

SING ME A SONG, SING ME A BOOK



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Wondering how to get instant attention in your classroom? Sing! Looking for a quick way to soothe a fussy child or calm a rowdy bunch? Sing! Seeking an alternative to liven up a circle time or interest the youngest book lovers? Sing!

Listed at right are just a few of the song titles available in book form. Many are simply familiar songs with added illustrations (*Itsy Bitsy Spider*). Others are the book form of favorite songs, with just a slight twist (*The Seals on the Bus*). Even the most reluctant participant is likely to be drawn to a book that starts with a burst of song. Check the Internet for any books that are unfamiliar. The description will reveal whether the book title is the portrayed song or whether the title lyrics are sung to another tune. Any unknown tune can easily be researched online. A video will be available to get you singing in no time.

Feeling a bit creative today? Choose one of these titles, or a class favorite, and create a book yourself. Better yet, let the children join in. Lyrics to any song can be located on the Internet. Or create a new version by substituting words, phrases, or complete lyrics. Do you have a classroom of children who are fascinated with fire trucks and car carriers? Try your hand at inventing *Old MacDonald Had a Jeep*.

Photo albums are perfect for easily created class books. Since these books often become classroom favorites, the photo albums have the additional advantage of sturdy covers and pages. The albums are often available at discount stores.

Quite a few of the singing stories can be arranged as a rap. Try *Chicka Chicka Boom Boom*, *Shake Dem Halloween Bones*, or even *Mary Had a Little Lamb*. Flannelboard stories can be created to correspond with your selections. Since most of the books are available in paperback, purchasing two would allow one to be fashioned for the flannelboard. Emerging readers can sing the books and easily translate unfamiliar words.

Besides providing pleasure, there are many reasons to plan more opportunities for singing by book. Singing fosters creativity, builds cooperation, increases oxygen intake, provides a sense of achievement and reduces stress for both the child and the teacher.

So *Row, Row, Row Your Boat* over to the *Octopus's Garden* and *Bingo*! You will *Rise and Shine* while you sing yourself a happy day.

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| <i>Alaska's 12 Days of Summer</i> | <i>Mary Had a Little Lamb</i> |
| <i>Animals in the Zoo (sing and act)</i> | <i>Octopus's Garden</i> |
| <i>Apples and Bananas</i> | <i>Oh Where, Oh Where (not the doggie version)</i> |
| <i>Baa, Baa Black Sheep</i> | <i>Oh Where, Oh Where Has My Little Dog Gone?</i> |
| <i>Baby Beluga</i> | <i>Old MacDonald Had a Farm</i> |
| <i>Bingo</i> | <i>Old MacDonald Had a Workshop (tool sounds)</i> |
| <i>Chicka Chicka Boom Boom</i> | <i>Old MacNoah Had an Ark</i> |
| <i>Down by Grandpa's Farm</i> | <i>Once a Lullaby</i> |
| <i>Down by the Bay</i> | <i>One Light, One Sun</i> |
| <i>Down by the Station</i> | <i>Over in the Meadow</i> |
| <i>Earth Day Birthday</i> | <i>Rise and Shine</i> |
| <i>The Farmer in the Dell</i> | <i>Row, Row, Row Your Boat</i> |
| <i>Fiddle-I-Fee</i> | <i>The Seals on the Bus</i> |
| <i>Five Little Ducks</i> | <i>Shake Dem Halloween Bones</i> |
| <i>Five Little Monkeys</i> | <i>Shake My Sillies Out</i> |
| <i>Five Little Speckled Frogs</i> | <i>She'll Be Coming 'Round the Mountain</i> |
| <i>Going on a Bear Hunt</i> | <i>Skip to My Lou</i> |
| <i>Hickory Dickory Dock</i> | <i>Spider on the Floor</i> |
| <i>Here We Go 'Round the Mulberry Bush</i> | <i>Take Me Out of the Bathtub</i> |
| <i>Hole in the Bottom of the Sea</i> | <i>Ten in the Bed</i> |
| <i>If You're Happy and You Know It</i> | <i>There's a Hole in My Bucket</i> |
| <i>I Know an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly</i> | <i>This Little Light of Mine</i> |
| <i>I'm a Little Teapot</i> | <i>This Old Man</i> |
| <i>I Put My Hands on My Head</i> | <i>Twelve Bugs of Christmas</i> |
| <i>Itsy Bitsy Spider</i> | <i>Twelve Days of Christmas</i> |
| <i>I've Been Working on the Railroad</i> | <i>Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star</i> |
| <i>Like Me and You</i> | <i>What Shall We Do When We Go Out?</i> |
| <i>Lil' MacDonald Likes to Hike (Rocky Mountain Animals)</i> | <i>You Are My Sunshine</i> |

