

MMED/PMED 758 Contemporary Vocal Music Strategies

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Pre- Assignment

1. Please read the articles “How to Belt without Destroying Your Voice” by Carol Luttrell and “Jazz Phrasing for Young Vocal Students: Teaching young singers how to rhythmically stylize a jazz standard in 4 easy steps” by Elizabeth Radigonda.
2. Listen and become familiar with the following songs:
 - a. The jazz standard “Bye Bye Black bird”
 - b. “Not the only one” by Sam Smith
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p-U6dcTEOg>
 - c. “Conqueror “ Empire cast featuring Estelle and Jussie Smollett
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YCkT4XNdvaA>
 - d. “This Masquerade” by Geroge Benson
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sgl1hQmjITY>

Materials and Supplies

1. Each student will need to bring:
 - a. Manuscript paper
 - b. A notebook and pencils
 - c. Headphones
 - d. A device that connects to the internet i.e. cell phone, ipad, or computer.
 - e. Printed out lyrics for “Not the Only One”, “Conqueror”, “This Masquerade” and lead sheet for “Bye Bye Blackbird”.
 - f. Printed out pre-assigned articles