

Young Ananda Song & Chant Book

A Collection of
Ananda Children's Songs & Chants
With Cherished Camp Songs
From across the World



For the young and the young at heart

What began as a few stapled pages of camp songs for Education for Life India's family camps over the years gradually expanded into this collection of music.

It includes many children's songs and chants written by Swami Kriyananda and several other Anandans.

The collection was lovingly put together to carry out Swamiji's desire of offering children uplifting messages woven into music — "philosophy in song," he would call it — as well as just plain fun.



A companion resource

is available:

**YOUNG ANANDA
GUIDE TO MUSICAL SELECTION, USE, &
LISTENING LINKS**

(downloadable at <https://edforlife.in/music/youngananda>)

You may want to periodically check at the above Web site for updates to both of these publications.



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ANANDA SONGS

Lightly I Fly

Lightly I fly when I live in laughter,
Lightly I fly when my heart sings. *(repeat verse)*

Refrain

Fling to the ground ev'ry heavy burden.
Now I can soar up above the clouds! *(repeat)*

(Repeat verse 1)



All the World Is My Friend

All the world is my friend
When I learn how to share my love;
When I stretch out my hand and smile,
When I live from above.

Actions

All the world:

Raise your arms above your head and sweep them outward in a circle.

Is my friend:

Cross your arms over your chest.

When I learn how to share my love:

Open your hands outward

When I stretch out my hand:

Bring your hands down and then stretch out your right hand.

and smile:

Place your index fingers on each side of your mouth and pull up the corners into a smile.

When I live from above:

Raise your arms above your head and twirl once.

Be Free Inside (I'll Tell the World)

I'll tell the world *(4 claps)*
I don't have money. *(3 claps)*
But life is wonderful, *(2 claps)*
And every day is sunny. *(1 clap)*

The trick is this: *(4 claps)*
Don't beg from anyone,
Just live in joy, *(2 claps)*
Be free *(2 claps)*
Inside. *(2 claps)*

(Repeat verse 1)

Give Me a Light *(round)*

Give me a light to light my way.
Truth is the light, so wise men say.

Say "Thank You"

If you want to sing as the birdies sing,
Sing as the birdies sing,
Sing as the birdies sing,
If you want to sing as the birdies sing,
Look at the world: say "Thank you."

2. ... dance as the rabbits dance
3. ... fly like the butterflies
4. ... flow as the river flows

Life Is Beautiful

Life is beautiful, life is gay,
When I give myself away;
When I live to please Thee, Lord,
Dancing in Thy ray.

Let me see Thee ev'rywhere,
Hear Thy melodies in the air.
Let me feel Thy strength in me.
Give me joy to share.

Big Frog, Little Frog (Two Frogs)

1. There were two frogs went hopping out one day
To see what they could see, oh!
Now one of them was big and strong, they say:
The other one was wee, oh!



As they hopped about so merrily,
They came upon a mystery:
Something shiny bright and high and round:
What luck was this they'd found?

2. They thought they'd never rest again until
The mystery was clear, oh!
As things so round and high and shiny will,
It tempted them too near, oh!

For they jumped up in a soaring arc,
As though each frog had been a lark;
And they dropped in something smooth as silk:
It was a pail of milk.

3. Just give a thought: I'm sure you will agree
Theirs was a sorry plight, oh!
The bucket's sides were smooth and steep, and gee,
Their jumping power was slight, oh!

Though they tried and tried to leap back out,
A frog's a frog, he's not a trout.
On dry land he'll hop and hop at whim:
In milk he has to swim.

4. Well, so they swam and swam and swam, poor things,!
They'd nothing else to do, oh!
God gave them legs, but not a hint of wings.
Soon both were turning blue, oh!

Then the big frog gasped, and cried, "I can't!
"My legs won't move; I can hardly pant!
"What's the use of trying? We'll never win."
The big frog thus gave in.

5. But now the little frog swam harder still:
The milk churned with his feet, oh!
He thought, "Though tired, I'd rather use my will
Than be a lump of meat, oh!"

Suddenly, as strength was failing him,
A large lump touched him on a limb:
Firm at last upon this butter mound,
He hopped out to the ground!

Of His Dreams Our Love Was Made

God is our father, our mother, too;
God is our dearest treasure.
God's ever near, the one friend who
Loves us without any measure.
Of his dreams our love was made.
Only from Him is love repaid.

Let us in gladness all live for Him;
Serve Him in every season.
Serve Him with thought, with hand and limb;
Love Him without any reason.
God befriends us as we are:
Fools we, that hold his love afar!



Lift Your Heart in Strength (round)

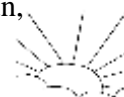
Lift your heart in strength once more:
Soon your boat will come ashore.

Prayer before Meals

Receive, Lord, in Thy light
The food we eat, for it is Thine.
Infuse it with Thy love,
Thy energy, Thy life divine.

Thank You, God, for the Sun

1. Thank you, God, for the light of the sun,
Thank you, God, for the rainbow,
Thank you, God, for this day begun,
Thank you, God, for the sun.



2. Thank you, God, for the bright summer flowers,
Thank you, God, for the green fields,
Thank you, God, for these wakeful hours,
Thank you, God, for the flowers.

3. Thank you, God, for the smile of Your love,
Thank you, God, for our gladness,
Thank you, God, for the stars above,
Thank you, God, for Your love.

Little Kathy

1. Little Kathy went dancing,
went dancing, went dancing —
Little Kathy went dancing,
went dancing one day.
She danced out in the garden,
the garden, the garden —
She danced out in the garden,
her heart was so gay.

Refrain

Lara la liri, oh, lara la lay!
Little Kathy went dancing,
Her heart was so gay.
(repeat refrain)



2. There she saw a small robin,
small robin, small robin —
There she saw a small robin;
it sat in a tree.
“Little friend, come and join me,
come join me, come join me.
“Little friend, come and join me,
come dancing with me.”
3. “I’m afraid I’d look silly,
look silly, look silly —
“I’m afraid I’d look silly,”
the robin said then,
“For I’m timid and tiny,
and tiny, and tiny,
“For I’m timid and tiny.
Birds can’t dance like men.”
4. “But you’ve wings you can fly with,
can fly with, can fly with,
“But you’ve wings you can fly with;
why strut like a man?
“Ev’ryone can do something,
do something, do something —
“Ev’ryone can do something.
It’s part of life’s plan.”
5. “Let’s go call all our neighbors,
our neighbors, our neighbors —
“Let’s go call all our neighbors,
the large and the small.
“All the world should be dancing,
be dancing, be dancing —
“All the world should be dancing,
for God made us all!”

Move, All You Mountains

Move, all you mountains that stand in my way,
Nothing can stop my progress! *(repeat verse)*

Tall trees, fall aside! Ev’ry bramble I
Slash with the sword of freedom! *(repeat verse)*

Actions

Move, all you mountains that stand in my way:
March in place, moving your arms and leg up and down.

Nothing can stop my progress:
Still marching, cross one hand with one finger raised back and forth in front of you to indicate NO!

Tall trees:
Raise your hands above your head.

fall aside:
Sharply bring your hands down to your ankles.

Every bramble I:
Bring your hands to eye level and flutter them downward.

Slash:
Raise your right hand above your head and bring it down like a slashing sword.

with the sword of freedom:
Close and raise your right hand like the Liberty torch.



Guide Me, Lord

Guide me, Lord,
throughout this day;
In all I do, in all I say.
Tell me when I go astray;
Hold me in Thy light.

Help me see that happiness
Comes not with wanting more, but less.
Teach me all my friends to bless,
Hold them in Thy light.

Hello There, Brother Bluebell

1. Hello there, Brother Bluebell,
Play me a tune today!
The breezes on the meadow
Have made you look so gay.
The meadow larks are singing;
Joy's in the air.
Come set your bells a-ringing!
You've gladness to share!

2. Hello there, Sister Dewdrop.
Linger a little while!
Your colors in the sunlight
Would make a monarch smile.
What need have I for treasures:
Diamonds or gold?
The fairest of all pleasures
Are here to behold!

3. Hello there, dearest kinsmen:
Pebbles and laughing brooks —
You timid little beetles
That hide in private nooks —
God made us of His gladness:
Come, then, and sing,
To cure the world of sadness:
Oh, ring, bluebell, ring!

(Repeat last 2 lines)

It's Time to Go to School

1. It's time to go to school.
It's time to go to school.
It's time to go right now.
It's time to go right now.

2. There's so much to learn each day.
There's so much to learn each day.
Why the world was made and how,
Why the world was made and how.

3. All life is like a school.
All life is like a school.
It's time to learn right now.
It's time to learn right now.



Larks Fly High

Larks fly high in the summer sky
Regardless of the weather.
Even so, we too can ascend on high,
As long as we fly together.

A helping hand all can understand
And kindness helps awaken
Ev'ry thought of love that our souls demand
When, for love, desires are mistaken.



Go with Love

Go with love, may joyful blessing
Speed you safely on your way.
May God's love expand within you;
May we be one in that love someday. *(repeat)*

Boys Go To and Fro (round)

Boys go to and fro,
In a pretty little row.

Although this next group of Swamiji's songs wasn't specifically written as "children's songs," children enjoy singing them.

I Wander with Thee

Father, now that I wander with Thee,
Flowers and fields seem alive with Thy joy!
All that I owned, to Thee I've given,
Now I sing, in Thy love I am free.

Father, now that I dance in Thy name,
Birds and animals share in my song.
All my sorrows, all my merriment
Join in music to set hearts aflame.

Many Hands

Many hands make a miracle,
Let's all join hands together!
Life on earth is so wonderful
When people laugh and dance and struggle as friends.
Then all their dreams achieve their ends.



Many hands make a miracle:
People climbing together!
Soon we reach to the pinnacle
Of ev'ry mountain peak we hazard as one.
We'll lift our hands to welcome the sun!
 We lift our hands to welcome the sun!

Where He Dwells

Where He dwells, the earth in gladness
Puts forth green herbs, shading trees.
Gay streams bound through summer meadows;
Fragrance blows on every breeze.

They with happiness are blessed
Who the Lord have made their guest,
Who the Lord have made their guest.

Sleep Is Calling (Lullaby)

Sleep is calling: Fly up high.
Be a cloud moving in the sky.
Sail above the winding rivers:
Ask the stars "What am I?"
Lullaby, lullaby, lullaby.

Sleep is calling: Soar in light!
Be a star shining through the night.
Tell all creatures that you love them;
Tell the shadows: "Be bright!"
Lullaby, lullaby, lullaby.

Joined in Prayer

Joined in prayer, we worship Thee:
Rays of light that seek the sun.
Many drops do make a sea:
Thus our love, when joined as one!
Thus our love, when joined as one!

When You Come from Napoli

1. When you come from Napoli,
 La la la la, la la la,
Life is long and joy is free,
 La la la la, la la la.

Refrain

La la la la, la la la
La la la la la la la
La la la la la la la la la la la. (*repeat refrain*)

2. Can't you hear this music say,
 La la la la, la la la,
Dance your troubles all away,
 La la la la, la la la.

3. When you come to Napoli,
 La la la la, la la la,
Sing this happy song with me,
 La la la la, la la la.

May We Serve You

Lord, may we serve You all our days,
Ever rejoice to sing Your praise.
As we together Your wisdom seek,
Charge us with truth whene'er we speak.

Lord, may we ever know Your will;
Come to us when our hearts are still.
As we Your guidance with joy receive,
May we, as one, Your bliss achieve.

I Was Made for Thee

*Written by Michael Deranja (Nayaswami Nitai),
co-founder of Education for Life with Swamiji.*

My voice was made to sing Thy glory.
My ears were made to hear Thy call.
My eyes were made to see Thy beauty
Shining through us all.

My hands I give into Thy service,
My mind to learn Thy truths alone.
My soul I offer as a channel
To guide Thy children home

Channels

Swamiji wrote this song with 6 different parts: *Birds, Trees, Stars, Mountains, Flowers, and Rivers*. Each singer takes one part.

- *Girls and women are Birds, Stars, and Flowers.*
- *Boys and men are Trees, Mountains, and Rivers.*

Although all the singers sing the refrain with the same words, each part has a different melody ... but everything blends together beautifully, just as in nature. This is called **counterpoint**.

Note: on some recordings of this song by Ananda groups, there may be an instrumental interlude after each of the 6 parts before the refrain.



Birds sing of freedom as they soar lightly on the air.
So may our hearts soar high above all curbs and care.

Refrain sung by Birds

Mother, we thank you, your joy shines in everything.
Make us your channels that the world once more may sing.



Trees standing firm hold the secret of inner power.
Give us when tested strength to endure.

Refrain sung by Trees + Birds



Stars send a message of light through eternity.
Lord, when in darkness, your radiance we see.

Refrain sung by Stars + Trees & Birds



Flowers so soft and fragile stay fragrant though pressed to the ground.
May we thus learn forbearance, for in kindness love is found.

Refrain sung by Flowers + Stars, Trees, & Birds



Mountains remote and still hint of higher worlds unseen.
So may our lives be soaring and serene.

Refrain sung by Mountains + Flowers, Stars, Trees, & Birds



Rivers seek passage unhindered by rock or tree.
So may our lives flow steadfast toward the sea.

Refrain by Rivers + Mountains, Flowers, Stars, Trees, & Birds

The Birds of the Air

Written by Joseph Cornell (Nayaswami Bharat),
originator of the acclaimed Sharing Nature
program. For information about this program,
visit <https://www.sharingnature.com/>.



The birds of the air are my brothers,
All flowers, my sisters.
The trees are my friends.
All living creatures, mountains, and streams,
I take unto my care.

For this green earth is our Mother,
Hidden in the sky is the Spirit above.
I share one Life with all who are here;
To everyone I give my love,
 To everyone I give my love.

Actions

The birds of the air are my brothers:

Stretch your arms out to the side, turning your palms down. Gracefully wave your arms like bird wings.

All flowers, my sisters:

Bring your palms together in front of you, then spread your fingers apart like a flower opening.

The trees are my friends:

Join your palms together above your head.



All living creatures:

Stretch your arms out to the sides in welcome to all creatures.

Mountains:

Bring your fingertips together at chin level to form a mountain peak.

and streams:

Keeping your left hand at your chin, sweep your right arm out to the side and flutter your fingers like rippling water.

I take unto my care.

Cup one hand on top of the other, palms up, at heart level, as if holding all nature in your care.

For this green earth is our Mother:

Sweep your hands up and out from your heart, reaching out to include the whole earth.

Hidden in the sky is the Spirit above:

Look upward, extending your arms toward the sky.

I share one Life with all who are here:

Cup one hand on top of the other, palms up, at heart level, holding all nature in your care.

To everyone I give my love:

Keeping your right hand at your heart, sweep your left hand out to the side with your palm up.

To everyone I give my love.

Keeping your left hand at your heart, sweep your right hand out to the side with your palm up.

ANANDA CHANTS

Ever New Joy

Joy, joy, joy, ever new joy, joy. *(repeat)*
Joy, joy, joy, ever new joy, joy. *(repeat)*

Fill Me with the Sound of Aum

Fill my body, fill my spirit,
Fill me with the sound of Aum.

Fill my body, fill my spirit,
Fill me with the sound of Aum.

From Joy I Came

From joy I came, for joy I live,
In sacred joy I melt again.

God, Christ, Guru

God, Christ, Guru.
God, Christ, Guru.
God, Christ, Guru.
God, Christ, Guru.

I Am the Bubble

So do Thou, my Lord. *(repeat)*
Thou and I, never apart. *(repeat)*
Wave of the sea, dissolve in the sea. *(repeat)*
I am the bubble, make me the sea. *(repeat)*



Make me the sea, oh, make me the sea! *(repeat)*
Wave of the sea, dissolve in the sea! *(repeat)*
I am the bubble, make me the sea. *(repeat)*

I Awake in Thy Light

I awake in Thy light, I awake in Thy light.
I am joyful, I am free, I awake in Thy light.

I Want Only Thee

I want only Thee, Lord, Thee, only Thee. *(repeat)*
I want only Thee, Lord, Thee, only Thee. *(repeat)*

Listen, Listen, Listen

Listen, listen, listen to my heart's song. *(repeat)*

I will never forget Thee,
I will never forsake Thee. *(repeat verse)*

Lord, I Am Thine

Lord, I am Thine, I am Thine, I am Thine.
Lord, I am Thine, I am Thine. *(repeat verse)*

Be Thou mine, oh, be Thou Mine.
Be Thou mine, oh, be Thou Mine.
I am Thine, I am Thine. *(repeat verse)*

Polestar of My Life

I have made Thee polestar of my life. *(repeat)*
Though my sea is dark
and my stars have gone, *(repeat)*
Still I see the path through Thy mercy. *(repeat)*

Rise in Freedom

Nothing on earth can hold me.
Rise, o my soul, in freedom. *(repeat verse)*

Rise, o my soul, in freedom:
Nothing to fear any more! *(repeat verse)*

Sri Yogananda

Sri Yogananda, guide to inner freedom,
Steal into my heart of hearts,
Banish my delusion.

You Fill My Heart with Music

You fill my heart with music,
I dance through life with Thee.
I sing Your song and sorrow's gone.
In joy I live ever free!

God's Power

Music by Angelika Schafer, words by Carol Padget, close friends of Ananda (www.angelikahealingmusic.com).

God's power, vitality,
Good health, and strength
Flow through me, flow through me,
low through me-e-e.

I and My Father Are One

Written by Michael Deranja (Nayaswami Nitai), co-founder of Education for Life with Swamiji.

I and my Father are One,
My Father and I are One. (*repeat verse*)

I and my Father are One,
My Father and I are One. (*repeat verse*)



Camper's Prayer

*For the comforting warmth
that my body embraces,
For the cool waters that run
through shadowy places ...*

*For the balm of the breeze
that brushes my face with its fingers,
For the vesper hymn of the thrush
when twilight lingers ...*

*For the long breath, the deep breath,
the breath of the heart without care,
I will give thanks and adore Thee,
God of the open air.*

Section 2

CAMP SONGS



In many countries, camping and camp songs have long been favorites of children and adults alike, especially singing out under the stars and around a camp fire on a cool night. Here are some of the most beloved — with uplifting energy — of these songs.

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The Happy Wanderer

1. I love to go a-wandering,
Along the mountain track,
And as I go, I love to sing,
My knapsack on my back.



Refrain

Val-der-ee, val-der-i, val-der-ee,
Val-der-ah, ha-ha-ha-ha-ha!
Val-der-ee, val-der-i,
My knapsack on my back.

2. I love to wander by the stream
That dances in the sun;
So joyously it calls to me,
“Come join my happy song!”

3. I wave my hat to all I meet,
And they wave back to me;
And blackbirds call so loud and sweet
From ev'ry greenwood tree.

4. High overhead, the skylarks wing,
They never rest at home.
But just like me, they love to sing,
As o'er the world we roam.

5. Oh, may I go a-wandering
Until the day I die!
Oh, may I always laugh and sing,
Beneath God's clear blue sky!

Upward Trail

We're on the upward trail!
We're on the upward trail!
Singing, singing, everybody singing,
As we go!

We're on the upward trail!
We're on the upward trail!
Singing, singing, everybody singing,
Homeward bound!

Row, Row, Row Your Boat (round)

Row, row, row, your boat
Gently down the stream;
Merrily, merrily, merrily, merrily,
Life is but a dream.

Swinging Along

The song can be ended after the first verse to keep it simple, as the second verse is just a musical variation on the first.

The song can also be sung in counterpoint, with the singers divided into 2 groups, with Group 1 singing only the first verse and Group 2 singing only the second verse, both at the same time.

1. Swinging along the open road,
Under sky that's clear;
Swinging along the open road,
In the fall of the year.

Swinging along, swinging along,
Swinging along the open road,
All in the fall of the year.

2. Swinging along the open road,
Swinging along under a sky that's clear
Swinging along the open road
All in the fall, in the fall of the year.

Swinging along, swinging along,
Swinging along the open road,
All in the fall of the year.

Sing Your Way Home

Sing your way home
At the close of the day.
Sing your way home,
Drive the shadows away.

Smile every mile,
For wherever you roam
It will brighten your road,
It will lighten your load,
If you sing your way home.

Kookaburra (round)

The kookaburra is a native Australian bird.



Kookaburra sits in the old gum tree.
Merry, merry king of the bush is he.
Laugh, kookaburra; laugh, kookaburra,
Gay your life must be.

Weggis Song

*A hiking and yodeling song from Switzerland.
Lucerne and Weggis are towns in the Alps.*

1. From Lucerne to Weggis on,
Hol-di-ri-di-a, hol-di-ri-a!
Care and labor now are gone.
Hol-di-ri-di-a, hol-di-ri-a!

Refrain

Hol-di-ri-di-a, hol-di-ri-di-a, hol-di-ri-a!
Hol-di-ri-di-a, hol-di-ri-di-a, hol-di-a!

2. O'er the mountain trail we'll go,
Hol-di-ri-di-a, hol-di-ri-a!
See the deep ravine below.
Hol-di-ri-di-a, hol-di-ri-a!
3. Weggis leads to the highest hill,
Hol-di-ri-di-a, hol-di-ri-a!
Give a cheer, boys, with a will.
Hol-di-ri-di-a, hol-di-ri-a!

Hey, Ho! Nobody Home (round)

Hey, ho! Nobody home.
Meat nor drink nor money have I none.
Still I will be me-e- e-e-e-e-erry!
Hey, ho, hum.

The More We Get Together

The more we get together, together, together,
The more we get together, the happier we'll be.

'Cause your friends are my friends
And my friends are your friends.
The more we get together,
The happier we'll be.

God Has Created a New Day

God has created a new day,
Silver and green and gold;
Live that the sunset may find us
Worthy His gift to hold.

Let Us Sing Together (round)

Let us sing together; let us sing together,
One and all a joyous refrain. (*repeat*)

Let us sing again and again;
Let us sing again and again;
Let us sing again and again,
One and all a joyous song.

Each Campfire Lights Anew

Each campfire lights anew
The flame of friendship true.
The joy we've had in knowing you
Will last our whole life through.

And as the embers die away,
We wish that we could ever stay.
But since we cannot have our way,
We'll come again some other day.

If You're Happy and You Know It

If you're happy and you know it,
clap your hands! (*clap*)
If you're happy and you know it,
clap your hands! (*clap*)
If you're happy and you know it
And you really want to show it,
If you're happy and you know it,
clap your hands! (*clap*)



2. ... stomp your feet! (*stomp*)
3. ... turn around! (*turn*)
4. ... wiggle your hips! (*wiggle*)
5. ... stretch your arms! (*stretch*)
6. ... shout hello! (*shout*)

Tell Me Why

Tell me why the ivy twines;
Tell me why the stars do shine;
Tell me why the sky's so blue —
And I will tell you just why I love you.

Because God made the ivy twine;
Because God made the stars to shine;
Because God made the sky so blue —
Because God made you, that's why I love you.

Sweetly the Swan Sings (round)

Sweetly the swan sings
Tu-ree-a-lu, tu-ree-a-lu, tu-ree-a-lu.

Lovely Evening (round)

Oh, how lovely is the evening,
is the evening,
When the bells are sweetly ringing,
sweetly ringing.
Ding, dong, ding, dong, dong!



Music Alone Shall Live (round)

All things shall perish from under the sky;
Music alone shall live, music alone shall live,
Music alone shall live, never to die.

Shalom, Chaverim (round)

An Israeli song wishing peace to friends.

Shalom, chaverim,
Shalom, chaverim,
Shalom, shalom.
L'hit-ra-ot, l'hit-ra-ot,
Shalom, shalom.

Shalom, chaverim,
Shalom, chaverim,
Shalom, shalom.
We'll see you again, we'll see you again,
Shalom, shalom.

White Coral Bells (round)



White coral bells
Upon a slender stalk;
Lilies of the valley deck my garden walk.

Oh, don't you wish
That you might hear them ring!
That will happen only when the fairies sing.

This Little Light of Mine

1. This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, all the time.

2. Hide it under a bushel, no! I'm gonna let it shine.
Hide it under a bushel, no! I'm gonna let it shine.
Hide it under a bushel, no! I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, all the time.

3. Don't let anyone blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine.
Don't let anyone blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine.
Don't let anyone blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, all the time.

4. Shine my light across the land, I'm gonna let it shine.
Shine my light across the land, I'm gonna let it shine.
Shine my light across the land, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, all the time.

Peace I Ask of Thee, O River

Peace I ask of thee, O River,
Peace, peace, peace.
When I learn to live serenely,
Cares will cease.

From the hills I gather courage,
Vision of the day to be.
Strength to lead and faith to follow,
All are given unto me.

Peace I ask of thee, O River,
Peace, peace, peace.

Teddy Bears' Picnic

1. If you go down in the woods today,
 You're sure of a big surprise.
 If you go down in the woods today,
 You'd better go in disguise!

For every bear that ever there was
 Will gather there for certain because
 Today's the day the teddy bears have
 Their picnic.



Refrain

Picnic time for teddy bears!
 The little teddy bears are having
 A lovely time today.
 Watch them, catch them unawares,
 And see them picnic on their holiday.

See them gaily gad about.
 They love to play and shout.
 They never have any cares.
 At six o'clock their mommies and daddies
 Will take them home to bed,
 Because they're tired little teddy bears.

2. Ev'ry teddy bear who's been good
 Is sure of a treat today.
 There's lots of marvelous things to eat
 And wonderful games to play.

Beneath the trees where nobody sees,
 They'll hide and seek as long as they please,
 'Cause that's the way the teddy bears have
 Their picnic.

This Is My Father's World

1. This is my Father's world,
 And to my list'ning ears
 All nature sings, and 'round me rings
 The music of the spheres.

This is my Father's world:
 I rest me in the thought
 Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas —
 His hand the wonders wrought.

2. This is my Father's world:
 The birds their carols raise,
 The morning light, the lily white,
 Declare their Maker's praise.

This is my Father's world:
 He shines in all that's fair;
 In the rustling grass I hear Him pass,
 He speaks to me everywhere.

3. This is my Father's world:
 Oh, let me ne'er forget
 That though the wrong seems oft so strong,
 God is the ruler yet.

This is my Father's world:
 Why should my heart be sad?
 The Lord is King; let the heavens ring!
 God reigns; let the earth be glad!

(Repeat the 2 last lines)



Canoe Song (round)

My paddle's keen and bright,
 Flashing with silver.
 Follow the wild goose flight,
 Dip, dip, and swing.

Dip, dip, and swing her back,
 Flashing with silver.
 Follow the wild goose track,
 Dip, dip, and swing.

Fly Like an Eagle

This Native American song is usually sung with a leader starting each line and everyone else repeating it, but it can also be sung by everyone together without a leader.

1. Fly like an eagle,
Flying so high,
Circling the universe
On wings of pure light.



Refrain

Hey, wichee tai tai, wichee tai o.
Hey, wichee tai tai, wichee tai o.

2. We all fly like eagles,
Flying so high,
Circling the universe
On wings of pure light.

The Silver Moon Is Shining

1. The silver moon is shining
Upon the silent meadow.
I walk a-down the meadow
With no one near me.

2. The nightingale is singing
Beyond the forest shadow.
I sigh within the shadow,
Where none can hear me.

3. How lovely is the moonlight,
Between the shadows breaking.
My heart would cease its aching
If thou wert near me.



Rise Up, O Flame (round)

Rise up, O flame, by thy light glowing,
Show to us beauty, vision, and joy.

For the Beauty of the Earth

1. For the beauty of the earth,
For the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies.

Refrain

Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.

2. For the wonder of each hour
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale and tree and flower,
Sun and moon and stars of light.

3. For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above,
For all gentle thoughts and mild.

Little Sir Echo

Some of the singers could sing the first part of each line and others respond with the echo.

1. Little Sir Echo, how do you do?
Hello (*hello*). Hello (*hello*).
Little Sir Echo will answer you:
Hello (*hello*). Hello (*hello*).
Hello (*hello*). Hello (*hello*).
Won't you come over and play? (*and play?*)

You're a nice little fellow,
I can tell by your voice.
But you're always so far away (*away*).

2. Little Sir Echo is very shy.
Hello (*hello*). Hello (*hello*).
Little Sir Echo will make reply:
Hello (*hello*). Hello (*hello*).
Hello (*hello*). Hello (*hello*).
Won't you come over and play? (*and play?*)

You're a nice little fellow,
I can tell by your voice.
But you're always so far away (*away*).

All Creatures of Our God and King

1. All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing.
Alleluia, alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise Him, O praise Him!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2. Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
Ye clouds that sail in heaven along,
O praise Him, alleluia!

Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening, find a voice.
O praise Him, O praise Him!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3. Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
Make music for thy Lord to hear.
Alleluia, alleluia!

Thou fire so masterful and bright
That giveth man both warmth and light,
O praise Him, O praise Him!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Home on the Range

1. Oh, give me a home
Where the buffalo roam
And the deer and the antelope play —
Where seldom is heard
A discouraging word,
And the skies are not cloudy all day.

Refrain

Home, home on the range
Where the deer and the antelope play,
Where seldom is heard
A discouraging word,
And the skies are not cloudy all day.

2. How often at night, when the heavens are bright
With the light from the glittering stars,
Have I stood there amazed and asked as I gazed
If their glory exceeds that of ours.

All Thru the Night

1. Sleep, my child, and peace attend thee
All thru the night.
Guardian angels God will send thee
All thru the night.

Soft the drowsy hours are creeping,
Hill and vale in slumber sleeping,
I my loving vigil keeping,
All thru the night.

2. While the moon her watch is keeping,
All thru the night;
While the weary world is sleeping,
All thru the night.

O'er thy spirit gently stealing,
Visions of delight revealing,
Breathes a pure and holy feeling
All thru the night.



He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

1. He's got the whole world in His hands.
He's got the whole wide world in His hands.
He's got the whole world in His hands.
He's got the whole world in His hands. (*repeat*)

2. He's got the little bitty baby in His hands.
He's got the little bitty baby in His hands.
He's got the little bitty baby in His hands.
He's got the whole world in His hands. (*repeat*)

3. He's got you and me, brother, in His hands.
He's got you and me, brother, in His hands.
He's got you and me, brother, in His hands.
He's got the whole world in His hands. (*repeat*)

4. He's got everybody here in His hands.
He's got everybody here in His hands.
He's got everybody here in His hands.
He's got the whole world in His hands. (*repeat*)

(Repeat verse 1 twice, then trail off by repeating the first line several more times)

One Finger, One Thumb, Keep Moving

One finger, one thumb, keep moving.
One finger, one thumb, keep moving.
One finger, one thumb, keep moving.
We'll all be merry and bright.

2. One finger, one thumb, one arm ...
3. One finger, one thumb, one arm, one leg ...
4. One finger, one thumb, one arm, one leg,
one nod of the head ...
5. One finger, one thumb, one arm, one leg,
one nod of the head, sit down, stand up ...



Johnny Appleseed

“Johnny Appleseed” was a man who walked around sowing apple seeds wherever he went.

1. The Lord is good to me,
And so I thank the Lord
For giving me the things I need
The sun, the rain, and an apple seed.
Yes, He's been good to me.

2. I owe the Lord so much
For everything I see,
I'm certain if it weren't for Him
There'd be no apples on this limb.
He's been good to me.

Oh, here am I 'neath the blue, blue sky
A-doing as I please,
Singing with my feathered friends,
Humming with the bees.

3. I wake up every day
As happy as can be,
Because I know that with His care
My apple trees, they will still be there.
Oh, the Lord is good to me.

4. Every seed I sow will grow into a tree,
And soon there will be apples there
For everyone in the world to share.
The Lord is good to me.

Make New Friends (round)

Make new friends but keep the old;
One is silver and the other gold.


The Green Grass Grew All Around

With each verse, a new line is added to the earlier refrain at its start, as in the refrain after verse 2.

1. There was a hole (*repeat*)
In the middle of the ground, (*repeat*)
The prettiest hole (*repeat*)
That you ever did see (*repeat*).

Refrain


The hole's in the ground.

And the green grass grew 
All around, all around.
And the green grass grew all around.

2. And in that hole (*repeat*)
There was some dirt (*repeat*)
The prettiest dirt (*repeat*)
That you ever did see (*repeat*).

Refrain (*with additional 1st line*)

The dirt's in the hole.
The hole's in the ground.

And the green grass grew 
All around, all around.
And the green grass grew all around.

(Add a new first line to each refrain.)

3. And in that dirt / There were some roots ...
4. And on those roots / There was a tree ...
5. And on that tree / There was a limb ...
6. And on that limb / There was a branch ...
7. And on that branch / There was a nest ...
8. And in that nest / There was an egg ...
9. And in that egg / There was a bird ...
10. And on that bird / There was a wing ...
11. And on that wing / There was a feather ...
12. And on that feather / There was a flea ...

