

About The Children's Music Network

Who We Are

CMN is an international organization with members and regional chapters in the United States and Canada, and connections with people throughout the world.

Our membership, diverse in age and ethnicity, includes

- music and classroom teachers full-time and part-time performers songwriters youth advocates librarians
- day care providers song leaders and choral directors
- music therapists
 educational consultants and trainers
- radio and TV program staff therapists and social workers clergy medical care providers families

CMN was founded in the late 1980s by a small group of educators, performers, social workers, librarians, parents, and others who believed in the transformative power of music in children's lives— in their homes, schools, and communities.

What We Do

We seek to be a positive catalyst for education and communitybuilding through music. We inspire and re-energize each other for our work supporting the creation and circulation of life-affirming, multicultural musical forms by, for, and with young people. We meet and stay in touch to share songs, skills, resources, and ideas about empowering ways adults and young people can communicate through music. And we have fun in the process.

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Editorial

by Scott Bierko

en years ago, I attended a seminar in New York City on the state of children's music. At the time, I was new to our field and I still harbored a dream that I would become the next Raffi. Sound familiar? The audience that day was full of tuneful suitors to his throne, but we were soon to hear a different proclamation from the assembled record company "royals". According to this panel, the current and future markets for children's music could be summed up in two words: licensed characters. The music and television industries had discovered that real people—even Raffi—were no longer as profitable as cartoons and puppets. Their message was simple: learn to write for the puppets or perish.

But a lone voice stood out from the others on the panel. A woman—I'm sorry I didn't catch her name—spoke of her completely different vision of the world of children's music. It was so refreshing and different that you could actually feel the audience of artists sitting forward on their seats as she spoke. What she said basically was this (I'm paraphrasing, of course, after 10 years):

I see the world of kids' music like the ocean. On the surface, there's the commercial market with lots of volatile changes: high waves of interest in children's product crashing into storm walls of not enough sales, while the artist is clinging furiously to the little dinghy provided by the record companies. Me, on the other hand, I have a small, independent company and we live deep under the sea, far away from the tumultuous surface. Down here, we do our thing, making records, having a life, and basically not paying any attention to the changes that occur on the surface. We don't ride the high waves, it's true, but we don't crash on the rocks, either. In fact, it doesn't matter what goes on up there because we keep doing our thing regardless. We have fun and we make good music.

Wow! While the other panelists were assuring us that our noble ambitions were futile, this woman gave us an alternative. After the seminar, many writers I spoke with shared my gratitude for the hope that she offered to children's musicians. She had thrown out a lifeline, and many of us grabbed it. I'm still holding on!

I believe that the Children's Music Network can also be a lifeline for artists, teachers, and parents in a stormy world. At more than one of our national gatherings, I have heard a firsttimer exclaim, "I've been searching for you folks my whole life!" Statements like that make me redouble my efforts to sustain and grow CMN. They also justify my desire to attract into our organization more people who want the combination of friendship, networking, knowledge, and support that our CMN family has to offer. Most importantly, though, it's the music—the medium many of us choose for reaching out to children. To paraphrase a best seller, whenever there are two or more CMN members together, music is with them.

Since the late 1980s, we've been sharing our music in the

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11th Annual National Gathering Petaluma, California October 12–14, 2001 Children's Music Network Walker Creek Ranch by Scott Kepnes MARIN COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION

ver 200 people came for a warm weekend full of music and hugs at the mountainous Walker Creek Ranch in Petaluma. It was a returning for some (this was CMN's fourth time at the ranch), and for others, it was an opportunity for a new experience. Here are a few highlights.

Friday evening began with a rousing version of "Down by the Riverside" followed by the first part of the round robin and some festive contra/square dancing. Afterward, as is usual at our gatherings, some of us sang or talked under a sky filled with stars while others tucked in their young children.

On Saturday morning, we chose the workshops we wished to attend. Depending on one's interest, there were plenty of opportunities to learn and play, including percussion workshops; song swaps; business tips; songwriting with children; lessons in how to play the saw, harmonica, or spoons; sound engineering; and a nature hike/song swap at the "grandmother" oak.

Following the workshops, it was time to sit back and be entertained by a local a capella group, 'Til Dawn. What a great treat! We were knocked out by the energetic and tight performance of these local teenagers.

Next came the CMN annual national meeting where members broke into small groups to share stories of how our work with children has been affected by the events of September 11th or other crisis times of violence, fear, or loss. It was a powerful way to share our CMN values and see how our peers are using these values with children and families.

After more workshops, the round robin continued late into the night. Songs shared ranged from the



lighthearted (we can always use those!) to the more difficult issues. There were songs of peace and many moments when compassion, strength, and comfort were felt in the room, seeming to resonate in the hills beyond. Once again, the coda to the round robin was the traditional Saturday night jam session. Guitars, violins, flutes, saxaphones, percussion, bass, and keyboards supported close to fifty singers (and dancers) who were willing to trade a little bit of sleep time for a whole lot of on-the-spot doo wop!

Welcome to the

ational Gathering

Sunday morning featured the presentation of the CMN Magic Penny Award to Ella Jenkins, which was hosted by Phil Hoose. After receiving the award, Ella delighted us with her speaking, singing, andin true Ella fashion-getting everyone involved in the fun. Many spoke to the positive influence that her work has had on their careers.

The weekend concluded with a closing ceremony full of song, dance, and an opportunity for reflection. Some spoke of their having found a new family at CMN, while others acknowledged CMN members, family, and friends who were unable to attend the gathering. In all, we cherished the harmonious spirit that was present at the gathering and acknowledged our desire to carry that spirit on to our work with children.

As we all took our leave, full of ideas, songs, and the wonderful warmth of friendship, some spoke to the personal risk and financial hardship that they or others had endured to come to Petaluma this year. There are many to thank for months of work, but our co-coordinators, Ingrid Noyes and Joanne Tuller, deserve a hearty thanks from everyone who attended this great weekend. We hope you can all make the next one!

Editor's Note: Scott Kepnes is the chairperson for CMN's 12th Annual National Gathering to be held in Freedom. New Hampshire, October 18-20, 2002. If you want to lend a hand, please contact Scott at singdog@ earthlink.net.

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Regional Reports



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In addition to the reports found here, you may be able to find more recently updated information about regional activities on the CMN website (www.cmnonline.org).

MID-ATLANTIC

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The Mid-Atlantic region participated in a joint song swap and picnic with the New York Metro region in October in a state park in New Jersey. We had beautiful weather, and everyone sat around on the grass as we sang and ate. There were several kids who enjoyed a nearby playground and had fun participating in some of the songs. We're excited about the prospect of doing it again sometime. At the end of October. several members of the Mid-Atlantic region participated in a children's concert sponsored by local organizations to raise money for their work for hunger relief in the Philadelphia area. Plans are underway for a spring event.

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The Midwest region is happy to announce a spring gathering for Saturday and Sunday, April 6–7, 2002. Our host community will be the Choir Academy (a charter school), 3737 S. Paulina, in Chicago. A number of other schools and organizations will be invited to participate. Among them are the academy's sister school, Passages (PreK–3 for immigrant children), Asian Human Services, and the organization El Hogar del Niño in the nearby Pilsen neighborhood. Members of the host school's music education staff and students will join CMN members in presenting workshops. A round robin concert is scheduled for Saturday evening. We're looking forward to a fine event.

And save June 7–9, 2002, for our summer gathering. We're returning to Camp Anokijig near Plymouth, Wisconsin, where we had a good time last year. The organizer is Judy Stock, 920/208-8695 or Jkstock@aol.com.

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NEW ENGLAND

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This region is the host to three CMN events this year. A conference called "Singing the Joy: The Heartbeat of Children's Music" will be held at the Rowe Conference Center in Western Massachusetts March 8–10. It will be a weekend of workshops and family sing-alongs led by a number of CMN members. It is something of a pilot project for organizing ways for CMN members to share their knowledge and talents with a wider constituency. For more information and to register, contact Rowe at 413/339-4954 or www.rowecenter.org.

The Annual New England region daylong gathering will be held on Saturday, April 6, at the Fort River Elementary School in Amherst, Massachusetts. Workshops, song swaps, fun! For more info about this gathering or to lead a workshop, contact Scott Kepnes.

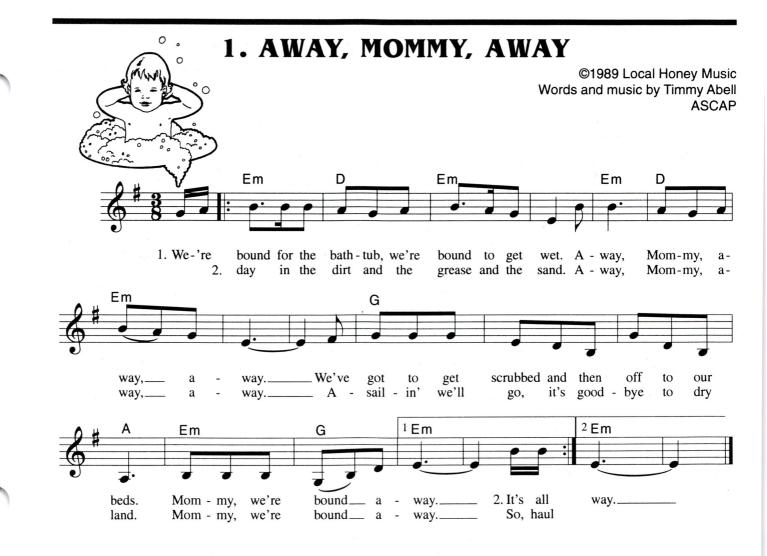
Scott is already well into his work as chair of CMN's twelfth annual national gathering, which will be held October 18–20, 2002, at the Lake Ossipee Conference Center in beautiful Freedom, New Hampshire. If you would like to volunteer to assist with the pre-planning for this gathering, contact Scott.

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On Sunday, September 23, a bright sunny afternoon, eighteen of us (thirteen adults, five kids) from the New York Metro and Mid-Atlantic regions gathered in Mountainside, New Jersey, for an afternoon of singing, connecting, eating, more singing and connecting. We shared experiences of using music to help children process the tragic events of September. Nancy Silber and Sue Ribaudo taught and led some wonderful, rousing rounds, and Dave Orleans staffed the barbecue grill. Along with the serious moments, we had lots of fun, and we hope to do more joint events in the future.

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1. We're bound for the bathtub, we're bound to get wet. Away, Mommy, away, away.

We've got to get scrubbed and then off to our beds. Mommy, we're bound away.

- It's all day in the dirt and the grease and the sand. Away, Mommy, away, away.
 A-sailing we'll go, it's goodbye to dry land. Mommy, we're bound away.
- 3. So haul off your clothes and hop into the tub. (Away...) Hold fast to that washcloth and give a good rub. (Mommy, we're...)
- 4. I've got me toy boat and a squirt gun or two. And a bottle of suds for each of the crew.

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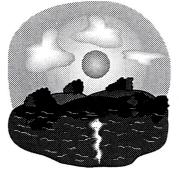
- The sailing is fine and the weather is clear. Now look who comes in and starts scrubbing our hair. Mommy, please go away!
- The tide it is running away down the drain. The water's all sudsy and we are all clean. Mommy, we're bound away.
- 7. So pull down the sheets and make ready for bed. It's anchors aweigh now for this sleepy-head.



2. BLUE SKY SPARKLIN' DAY ©1993 Elizabeth McMahon **Rosie Rhubarb Records** Еþ Fm7 Fm7 Gm7 verse 0 7. the mead The are down in cows B∳7 Еþ Eo Fm7 Fm7 C7 0 The sky's green paint - ed blue stand - ing in the tall with grass. a BÞ7 Еþ Fm7 A♭m7 Fm7 CT and____ the sun - shine's com - ing up fast, ____ yeah! ___ cloud two. _The or chorus Eb B_b7 Bb7 Еþ Fm7 Fm7 7 fast. 'Cause it's doo sun - shine's com - ing up doo - dle - y, dle - y а -Еþ Gm7 Fm7 Eo Fm7 B_b7 0 bub - bl - y love 1 - y day, Α day. The A∳m7 Fm7 C7 Fm7 B∳7 Fm7 sky's paint - ed blue with a cloud or two.____ _It's a bub - bl - y love 1 _ - y, В₽ B∳7 F7 Еþ Fm7 C7 Doo - dle - y, 00 dle - y, Blue sky spar - kl-in' day! TAG Fm7 Bb7 Еþ C7 BÞ7 Eþ Fm7 -0 A Blue sky spar-kl-in' day! Blue sky spar - kl - in' day!

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1. The cows are down in the meadow Standing in the tall green grass. The sky's painted blue with a cloud or two And the sunshine's coming up fast, yeah! The sunshine's coming up fast.

Chorus:

'Cause it's a doodley doodley day, A bubbly, lovely day. The sky's painted blue with a cloud or two. It's a bubbly, lovely, Doodley oodley, Blue sky sparklin' day!

2. I carry a basket of clean clothes, Hang 'em on the long clothesline. The shirts wave hello and the pants tap their toes While the wind sings along in the pines, yeah! The wind sings along in the pines.

Chorus

I skip down the path to the garden Smelling the iris in bloom. Oh, what a sight in purple and white, And the roses are coming up soon, yeah! The roses are coming up soon.

Chorus

4. The day's getting ready for nighttime, Cows are lining up for the barn. I gather my clothes smelling sweet as a rose, And say, What a day to be outside, yeah! What a day to be outside!

Chorus

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Dancin' Shoes



 I know you like to rhumba, I like to rock and roll. Somewhere in the middle gonna shake it just a little and Give this ol' body some soul. Only takes two to tango, two for the cha cha cha, A little do-si-do with a chicken and a crow, And a whole lot of la ti da.

Chorus:

Come on and put on your dancin' shoes, Come on and put on your dancin' shoes. We're gonna jump it up and down, Gonna shake it all around, When we put on our dancin' shoes. Come on and put on your dancin' shoes. Come on and put on your dancin' shoes. We're gonna stomp around and wiggle, Spin until we giggle, When we put on our dancin' shoes.





- We'll do the minuet now, we're gonna polka across the floor. Gonna tap across the ceiling with a rhythm and a reeling, Take a break until we dance some more. Now, now jazz is a smoky number, ballet is full of class. Cajun is a dilly when we're swinging willy-nilly, And swing takes a lot of brass.
- We're gonna two-step down to Texas, gonna Charleston in Baltimore, Boogie till it's late at the good old Golden Gate, And clog on the Eastern Shore.
 Goin' cakewalking in Atlanta, we're gonna disco at NYC.
 Don' make me beg, baby, come on shake a leg, baby, Come on and dance with me.

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Un elefante va a la escuela A escribir el español.

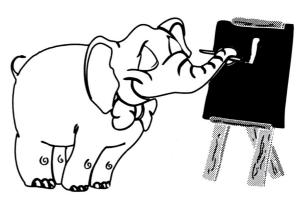
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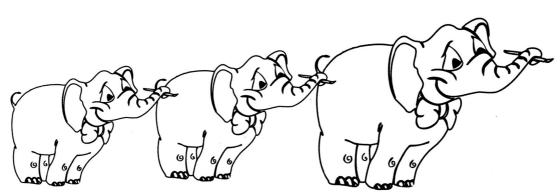
Dos elefantes van a la escuela A escribir el español. *Chorus*

Trés elefantes van a la escuela A escribir el español.

(Continue adding verses in this manner...)



Translation (not for singing): One elephant goes to school To learn to write in Spanish: E- elephant, E- Español.



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5. GONNA KEEP A PLACE

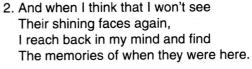
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Chorus:

Gonna keep a place in my heart for my friends who can't be here.

- Gonna keep a space in my mind, keep them close, keep them clear.
- I remember how they smiled, How they ran like something wild, How we fought, how we played. We were friends, and stayed that way.



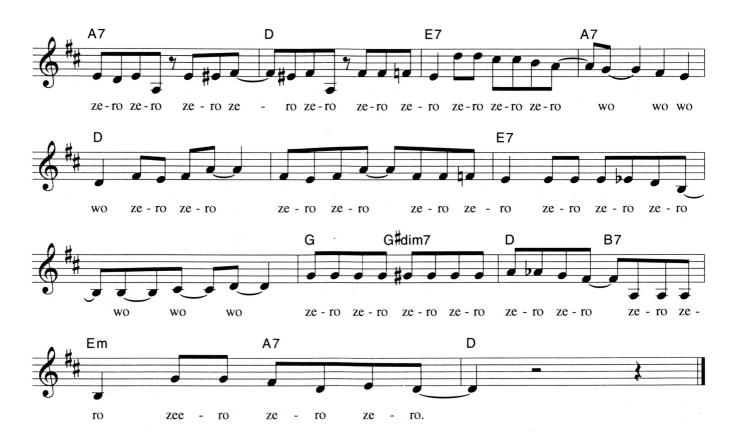
- Don't let your feelings turn to fear. You can cry if you feel low, And treat the friends who are still here, With more kindness, make the friendship grow.
- 4. When someone dies, they've gone away. Tuck their memory in tight. The loss can make a chilly day, Unless you keep their memory bright.

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- Well, what is the number, the very biggest number, The one that put the others to shame? Let me tell ya now, It isn't a hundred or a thousand or a million, But a googolplex is its name.
 - Now, a googol is a one followed by a hundred zeroes,
 - But a googolplex is bigger than that.
 - So, keep it up your sleeve and amaze all your friends. Yes, A googolplex is where it's at, ('cause it goes...)

Chorus:

One zero, zero, zero, zero, zero, zero, zero, zero, zero, (wo,wo,wo) Zero, zero, zero, zero, zero, zero, zero, zero, zero, (wo,wo,wo) Zero, zero, zero, zero, zero, zero, zero, zero, (wo,wo,wo) Zero, zero, zero, zero, zero, zero, zero, zero, zero, zero...



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Address: OtterTunity, Inc. 4533 Sixteenth Av. S Minneapolis, MN 55407 Email: ottertunity@earthlink.net Website: www.ottertunity.com Phone: 800/576-8869 Well, it's bigger than your mom, it's older than your dad, And it's higher than your grandma can count. It's taller than the tree and it's wider than the sea 'Cause it's bigger 'n any other amount. Now, you may not like to eat the dozen peas on your plate, But, believe me, it could be worse. If you had a googolplex peas, they would make a pile Bigger than the universe, ('cause it goes...)

Chorus

 If you're having an argument using fancy numbers On the playground with one of your friends, You're each tryin' to think of a bigger number than the other, Let me tell you where the argument ends. If they say, "I'll betcha forty million 'n' twelve," Here's all you have to say next: Just look 'em in the eye and yawn a little bit and say, "I'll bet you a googolplex!" ('cause it goes...)

Last Chorus:

I said a googol-googol-googol-googolplex, Baby, So big it's hard to fit in a tune. If you wrote it all down, It would stretch right around the whole block With enough left to lasso the moon! 7. I CAN BE ME

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Chorus:

I can be me better than anyone, I can be me better than anyone, I can be me better than anyone, Yes, I can be me.

- I'm gonna sing, cause that's my way, I'll sing all night, I'll sing all day. I'm gonna sing whatever I do. I'll be me and you can be you.
- I'm gonna dance cause that's my way, I'll dance all night, I'll dance all day. I'm gonna dance whatever I do. I'll be me and you can be you.
- 3. I'll play trombone, cause that's my way,
 I'll play all night, I'll play all day.
 I'll play trombone whatever I do.
 I'll be me and you can be you.

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(Snap fingers to the beats)

1. I've got peace, peace, peace in my fingers Watch what I can do!

I've got peace, peace, peace in my fingers,

I'm gonna shake hands with you!

(shake hands with person next to you) (Repeat)



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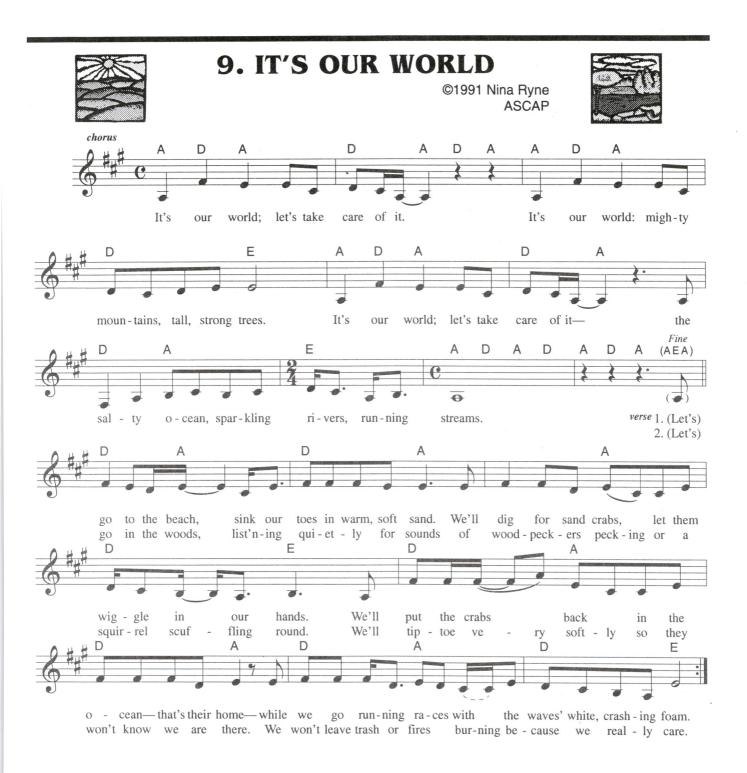
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- 2. (Lightly touch fingers to head on beat) l've got words, words, words in my head. Watch what I can do! l've got words, words, words in my head. l'm gonna talk things over with you! (Repeat)
- 3. (Use sign for love—crossed fists over heart—move fists to beat) l've got love, love, love in my heart. Watch what I can do! l've got love, love, love in my heart. l'm gonna give some to you! (Repeat)

(Last verse, use cumulative actions to go with lyric)

 I've got peace, peace, peace in my fingers, Words, words, words in my head, I've got love, love, love in my heart; I'm gonna give some to you!

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Chorus:

It's our world; let's take care of it. It's our world: mighty mountains, tall, strong trees. It's our world; let's take care of it— The salty ocean, sparkling rivers, running streams.

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- Let's go to the beach, sink our toes in warm, soft sand. We'll dig for sand crabs, let them wiggle in our hands. We'll put the crabs back in the ocean—that's their home— While we go running races with the waves' white, crashing foam. Chorus
- Let's go in the woods, list'ning quietly for sounds Of woodpeckers pecking or a squirrel scuffling round. We'll tiptoe very softly so they won't know we are there. We won't leave trash or fires burning because we really care. *Chorus*

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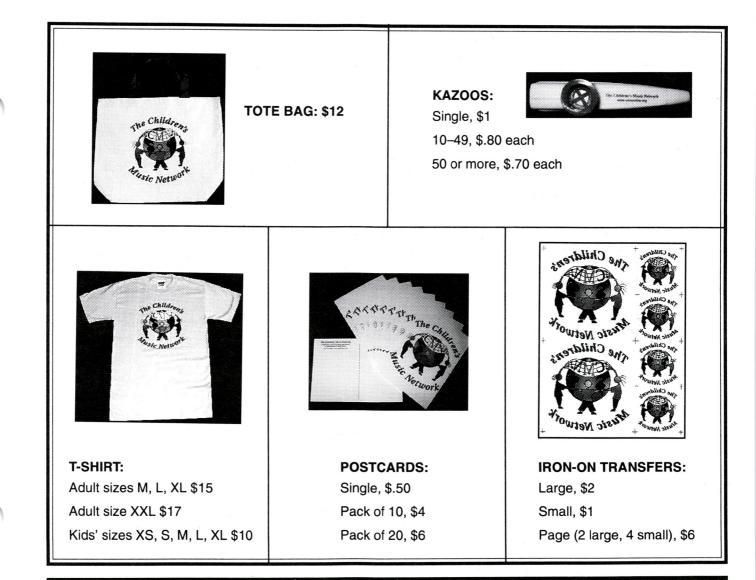
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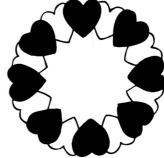
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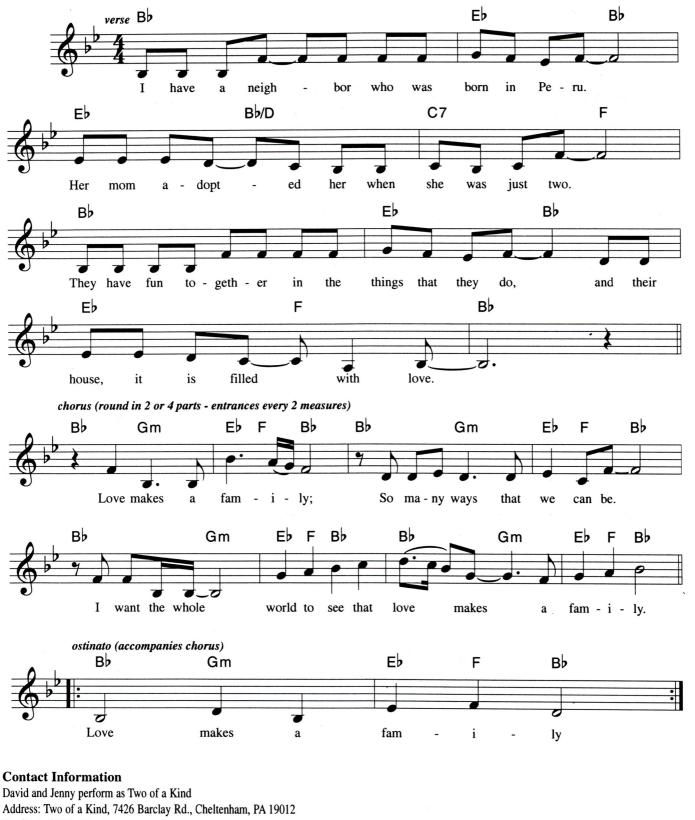


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12. LOVE MAKES A FAMILY

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Love Makes a Family

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 I have a neighbor who was born in Peru. Her mom adopted her when she was just two. They have fun together in the things that they do, And their house, it is filled with love.

Ostinato accompaniment for Chorus:

Love makes a family

Chorus:

Love makes a family; So many ways that we can be. I want the whole world to see That love makes a family.

- 2. I have a friend whose parents live far apart. At first she was thinking it would break her heart, But after some time, she can finally start To find two houses filled with love. *Chorus*
- 3. There is a house across the street from me Filled with generations—one, two, and three: Grandparents, parents, and a little baby— And their house, it is filled with love. *Chorus*
- 4. Our friend has a sister, and also two mothers. He doesn't have a dad, and he doesn't have brothers. Through good times and bad, they take care of each other, And their house, it is filled with love. Chorus
- One couple I know have no kids of their own. Some people think that they must be alone, But the neighborhood kids like the friendship they've shown, And their house, it is filled with love. *Chorus*

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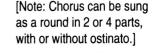
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There is a place that I go to sometime, With lots of things to play with, and ladders to climb. The parents, kids, and teachers all have a great time 'Cause *my daycare** is filled with love.

(words by Freesia Raine)

Many people celebrate Christmas, it's true, And Channukah's candles shine eight nights through. In this season of light, whatever you do, May your houses be filled with love.

*insert the name of the center or school





13. MADE BY HAND

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 I made myself a shaker from a cardboard box, I put in some rice, I put in some rocks. When I play my shaker, I'm playin' in the Band! Shakin' on my shaker that I made by hand.

Chorus:

By hand, made by hand, Made by hand, made by hand.



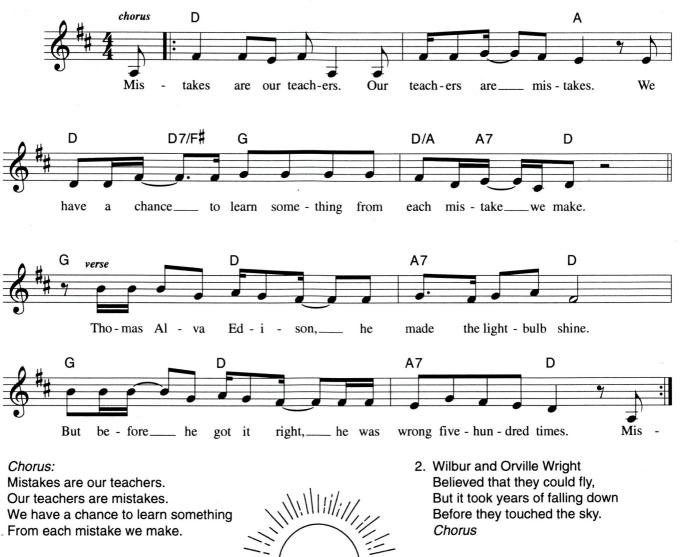
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- My Grandpa cut the peaches and I kneaded the dough, We rolled it and shaped it and made it just so.
 We baked it and we ate it and it tasted so grand, Homemade pie—Made by hand! Chorus
- The kids got a hammer and some nails and some wood, Hauled it up in the tree, nailed the boards down good.
 What they finally put together wasn't quite what they had planned, But they built themselves a house that was made by hand, *Chorus*
- 4. So, if you've done some work that makes you feel proud, Take some time to make a rhyme and sing it out loud. Imagine and create your very own brand, Singin' and a-clappin'—Made by hand, *Chorus*

14. MISTAKES ARE OUR TEACHERS

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1. Thomas Alva Edison, He made the lightbulb shine, But before he got it right, He was wrong five hundred times. *Chorus*



- 3. The great Henry Aaron, The all-time home run king, For every homer Henry hit He took a thousand swings. *Chorus*
- Rosa Parks was right When she said, "I will not move." That law was a mistake, As Rosa's courage proved. Chorus
- 5. Don't mistake my meaning: This song is a play on words, Teachers help us learn and grow And understand our world. *Chorus*

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 When I came to school this year way back in September, I was just a little kid with not much to remember.
 I could spell my name and count to ten, and I knew to share my toys, But now I'm starting to read and write like real big girls and boys.

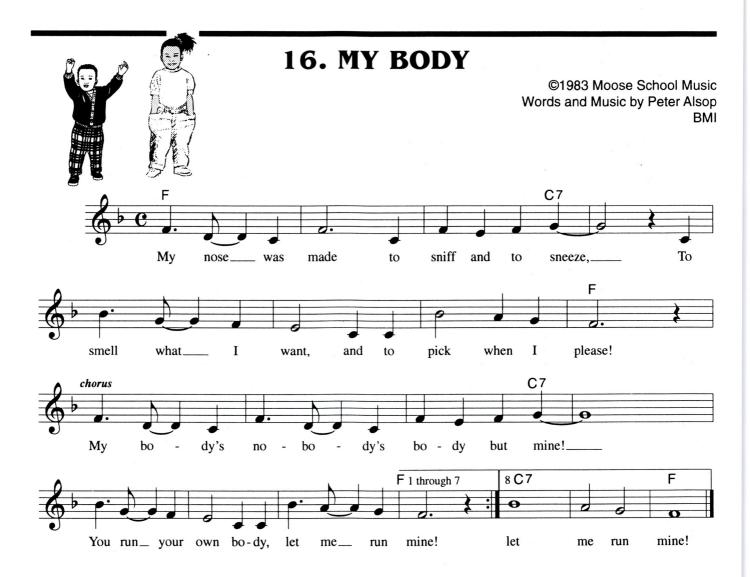
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Chorus

Seasons come and seasons go; To you it's fast but to me it's slow. You've helped me learn and you've helped me grow, And now I'm moving on.

 Special times and special friends, new worlds to explore, Each year as I grow so big, I'll learn even more.
 I can do most anything, I just have to try.
 With encouragement and love, watch me as I fly.
 Chorus



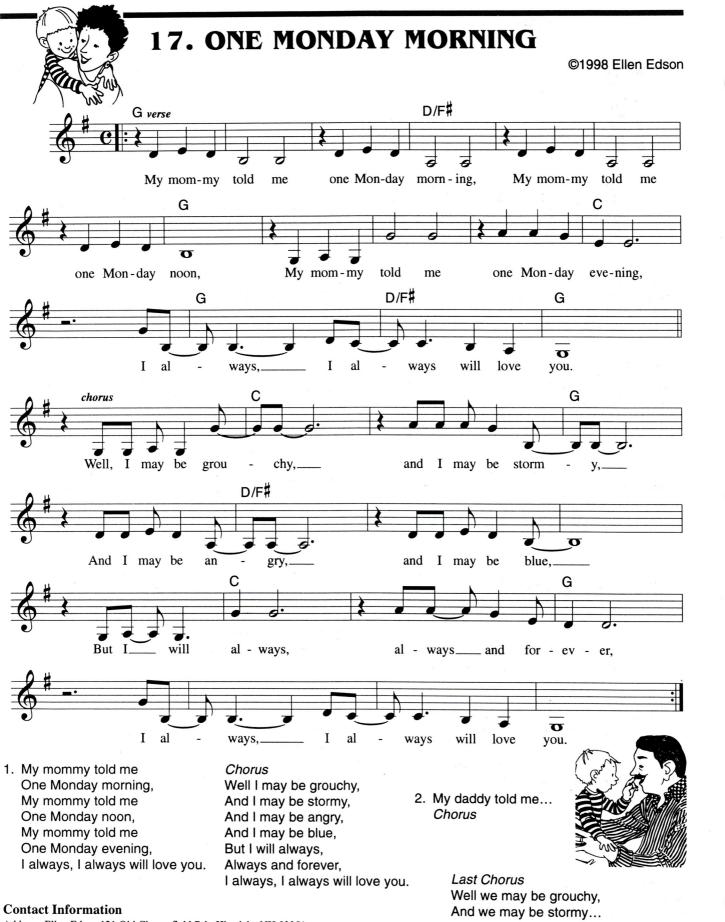
Chorus

My body's nobody's body but mine! You run your own body, let me run mine!

- My nose was made to sniff and to sneeze, To smell what I want, and to pick when I please! (or To smell what I want and to blow when I please!)
- 2. My lungs were made to hold air when I breathe. I am in charge of just how much I need!
- 3. My legs were made to dance me around, To walk and to run and to jump up and down!
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- My mouth was made to blow up a balloon.
 I can eat, kiss, and spit, I can whistle a tune!
 (or I can eat, kiss, and sing, I can whistle a tune!)
- 5. No one knows my body better than me. It tells me, "Let's eat!" It tells me, "Go pee!"
- Don't hit me or kick me, don't push or shove, Don't hug me too hard when you show me your love.
- Sometimes it's hard to say "No!" and be strong. When those "No!" feelings come, then I know something's wrong.
- 'Cause my body's mine from my head to my toe. Please leave it alone when you hear me say "No!"
- Secrets are fun when they're filled with surprise, But not when they hurt us with tricks, threats, and lies.
- Our body's one body, one voice is heard.
 We each sing for freedom when we sing these words!



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 What's made of dough and tomato sauce and lots and lots of cheese? Onions, green peppers, and mushrooms and olives, and sometimes all of these. They roll the dough out flat, then toss it in the air. It's almost always round but sometimes it's a square.

Chorus

It's a pizza. It's a pizza, mama mia pizza pie. It's a pizza. It's a pizza, mama mia pizza pie.

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- It's no tortilla, ay caramba, or a wiener schnitzel, ja. Nor baklava, eureka! Or a croissant, oo la la. It doesn't go with champagne, you have it with a Coke Not fancy-schmancy, oy gevalt, but you won't wind up broke. Chorus
- 3. When Mom has had a long day and she says she's feeling beat, When Dad is sick and tired of cooking and wants to go out to eat, Do we go for burgers, or that place that serves buffet? Or do we say, "Let's have the same thing we had yesterday?" Chorus



Save Some Trees ← continued from previous page

If I were a tree (If I were a tree)

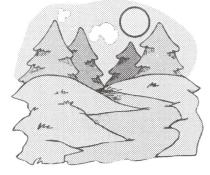
 In the middle of the woods (in the middle of the woods)
 With the sun and the rain (with the sun and the rain)
 I'd feel real good (I'd feel real good).
 I'd make some shade (I'd make some shade)
 To cool my friends (to cool my friends);
 I'd grow buds and seeds and leaves on my branches,
 Let the birds and the squirrels make homes, and the chances
 Are good that I'd be happy
 Right to the end (right to the end).

Chorus

Save some trees for me, mister, Save some trees for when we grow up.

2. If I were a fish (echo), just swimming in a stream (echo), I'd have a lot of fun (echo), if you know what I mean (echo), Say, "Hi!" to a frog (echo), who's looking for a fly (echo), But I'd hide in the weeds from that funny old muskrat, Stay away from the worms on hooks, 'cause I know that I'd rather live here in the stream 'til the day I die ('til the day I die)!

Chorus Save some streams for me, mister, Save some streams for when we grow up.



3. If I were a cloud (echo), just floating in the sky (echo), I'd have a nice time (echo), as I drift on by (echo).
I'd go to the sea (echo), to fill with rain (echo), Then I'd rain on the city and all the people in it
And I'd clean all the dirt from the air in a minute.
The sky'd be blue when the sun came out again (came out again).

Chorus

Save some air for me, mister, Save some air for when we grow up.

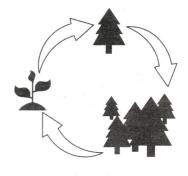
4. If I were the sun (echo), making daytime bright (echo), Lookin' down on the earth (echo), spinning day and night (echo), Like a great big ball (echo), of blue and green (echo), Where the land and the sea and the sky come together, The wind and the clouds swirl around making weather. It's the prettiest doggone planet that I've ever seen (that I've ever seen)!

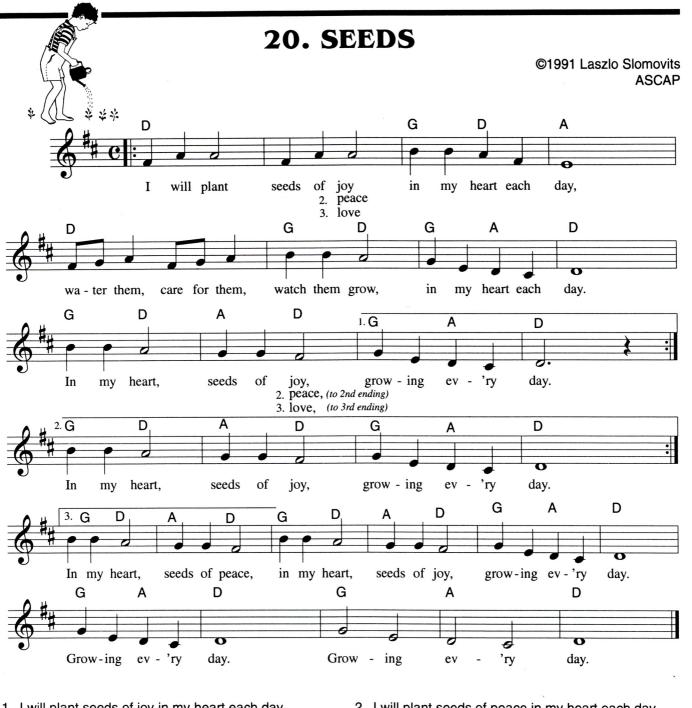
Chorus

Save some world for me, mister, Save some world for when we grow up.

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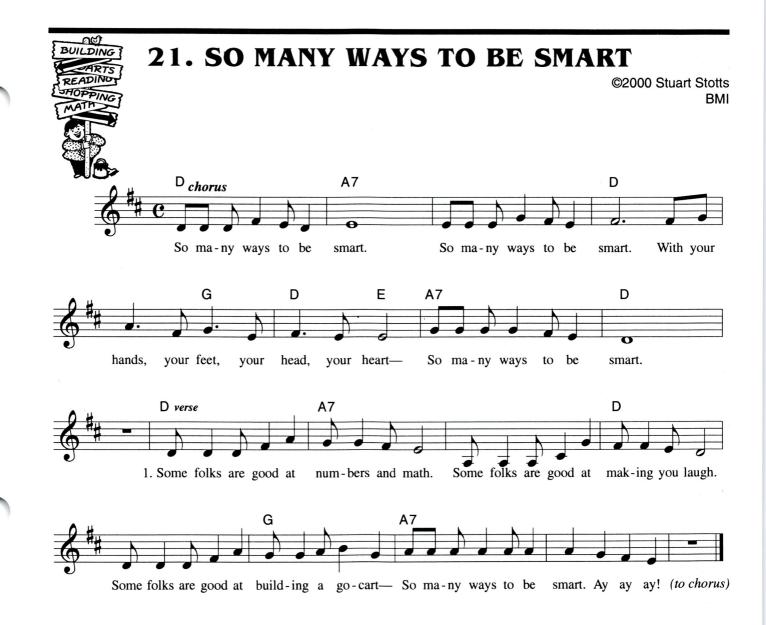
 I will plant seeds of joy in my heart each day, Water them, care for them, watch them grow, In my heart each day. In my heart, seeds of joy, Growing ev'ry day.



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- I will plant seeds of peace in my heart each day, Water them, care for them, watch them grow, In my heart each day. In my heart, seeds of peace, In my heart, seeds of joy, Growing ev'ry day.
- 3. I will plant seeds of love in my heart each day, Water them, care for them, watch them grow, In my heart each day.
 In my heart, seeds of love, In my heart, seeds of peace, in my heart, seeds of joy, Growing ev'ry day...



Chorus

So many ways to be smart. So many ways to be smart. With your hands, your feet, your head, your heart— So many ways to be smart.

- Some folks are good at numbers and math. Some folks are good at making you laugh. Some folks are good at building a go-cart— So many ways to be smart. Ay, ay, ay! (to chorus)
- Some folks are good at reading deep books.
 Some folks are good at reading people's looks.
 Some folks are good at throwing a dart—
 So many ways to be smart. Ay, ay, ay! (to chorus)
- Some folks are good at getting along.
 Some folks are good at making up songs.
 Some folks are good at stopping a Wal-Mart—
 So many ways to be smart. Ay, ay, ay! (to chorus)
- Some folks are good at doing their best, Though it's hard to measure on a standardized test. Some folks have lots of common sense— It's all intelligence. Ay, ay, ay! (to chorus)

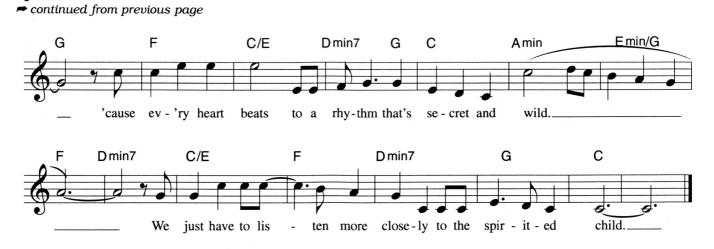
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Spirited Child



 Molly's too busy to speak when she's spoken to. Sometimes you think that she's deaf And try to get her to move; You've got a fight on your hands— She's little but stubborn and tough. Sometimes she gets moving just a little too fast; She bumps and she bruises herself. And sometimes her wires just get humming Until she can't possibly choose to sit still.

We can call her a problem, call it disease, Prescribe medication but it's so hard to see (to chorus)

Chorus

That maybe there's nothing so wrong. Who sets the clock and says what time we're on, 'Cause ev'ry heart beats to a rhythm that's secret and wild. We just have to listen more closely To the spirited child.



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Address: Betsy Rose, P.O. Box 9538, Berkeley, CA 94709 Email: betsrose@mindspring.com Phone: 510/525-7082 Marcos is picky, he spits out his food. His socks all have seams just like razors, So he has to go barefoot, Wear his shirt inside out. You can forget about bow ties and blazers! Some kids like to listen to their folks rock and roll; Marco just covers his ears. The jangle and bustle of life as we know it Can drive kids like Marco to tears.

We can say he's too sensitive, What's all the fuss? It's best not to spoil him, he's got to adjust.

Chorus But maybe there's nothing so wrong...

 Micah gets so excited he can't wait a minute. He's got to be first every time To share during circle time, First to get Popsicles, First batter up, first in line. And maybe he's trouble and hard on the group; He'll strike out if he doesn't get his way. The others have learned about "Please," "yes," and "thank you," But "no" is still mostly what Micah will say.

We may call him a bully, aggressive and mean, And those labels stick to him 'Til it's all we can see.

Chorus

But maybe there's nothing so wrong...

4. And maybe you can remember way back Who set the clock, tried to keep you on track. And did your heart beat to a rhythm so secret and wild? You can feel it again when you dance with the spirited child. It's a gift that you get when you're loving a spirited child.

23. TALK IT OUT

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Talk It Out ← continued from previous page

Verse 1

I'm so angry I can't see straight. I'm mad as a bull breakin' down a gate. You and I are in this fight; Gotta find a way to set things right.

Chorus 1

Talk it out. I don't wanna do it. Talk it out. Do I have to go through it? Talk it out. There is no doubt Gotta jump back, come back, talk it out.

Bridge

How can we be friends again? How can we be friends again? I really want this fight to end. Gotta jump back, come back, try it again.

Verse 2

I walked up to talk to you, But you turned your head. What can I do? I try to talk and you run away. Gotta jump back, hear me out today.

Chorus 2

Talk it out. You don't wanna do it. Talk it out. You have to go through it. Talk it out. There is no doubt Gotta jump back, come back, talk it out.



Chorus 3 Talk it out. I'm gonna burst. Talk it out. Do I have to go first? Talk it out. There is no doubt Gotta jump back, come back, talk it out.

Verse 3

I didn't give up, I said, "Come on, This fight's been going on too long." "I know," you said, and you nearly cried. Jump back, come back, we both tried.

Bridge

Chorus 4 Talk it out. Talk to me. Talk it out. Now I see. Talk it out. You're my friend. Jump back, come back, try it again.

Chorus 5 Talk it out. What'd you say? Talk it out. I see it your way. Talk it out. We can mend. Jump back, come back, friends again.

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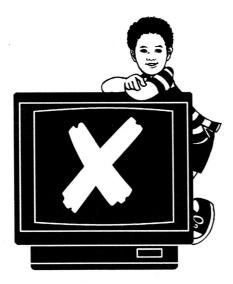


Turn Off the TV ➡ continued from previous page

Chorus

Turn off the TV *(echo)*, You won't regret it. Turn off the TV *(echo)*, And just forget it. There must be thirty-six million things We all can do and see, And all you have to do is Turn off the TV.

- We could go swimming, Or to a party with some friends. I could ride my skateboard, Or play a game that never ends. We could play baseball, Or go on a shoppin' spree. All you got to do is Turn off the TV.
- We could go to the zoo, And watch the animals play. Build a castle, Be king and queen for the day. Put on our roller blades, And around the block we'd zoom. Just don't make me clean up my room!



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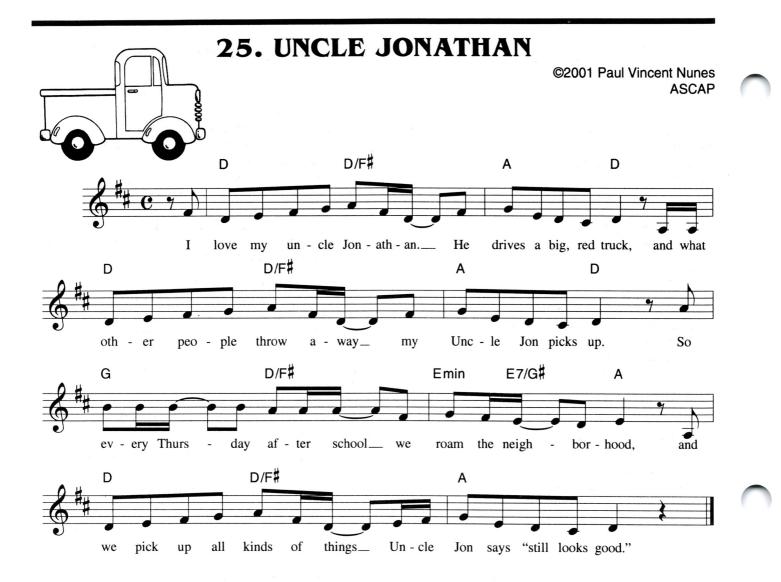
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Scott Bierko, Guest Editor



I love my uncle Jonathan.

He drives a big red truck,

And what other people throw away,

My uncle Jon picks up.

So every Thursday after school we roam the neighborhood,

And we pick up all kinds of things Uncle Jon says "still looks good."



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- 1. Like glass bottles—toot, toot (Repeat the music above, each time accumulating a new item after "still looks good.")
- 2. Like tin cans-clank, clank, clank
- 3. Like plastic pails—boom, ba-ba, boom
- 4. Like newspaper-shucka, shucka, shucka

(Spoken ending)

Uncle Jonathan,

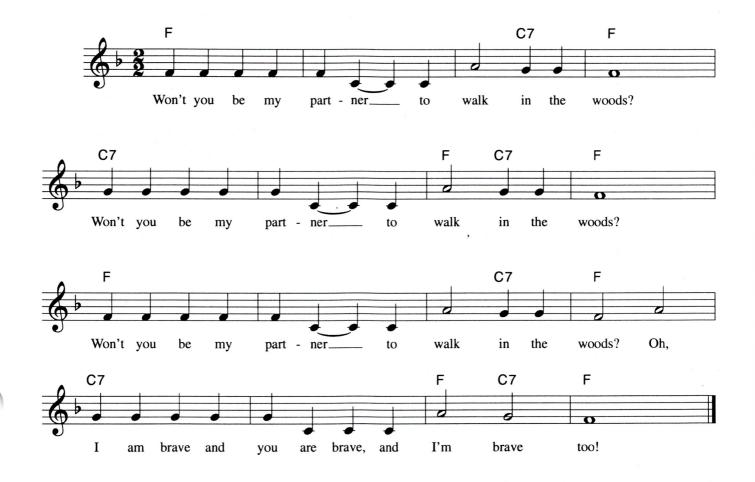
what are we gonna do with all this stuff?

Oh, we'll recycle it. Except this wooden chair; I'm tired. I need to sit down.



26. WON'T YOU BE MY PARTNER

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Won't you be my partner to walk in the woods? Won't you be my partner to walk in the woods? Won't you be my partner to walk in the woods? Oh, I am brave and you are brave, and I'm brave, too.

Won't you be my partner to climb up a hill...

- ...to camp in a tent...
- ...to sing by the fire ...
- ...to meet some new friends...
- ...to walk in the woods...



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New Sounds

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MARTIN SWINGER

Mockingbird

Martin Swinger, a folksinger/songwriter from Maine and Georgia, has released *Mockingbird*, his first children's music recording. The 15 selections are mostly original songs by Martin, and some include verses contributed by students written with him during his school songwriting residencies. *Mockingbird* has a traditional, old-timey feel featuring mostly acoustic instruments.

CDs are \$15, cassettes \$10 (plus \$1.50 s+h) and are available at www.cdbaby.com or by contacting him directly at: Martin Swinger, 52 Green St., Augusta, ME 04330; e-mail: MrtinSwngr@aol.com; website: www.Martin.Singer.net.

SUE SCHNITZER

Wiggle and Whirl

Wiggle and Whirl, a debut CD by Colorado children's musician Sue Schnitzer, contains 23 songs and fingerplays for infants and young children. Many instruments are used on the album: accordion, banjo, dobro, fiddle, flute, guitar, harmonica, kazoo, steel drum, bass and percussion, bongos, castanets, cajon, claves, maracas, shekere, tambourine, and udu. The songs include classic folk songs, traditional fingerplays, original lyrics to familiar tunes, and lesser known gems. Song lyrics and fingerplay instructions are included in a 12-page booklet.

CDs are \$14 (plus \$2.50 s+h for first CD, \$.50 for each additional CD) and are available from Wee Bee Music, P.O. Box 18476, Boulder, CO 80308; phone and fax: 303/442-1238; websites: www. weebeemusic.com and www.theconnextion.com.

EMMANUEL GHENT

Songs for Children

Songs for Children is a collection of 23 art songs written for children of all ages by composer Emmanuel Ghent. Some of the songs are joyous, funny, wistful, mischievous, and all are full of life and imagination. They were written years ago when Emmanuel's three daughters were young. Now, his middle daughter, Valerie Ghent—herself a vocalist/keyboardist/recording engineer—has produced (and is primary soloist on) this collection of Emmanuel Ghent's songs so other kids and parents can share the fun!

CDs are \$12.45 N.Y. State residents, \$11.45 out-ofstate residents, and are available at West Street



Records, P.O. Box 20086, West Village Station, New York, NY 10014; phone/fax: 212/675-3895; e-mail: weststreetrecords.com; or at www.amazon.com. Also available from West Street Records: the Songs For Children piano/vocal score; \$10 (plus s+h).

JOHNETTE DOWNING

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Climb into the jungle and dive into the deep with wildly wondrous animal songs. *Wild & Woolly Wiggle Songs* contains original music in a variety of musical styles, from traditional African chant to blues to folk. The music includes vocals and guitar, along with mandolin, congas, and piano. Lyrics are included.

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DEBORAH DUNLEAVY

Strike Up the Band

Deborah's latest CD, *Strike Up the Band*, takes the listener on a global tour of musical styles and cultural diversity. The recording is a unique around-the-globe collection of new and familiar folk songs, from a Caribbean calypso tune and an African lullaby to a haunting aboriginal campfire song from Australia and a rip-roaring sea shanty. Many songs feature homemade instruments described in Deborah's *Jumbo Book of Music* (published by Kids Can Press in 2001).

CDs are \$16.95 Canadian and \$14.95 US and are available from Kid Glove Productions, P.O. Box 205, Brockville, Ont. K6V 5V2, Canada; phone: 613/342-3463; fax: 613/342-9180; e-mail: kgp@recorder.ca.

PHIL HOOSE

We Were There, Too!: Young People in U.S. History

This unique book brings to life the contributions of young people throughout American history. Based on primary sources—journals, first person accounts, and interviews—and including more than 140 authentic images, this oversized volume highlights the fascinating stories of more than 70 culturally diverse young people. Throughout the text, Phil's voice provides historical context as it links these inspiring stories. Perfect for the individual reader as well as the classroom, this is not only an illuminating reference book, but a great read. *We Were There, Too!* is the first history book of this scope to focus on the role young people have played in the making of the United States.

Book is available for \$26 from Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 19 Union Square West, New York, NY 10003; website: www.weweretheretoo.com. Teacher's guide available.

SCOTTY MACGREGOR

Children's Songs for Family Listening

This CD's 15 fun-packed songs, selected from nationally distributed sources, bring back memories of a slower-paced way of life. These original songs are sung simply and are accompanied by acoustic guitar and a gentle rhythm machine.

CD is available FREE to elementary schools, radio stations, and libraries. Send request on your letterhead with \$3 for mailing costs to: Scotty Magregor Publications, 37 Antonia Dr., Jackson, NJ 08527.



Editorial

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pages of *Pass It On!* Now, we are embarking on a new chapter in our organization's history as we begin to collect our music in its recorded form for internal distribution on compact disc and, sometime soon, on our website, www.cmnonline.org. CMN is taking a big step forward with this issue, and we are open to learning from *your* experience whether or not this is a worthwhile endeavor for us to continue. We are interested to know not so much if you like the songs herein, but are they useful? Is the concept of a written and recorded *Pass It On!* a venture that we wish to continue? Are the difficult feelings of having certain songs chosen while others are not worth what we achieve here?

In the ten years since I sat in that New York seminar, I have come to believe that we possess a place of honor in today's world. Think about it: we're placed in front of tomorrow's generation and entrusted with a portion of their artistic and character development. They may never know it was us and we may never hear their thanks, but aren't we a lifeline for them?

Please consider these songs as ways of getting children (and other adults) to think, love, laugh, and sing. Make them your own and then give them away. Pass them on with the compliments of the twentysix composers, twelve members of our selection committee, four notation engravers, and a board of directors who were willing to take a risk and grow our organization. To them, I tip my hat and say, Many thanks for your pioneer spirit and your energy. We made a great team. I sincerely believe that your work will benefit hundreds if not thousands of children.

Note: CD ordering information on page 7.

Minutes of national CMN board meetings are available to be read by CMN members upon request.

Announcements



Save the Dates

2002 National Gathering

October 18-20

Freedom, New Hampshire

2001 National Gathering Round Robin List

Due to space limitations, this issue does not contain the song list. For a free paper or electronic copy, please contact the national office.

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for teachers, families, and others seeking new material

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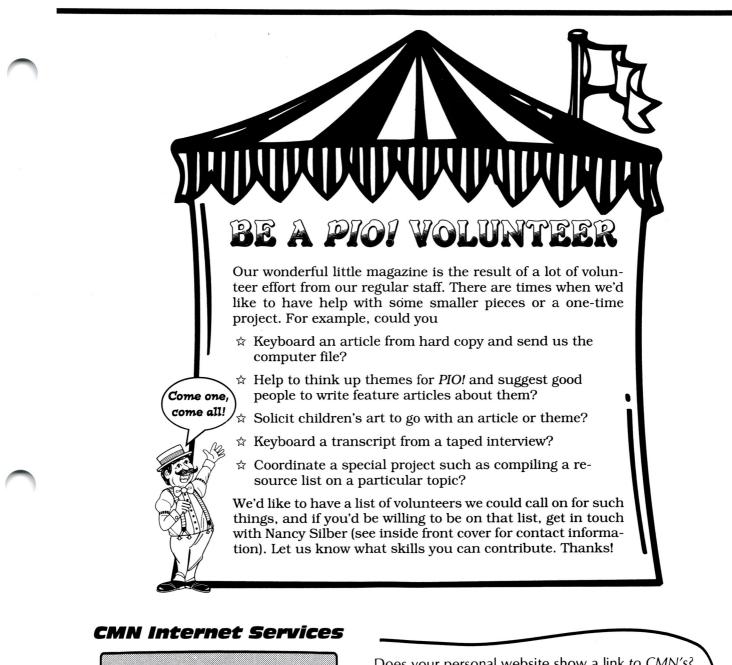
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Does your personal website show a link to CMN's? This is a way you can spread the word about our wonderful organization. And now we're offering an **exciting new feature:** we can link to your site from CMN's site in a listing of CMN member resources. You must be a current CMN member, and your site must jibe with CMN's mission and purpose. This is a great new way to network through the web.

For full details on any of these features, contact the national office (see left). If you'd like to get involved in working on the CMN website itself, contact Barb Tilsen at

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Regional Reports

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GREAT LAKES

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Great Lakes will host its first regional gathering in spring 2002, in Ohio—either Columbus or Chillicothe. Look for E-mail and snail mail announcements.

SOUTHEAST

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We had a Pizza Pig Out and Round Robin in November. Although the attendance was small, we had a great time and shared lots of songs. Remember, our regular meeting is the first Tuesday of every month at 12:30 P.M. at The Games Store, 2125 Green Hills Village Drive in Nashville.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

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Northern California was proud to host this year's national gathering in Petaluma. (See a report on page 2.) Here's what's up in early 2002: On January 10 CMNers presented a song swap at La Peña Cultural Center in Berkeley focusing on songs about social justice issues for teachers to use in their classrooms.

There will be a CMN song swap Friday, March 1, 4:30–6:00 P.M., in the Advocacy Center at the 2002 CAEYC conference in Long Beach. Regional and visiting CMN members are encouraged to participate.

Also, on March 16, 2:00–4:00 P.M., the Linden Tree Children's Records and Books store in Los Altos will host a concert featuring CMN members. Everyone is invited; region members will receive a mailing. Contact Lisa Atkinson for more details.

Note: If you'd like to host a local CMN gathering, contact Lisa (she lost her notes from the national gathering).

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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The 2001 national gathering was inspiring as always, and the Southern California region members who attended have been sharing the boost of energy they received with other members here. We send a great big THANK YOU to everyone involved in the planning, organizing and managing of the gathering. It was just beautiful! At press time, a "concertito" (song swap) is scheduled to be held at Suni Paz's house on December 2. It will offer an opportunity to share songs and stories about the gathering and discuss ways of reaching more people.

Last November 2, CMN once again joined voices in the Song Fest in the Advocacy Center at the NAEYC conference in Anaheim. We always enjoy sharing and networking with the various groups of advocates for humanity and peace. The three-hour singing was led by Jacki Breger, who has a plethora of songs logged in her memory. Thanks to her and all the people who attend, we never run out of songs to sing.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST

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We were well represented at the national gathering with both long-time and new members present. At our regional meeting on Saturday, we discussed ways to expand CMN in our areas. One idea was to print business cards with CMN contact information to be used in addition to the gorgeous new CMN brochures that the CMN board has seen to completion. Contact Bonnie Messinger if you want a supply of the cards.

Paul Lippert and Patty Zeitlin will host a song swap in the Seattle area, probably in February or March. We'll also have a meeting in the Salem/Portland area later in the spring. Region members will receive an announcement giving specific information, or can contact Paul Lippert (425/ 771-8877 or paul@raspberryrecords.com) for the Seattle meeting, and Bonnie or Greta for Salem/Portland.

Sadly, we received the news that Denise Friedl Johnson has resigned as regional co-representative. We appreciate what she has done, we wish her all the best, and we anticipate her continuing participation in regional events.

How to Submit Something to **Pass It On!**

CALL FOR ARTICLES!

PIO! always needs stories from members about what they're doing and how they're doing it!

All the articles in this issue were contributed by your fellow CMN members, who invite you to share *your* stories, too! After all, that's the whole point of CMN.

All we ask is that articles...

- ✓ address topics of interest to CMN members, especially the theme for the issue (see Editorial Page)...
- ✓ in some way relate to CMN's mission...
- ✓ be clear, concise, and reasonably well written...
- ✓ and be between 900 and 1800 words long.

Articles should not promote a particular person, performing group, or product.

Please tell us if your article has been submitted for publication elsewhere, or if it is a reprint.

We welcome photos and graphics, which will be published as space permits.

Deadline for Spring 2002 issue:

Except for regional reports, all materials must be submitted by **February 15th, 2002;**

Deadline for Fall 2002 issue:

May 15th, 2002

Send lesson-plan ideas and all articles, photographs, artwork, and captions to:

> Nancy Silber PIO! Editor 16 Plymouth Road Port Washington, NY 11050 nsms2@aol.com

Submission via e-mail or disk is preferred.

CALL FOR SONGS!

Most of the songs published in *PIO!* are contributed by your fellow CMN members.

Please—share *your* works with us, too!

In every issue of *PIO!* we try to include...

- ✓ a song written by a young person...
- ✓ a song representative of cultural diversity...
- ✓ a song written by people from various parts of the country, or the world...
- ✓ a song on a topic that is in some way representative of CMN's mission.

Songs should be submitted in lead sheet format if possible, and should be accompanied by a cassette tape recording of the song (home-grown is fine).

Each submission should include a title, and should properly credit the author(s).

Copyright dates should be noted; copyright ownership remains with the author.

Submission implies that permission to print has been obtained from all authors (although you will be contacted should your song be selected for publication).

Send songs to:

Bonnie Lockhart Songs Editor 1032 Winsor Avenue Oakland, CA 94610 bonnielockhart@mindspring.com

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