



Home Sweet Home is a track from the album *Homeland: Chapter 1* by kora player Seckou Keita featuring Senegalese rap duo, Daara J. In this session learners will be able to:

- compose their own rap section for the song, on the theme of Home Sweet Home.
- improvise over the track with their own instruments and/or lyrics.

Background information

- The song *Home Sweet Home* is a collaboration between Seckou and Daara J (Senegalese rap duo artists N'Dongo D and Faada Freddy)
- The song is sung in French, Wolof and Mandinka
- You might use more sessions and give learners time to compose, record and perform their pieces.

Resources

1. A version of the track with the rap section removed
2. A version of the track with just piano and kora
3. The lyrics
4. Powerpoint
5. You will also need to access the song:
- *Home Sweet Home* from the album *Homeland: Chapter 1* by Seckou Keita

The Session

1. Look at the lyrics together (learners could translate the French first) and discuss the intent behind the song. Show the powerpoint images of the musicians – Seckou Keita and Daara J. Listen to the song.
2. Ask learners to work in pairs and discuss what Home Sweet Home means to them. Write down key words and phrases that come to mind.
3. Can they use these ideas to compose a rap to replace the rap section of the song? The rap section is about 34 seconds long. Alternatively use the piano and kora version for learners to improvise over, using their own instruments including percussion and voice if they like – the piece is in the key of F.
4. You might use platforms like Band Lab to record your compositions and give learners opportunities to perform their pieces.



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