

# ROCK MUSIC

Rock music began in the 1950s under the name of rock 'n' roll. In 1954 Bill Haley and the Comets recorded "Shake, Rattle and Roll" and not long after, "Rock Around the Clock". Although it seemed to be a whole new style, it was in fact, a combination of country and western music from mid-west America, and rhythm and blues, the music of black musicians.

Rock music is the term which is loosely used to cover a wide range of popular music enjoyed by the younger generation.

There are many styles of rock music ranging from rock 'n' roll to rap, heavy metal, reggae, grunge, alternate rock, surf rock, disco, soft rock and so on. All styles of rock music have the common elements of a strong beat, amplified instruments and a sense of communication for young people.