

Melody -4

A few basic principals to remember when writing a melody:

- 1) An idea must be repeated to be significant
- 2) The more you repeat an idea, the more you need to vary it
- 3) Eventually, you may need to introduce a different idea
- 4) If you introduce a different idea, you will most likely return to your first idea

Here are some other melodies. What can you observe about the contour, important notes, and the balance of steps and skips?

Mary Had a Little Lamb

London Bridge

French Folk Song