

# Jamaican Styles: Ska and Rock steady



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Ska and Rock Steady are both styles of music from Jamaica.

## Ska:

- Emerged in the 1960s
- Words are about local issues
- Fast music with off-beat rhythms
- Developed from Mento
- The Music uses amplified and electric instruments like the 1960s African-American Rhythm 'n' Blues

## Rock Steady:

- Came after Ska
- Slower than Ska
- Made more use of bass riffs in the bass guitar
- Kept off-beat chords of Ska
- Still concerned with serious social issues



Answer the following questions in full sentences

1. Where did Ska come from?
2. What is Ska?
3. What is Rock Steady.
4. How is Rock Steady different from Ska?