical group or a choir and could all work together to make a fabulous arrangement of it! Please think about this – it would be SO EXCITING!

12 helpful tips for composing a variation of Rotary's song

1. You could use the same lyrics and write a different melody
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3. You could use the same chords and accompaniment and write a different melody to fit with them.
4. You could add extra notes and decorations to the original melody.
5. You could compose a fast, energetic version of the song.
6. You could make a jazz version of it.
7. How about a version for traditional African instruments or steelpans?
8. How about a Bollywood version of it?
9. You could make it sound like a march and play it on brass instruments.
10. Can you play it on a sitar?
11. We would love to hear it played on drums (maybe with a voice as well)
12. Your own version – whatever it is – will be very special to us.



If you already know your own Rotary Club representative, that's great! Stay in touch with them as you prepare your version of the song. They will be interested and excited.

If you don't know your Rotary Club representative
email Alison Cox alison@commonwealthresounds.com
and she will introduce you to them.

