

Big Band and Swing

- Swing began in the late 1920s but it was between 1935 and 1946 when big band swing music became the most popular music in America, also known as the Swing Era.
- A typical song played in swing style would include a strong rhythm accompanied by wind, string or brass instruments, also including vocals. A soloist would commonly take centre stage and improvise a solo with the band in the background.
- Glenn Miller and Duke Ellington are two of the most famous big band leaders from this time.
- By the late 1940s, this type of music was less popular.



Reacting to Big Band and Swing

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KvYfsbtExoU&safe=active>

1. How do the words (lyrics) make me feel?

2. Write some of the words or phrases you can hear:
