Meet Mikayla “Koffee” Simpson!

I can analyze, describe, and interpret music and musical performances.

Koffee Fast Facts!
- At age 19, she won the 2020 Grammy for Best Reggae Album—the first woman and youngest artist to win in this category
- She was born in 2000 and grew up in Spanish Town, Jamaica
- She sang in the choir at her church; taught herself to play guitar at the age of 12
- She was given her nickname by friends when Mikayla ordered coffee on a very hot day, and everyone else ordered cold sodas
- She started writing lyrics as a teenager – a line or two, then a chorus or verse
- She composed all of the songs she is performing today
- Lyrics of her songs focus on faith, resilience, and gratitude

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0Cmzn8BIOdA
Koffee: NPR Music Tiny Desk Concert

View Koffee’s Tiny Desk concert multiple times and choose 3 of the tasks to complete. Use music vocabulary where appropriate.

A. Complete the chart to describe one element in each song.

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<th>Song</th>
<th>Element</th>
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<td>“Raggamuffin”</td>
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<td>“Rapture”</td>
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<td>“Toast”</td>
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<td>“W”</td>
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B. Do you think the songs Koffee has chosen to sing today would be good dance music? Explain your answer with details from the music.
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C. What elements in her concert make you think Koffee is much older than she is? Explain with details.
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D. Invite someone else in your house to watch this short concert with you (15 minutes). What do you notice together? Explain with details.
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