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Songs for Elementary choirs and classroom singers

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Dedicated, with love and thanks, to my three sons who continue to patiently endure life with a composer.

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Foreword

It is my pleasure to compose songs that are used and enjoyed by teachers and students alike. The Computer Cat is a collection of songs in a variety of styles and skill levels. Topics range from penguins, a hamster, a cat that eats the computer mouse, and birds that join choirs, to wishing on stars, and celebrating the joy of being children (yes, even grownups are “children of the world”).

These songs are to be sung, enjoyed and shared. I hope they may also spark some interesting conversations and ideas, or inspire you to write additional verses or completely original songs of your own.

My songs have come from my heart and my imagination to the printed page, and now they depend on you to breathe life into them. I entrust them to your care and keeping.

Have a great musical journey!

Donna

P.S. Computer Cat is one of five song collections. The other collections are Dinosaurs, Dragons and Me; Blue Skies and Pirates (co-written with Andy Duinker); It’s Christmas Time/C’est Noël, which includes lyrics in both English and French, scripts and staging suggestions for an all-school concert, and La vie pour moi, French adaptations (by Gisèle Caron) of twelve of our favourite songs from the English collections. My musical “family” continues to grow and flourish as you continue to promote the love of singing with children everywhere. Thanks for being part of my musical journey.
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Computer Cat

For Daniel, who asked the question

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1. I was using my computer the other day. I was using my computer in the usual way, with my hand on the mouse and the mouse on the pad; then something happened, something that was really bad. My cat ate the mouse, but it's more complicated than that. Now I can't use my mouse, unless I also use my cat.

2. I must call, "Kit-ty, Kit-ty" and

3. It is highly inconvenient for
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1. I was using my computer the other day. I was calling, "Kitty, Kitty" and hoping she will come, and it's highly inconvenient for us and for her, and it's

2. I was using my computer in the usual way, with my using my computer is no longer fun. It is difficult to point and click through all of that fur. All the

Swing the eighths
hand on the mouse and the mouse on the pad; then something
hard to get Kitty to lie down and rest and it is
same I must say how thankful I am that she

happened, something that was really bad.
harder still to push the cat around on the desk. My
didn't try for bigger prey and swallow the 'RAM'!

cat ate the mouse, but it's more complicated than that.
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Penguin Parade

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Penguins are paddling across the snow. Waddle, waddle, waddle,

where will they go? With a funny hop, the penguins

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The penguin is a funny bird who waddles to and fro. He wears a dinner jacket to play out in the snow. He cannot sing, he cannot fly, it's really quite absurd to think our friend the penguin is even called a bird. He loves the icy ocean, he loves to dive and swim. How can he stand the temp'ra-ture? His feathers keep warm in! He's very good at juggling an egg upon his feet. I think an expedi-tion would be great so we could meet!

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The penguin is a funny bird who waddles to and fro.

He wears a dinner jacket to play out in the snow.

He cannot sing, he cannot fly, it's really quite absurd to

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The Penguin Ball

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Optional Glockenspiel descant

See them waltz, see them dance, see the penguins all dressed in black and white. They are here once a year for the dancing, at the penguin ball tonight. Whirling and dipping, sliding and slipping, dancing together cheek to cheek.

Frozen Atlantic, it's so romantic, dancing by moonlight on the beach.
See them waltz, see them dance, see the penguins all
dressed in black and white. They are here once a year for the
Composer’s Anecdote - Penguin song writing

The Grade Two students in our school did a unit on penguins and asked me for some song suggestions. I didn’t know any penguin songs to recommend so I decided to write some. They started telling me everything they knew about penguins and I wrote them four songs! Here are some of the facts that the Grade Two students told me to help me write my songs:

There are 17 different kinds of penguins.
The Emperor penguin lives in the Antarctic/South Pole, but penguins also live in other countries.
Penguins love to swim. This is rather unusual for a bird.
Penguins cannot fly. They use their wings as flippers when they swim.
Penguins always look like they are dressed up in a black suit and a white shirt, but some penguins do have patches of colour.
When penguins decide to go for a swim, there are many creatures in the water that would love to have a penguin for a snack. The penguins test the waters by pushing one penguin in. They wait and watch and if he comes back up they know it is safe to venture into the water. If he doesn’t come back up, they waddle away and come back some other time!
After the mother penguin lays her egg, the father penguin holds that egg on his feet for two months while the mother goes and eats. That would be the same as saying goodbye to your mother on the first day of school and not seeing her again until Halloween!
The father penguin gets very good at juggling the egg on his feet. He even has special feathers on his feet to keep the egg warm.

I had fun writing about penguins for my students. I hope you enjoy singing and listening to my plethora of penguin songs.

By Matth Cupido
I Wonder

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1. I wonder if a penguin has

closets full of clothes, to be dressed up so finely
pen - guin friend must be, for spots
up - on his shirt - front

2. A ver - y ti - dy eater our
tired of black and white. I wonder if he ever says, "I'm

ever he may go. You never see him sloppy, in
some - thing you won't see. Perhaps he wears an apron or a

3. I wonder if a penguin gets

wearing red tonight!" But when he checks his closet the

sweat - shirts or blue jeans. He's always in a

bib up - on his chest. Im - mac - u - late per -

choice is very plain. His op - tions are: wear

suit coat, all pressed and washed and clean.

fec - tion, he al - ways looks his best.

white and black, or black and white again.
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My Hamster

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\[ \text{Melody} \]

\[ \text{(optional harmony line - verse 2)} \]

1. Once I had a hamster, ______
2. I will try my hardest ______

soft and small and grey. ______
not to squeeze him tight. ______

Then one day my hamster ______
I won't hog the blankets ______

not to squeeze him tight. ______
I won't hog the blankets ______

somehow ran away. ______
I wish that little hamster ______

would when we sleep at night. ______
I'll feed him premium pellets ______

when we sleep at night. ______
I'll feed him premium pellets ______

hurry and come home. ______
I am so very lonely. ______

I every single day, ______
if only my dear hamster ______

every single day, ______
if only my dear hamster ______
Composer's Anecdote - My Hamster

The grade five class at our school had a hamster. One day they arrived to find the hamster cage empty. The morning announcements featured the grade five request for anyone seeing their hamster to return him, or let the class know he was okay. I had to write them a song when I heard their beloved hamster was missing.

I am pleased to report that after three days, the hamster was indeed found alive and well. He was in a bin of balls in the gym, down two flights of stairs and at the opposite end of the school. No one knows how he got there, but we know he must have been in good shape after navigating all those stairs!

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Packing

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Coconuts, bananas, toothbrush and pajamas,
packing for vacation, it is driving me insane.

I can't find my teddy, I'm not nearly ready.
(last time) I have found my teddy, now I know I'm ready.

If I don't get going soon I'm sure to miss my plane.
Check my ticket, *"Oh no!" The plane left yesterday!

All the things I must bring, this is exponential. Check the list, have I missed

anything essential? Speak a list of items to "pack" Don't forget your underewear!
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C7 | \( \text{last time molto rit. to Fine} \) | F | A

If I don't get going soon I'm sure to miss my plane. All the things
Check my ticket, *"Oh *spoken no!"* The plane left yesterday!

A7 | Dm | G

I must bring, this is exponential. Check the list, have I missed

G7 | C | C | D\(^b\) | D | E\(^b\) | C \(\text{2nd time D.S. al Fine}\)

anything essential? *1. beach towel, flip flops, umbrella, money, 2. camera, tanning oil, goggles, soap, shoes, more shoes, passport.} Don't forget your underwear!

* speak a list of items to "pack" (choose your own items and add them to the vocal score)

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vacation song

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1. My mother went on vacation to a
2. My father went on vacation to a
3. My brother went on vacation to see the
4. My sister went on vacation to an
5. I did not have a vacation, they
6. I wrote to all my relations who

warm and sunny land.
cold and windy place.
African gazelles.
is land in the sun.
would not let me go.
were so far away.

action and ended up in a Marimba band.
circles all hanging down from off his face.
pation to devote himself to playing bells.
ever because she's having so much fun!
bussy I learned to play the bongos.
see me, we'll get together and play."

* instrumental improvisation

she plays like this.* she plays like that.* she plays like

2. He... 3. He... 4. She... 5. I... 6. We...
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Vacation Song

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1. My mother went on vacation to a warm and sunny land. She
got for some relaxation and ended up in a Marimba band.

2. father... 3. brother... 4. sister... 5. (I) did not have a vacation... 6. (I) wrote to all my relations...

She plays like this. * She plays like that. * She plays like

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Swing the eighths

1. Forty little birdies sitting on the wire.

For ty lit tle bird ies a prac tic in’ for cho ir. Some sing low.

Peep, peep, peep. Some sing higher. Peep, peep, peep, peep, peep, peep.

All of them together sounding mighty pretty, singing in the choir on the telephone wire. Peep, peep. Peep, peep, peep, peep, peep, peep, peep. Peep, peep.

(Peeps...)

(Peeps...)

2. Forty little birdies sitting on the wire. For ty lit tle bird ies, all of them retired.

3. Forty little birdies sitting on the wire. Do in’ just what ever their little hearts desire.
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Duration: approx. 2:14

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15 C
C7
C


18 C7
C
C7
F

Peep, peep, peep, peep, peep. Peep, peep. etc....

22 F7
C
C7
G

(Peeps...)

26 F
C
C

peep, peep. peep, peep. peep, peep. peep, peep.

2. Forty little bird - ies
3. Forty little bird - ies
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Voice

Swing the eighths

1. Splashing in the puddles,
2. When we're going swimming
3. You can't stop the raindrops

running through the raindrops,
in the days of summer
or control the weather.

doesn't really matter
and a shower comes along,
Don't let rainy weather

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Some folks pout when rainy weather comes their way and some folks sing,

"Rain come back some other day." Some folks think their plans are ruined by the rain but

Is it pays not to forget; make you grumpy, sad, or blue.

I put on my raincoat, from the sky above or

If it sprinkles or it pours.

I put on my raincoat, from the sky above or

Get out your umbrella,

Go and find some puddles,
in a lake of water,

Put on your galoshes.

Go and find some puddles,
in a lake of water,

Put on your galoshes.

Isn't that what rubber boots are for, I ask you?

Isn't the idea to get wet, I ask you?

There is always something you can do, I tell you.

Isn't that what rubber boots are for?

Isn't the idea to get wet?

There is always something you can do.
Splashing in the Puddles

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Gm7    C    Gm7    C    F
sprinkles or it pours.
I put on my raincoat,

Gm7    C    Gm7    C
pays not to forget;
from the sky above or

Gm7    C    Gm7    C
grumpy, sad, or blue.
Get out your umbrella,

Gm7    C    Gm7    C
if it sprinkles or it pours.

Gm7    C    Gm7    C
? it pays not to forget;
make you grumpy, sad, or blue.

Gm7    C    Gm7    C
go and find some puddles.
going and find some puddles.

Gm7    C    Gm7    C
in a lake of water,
in a lake of water,

Gm7    C    Gm7    C
put on your galoshes.

Gm7    C    Gm7    C
I put on my raincoat,
go and find some puddles.

Gm7    C    Gm7    C
from the sky above or
in a lake of water,

Gm7    C    Gm7    C
Get out your umbrella,
put on your galoshes.
I'm wish in', oh, I'm wish in', I am wish ing ver y hard.

I'm wish in', oh, I'm wish in' on that dis tant star.

Know what I would wish for, if you're Don't you think we ought to have more

I'd just wish a few, perhaps just one or two, I would n't Peace in - stead of war, I love each oth er more, and then we'd

waste your time, I'd make them good. I'm wish in', have the world I'm wish ing for.
I'm Wishing

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We are the Children of the World

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We are the children of the world. Every face is different, yet we are all the same, we have the same hopes and fears, and dreams for the future, yes, we are the children, we are the children of the world.

Yes - ter - day was yours, we have to mor - row, but in be - tween we all must share to - day. Be care - ful what you're tell - ing us, we're learn - ing what you're show - ing us, de - pending on your guid - ance to help us on our way, on our way.

We are the child - ren of the world, We are the child - ren of the world. Every face is diff - 'rent, _ yet
We are the Children of the World

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French adaptation (chorus) by Gisèle Caron

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Duration: approx. 2:58

We are the children of the world.
Every face is different, yet we are all the same,
we have the same hopes and fears, and dreams for the future,
yes, we are the children,

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we are the children of the world.

Yes-ter-day—was yours,

we have to-mor-row, but in be-tween—we all must share to-day.

Be
care-ful what you’re tell-ing us, we’re learn-ing what you’re show-ing us,

care-ful what you’re tell-ing us, we’re learn-ing what you’re show-ing us,
we are the children of the world.

nous sommes les enfants du monde.

We are the children, we are the children of the world.

Nous sommes les enfants, nous sommes les enfants du monde.

we are the children of the world.

nous sommes les enfants du monde.
Computer Cat

I was using my computer the other day.
I was using my computer in the usual way,
With my hand on the mouse and the mouse on the pad;
Then something happened, something that was really bad.

Chorus:
My cat ate the mouse,
but it’s more complicated than that.
Now I can’t use my mouse, unless I also use my cat.
Now when we want to play computer games
it’s different at our house.
We all use a cat, where ordinary people use a mouse.

I must call, “Kitty, Kitty” and hope she will come,
And using my computer is no longer fun.
It is hard to get Kitty to lie down and rest
And it is harder still to push the cat around on the desk.

Chorus
It is highly inconvenient for us and for her,
And it’s difficult to point and click through all of that fur.
All the same I must say how thankful I am
That she didn’t try for bigger prey and swallow the ‘RAM’!

My cat ate the mouse,
but it’s more complicated than that.
Now I can’t use my mouse, unless I also use my cat.
Now when we want to play computer games
it’s different at our house.
We all use a cat, we all use a cat, we all use a cat,
Where ordinary people use a mouse.

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Penguin Parade

Penguins are parading across the snow.
Waddle, waddle, waddle, where will they go?
With a funny hop, the penguins stop.
Jump into the water with a belly flop!
After swimming is over everybody goes home.
Side to side they waddle, penguin metronomes.
Ork!

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Pondering Penguins

The penguin is a funny bird who waddles to and fro.
He wears a dinner jacket to play out in the snow.
He cannot sing, he cannot fly, it’s really quite absurd
To think our friend the penguin is even called a bird.
He loves the icy ocean, he loves to dive and swim.
How can he stand the temperature?
His feathers keep warm in!
He’s very good at juggling an egg upon his feet.
I think an expedition would be great so we could meet!

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The Penguin Ball

See them waltz, see them dance, see the penguins all dressed in black and white. They are here once a year for the dancing, at the penguin ball tonight.

Whirling and dipping, sliding and slipping, Dancing together cheek to cheek. Frozen Atlantic, it’s so romantic, Dancing by moonlight on the beach.

See them waltz, see them dance, see the penguins all dressed in black and white. They are here once a year for the dancing, at the penguin ball tonight.

Hear them sigh, see them stop, see the penguins so sadly say goodnight. Waltzing done, hear them hum bits of music as they waddle out of sight.

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I Wonder

I wonder if a penguin has closets full of clothes,
To be dressed up so finely wherever he may go.
You never see him sloppy, in sweatshirts or blue jeans.
He’s always in a suit coat, all pressed and washed and clean.

A very tidy eater our penguin friend must be,
For spots upon his shirt-front is something you won’t see.
Perhaps he wears an apron or a bib upon his chest.
Immaculate perfection, he always looks his best.

I wonder if a penguin gets tired of black and white.
I wonder if he ever says, “I’m wearing red tonight!”
But when he checks his closet the choice is very plain.
His options are: wear white and black, or black and white again.

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My Hamster

Once I had a hamster, soft and small and grey.
Then one day my hamster somehow ran away.
I wish that little hamster would hurry and come home.
I am so very lonely. I feel so all alone.

Chorus:

Doesn’t he know that I love him?
Doesn’t he know that I care?
Please won’t you tell my dear hamster
to come back home,
If you see him anywhere.

I will try my hardest not to squeeze him tight.
I won’t hog the blankets when we sleep at night.
I’ll feed him premium pellets every single day,
If only my dear hamster will come back from away.

Chorus

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Packing

Coconuts, bananas, toothbrush and pajamas,
Packing for vacation, it is driving me insane.
I can’t find my teddy, I’m not nearly ready.
If I don’t get going soon I’m sure to miss my plane.

All the things I must bring, this is exponential.
Check the list, have I missed anything essential?

(Spoken)
* Beach towel, flip flops, umbrella, money, shoes, sun
* Don’t forget your underwear!

Coconuts, bananas, toothbrush and pajamas,
Packing for vacation, it is driving me insane.
I can’t find my teddy, I’m not nearly ready.
If I don’t get going soon I’m sure to miss my plane.

All the things I must bring, this is exponential.
Check the list, have I missed anything essential?

(Spoken)
* Camera, tanning oil, goggles, soap, more shoes, passport.
* Don’t forget your underwear!

Coconuts, bananas, toothbrush and pajamas,
Packing for vacation, it is driving me insane.
I have found my teddy, now I know I’m ready.
Check my ticket, “Oh no!” The plane left yesterday!

* Make up your own list of items to pack.

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Vacation Song

My mother went on vacation to a warm and sunny land. 
She went for some relaxation and ended up in a marimba band. 
  She plays like this. * She plays like that. * 
  She plays like this. * I wonder when she’s coming back!

My father went on vacation to a cold and windy place. 
His beard froze into icicles all hanging down from off his face. 
  He plays like this. * He plays like that. * 
  He plays like this. * I wonder when he’s coming back!

My brother went on vacation to see the African gazelles. 
He gave up his occupation to devote himself to playing bells. 
  He plays like this. * He plays like that. * 
  He plays like this. * I wonder when he’s coming back!

My sister went on vacation to an island in the sun. 
She says she’ll stay there forever because she’s having so much fun! 
  She plays like this. * She plays like that. * 
  She plays like this. * I wonder when she’s coming back!

I did not have a vacation, they would not let me go. 
To fill my time and keep busy, I learned to play the bongos. 
  I play like this. * I play like that. * 
  I play like this. * I wish they’d all come back!

I wrote to all my relations who were so far away. 
I said, “Please come back and see me, we’ll get together and play.” 
  We play like this. * We play like that. * 
  We play like this. * I’m glad they all came back!

* Instrumental improvisation

Day-o! Day-o! Day-o! I’M GLAD THEY ALL CAME BACK!
Day-o! Day-o! Day-o! I’M GLAD THEY ALL CAME BACK!

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Forty Little Birdies

Forty little birdies sittin’ on the wire.
Forty little birdies a-practizin’ for choir.
Some sing low. Peep, peep, peep.
Some sing higher. Peep, peep, peep, peep, peep, peep.
All of them together sounding mighty pretty,
Singin’ in the choir on the telephone wire.

(Call and response section)
Peep, peep. Peep, peep, peep, peep, peep, peep. (etc.)

Forty little birdies sittin’ on the wire.
Forty little birdies, all of them retired.
They don’t work. Peep, peep, peep.
They cannot be fired. Peep, peep, peep, peep, peep, peep.
If work is for the birds, oh, what an occupation;
Restin’ and retirin’ on the telephone wire.

(Call and response section)
Peep, peep. Peep, peep, peep, peep, peep, peep. (etc.)

Forty little birdies sittin’ on the wire.
Doin’ just whatever their little hearts desire.
Chat all day. Peep, peep, peep.
Read circulars and flyers. Peep, peep, peep, peep, peep, peep.
Doin’ mainly nothin’ ‘cause nothin’ is required;
Visitin’ with neighbours on the telephone wire.

(Call and response section)
Peep, peep. Peep, peep, peep, peep, peep, peep. (etc.)

Improvisation section (Peep, peep, peep, etc.)

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Splashing in the Puddles

Splashing in the puddles, running through the raindrops,
doesn’t really matter if it sprinkles or it pours.
I put on my raincoat, go and find some puddles.
Isn’t that what rubber boots are for, I ask you?
(Isn’t that what rubber boots are for?)

Chorus:
Some folks pout when rainy weather comes their way
And some folks sing, “Rain come back some other day.”
Some folks think their plans are ruined by the rain
But I just say, “I think I’ll get my boots,”
And I go out to play.
(doot doot doot doot doo doo doot doo)

When we’re going swimming in the days of summer
and a shower comes along, it pays not to forget;
From the sky above or in a lake of water,
Isn’t the idea to get wet, I ask you?
(Isn’t the idea to get wet?)

Chorus
You can’t stop the raindrops or control the weather.
Don’t let rainy weather make you grumpy, sad, or blue.
Get out your umbrella, put on your galoshes.
There is always something you can do, I tell you.
(There is always something you can do.)

Chorus
Instrumental / optional whistling section

You can’t stop the raindrops or control the weather.
Don’t let rainy weather make you grumpy, sad, or blue.
Get out your umbrella, put on your galoshes.
There is always something you can do.

Rainy days, rainy days, rainy days
don’t make me blue. Doot doo doot doo doot doo doot!

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I’m Wishing

Chorus:
I’m wishin’, oh, I’m wishin’,
I am wishing very hard.
I’m wishin’, oh, I’m wishin’
On that distant star.

Know what I would wish for, if you’re listening?
Know what I would wish for if I could?
I’d just wish a few, perhaps just one or two,
I wouldn’t waste your time, I’d make them good.

Don’t you think we ought to have more laughter?
Children playing safely everywhere.
Peace instead of war, love each other more,
And then we’d have the world I’m wishing for.

Chorus

I know I am not a famous person;
But still, I am someone who can dream
That wishes might come true, so I’m asking you,
Please won’t you try to see what you can do?

I know I have used up all my wishes,
But I do have one last small request.
Let me do my part, and promise, cross my heart,
To make my world a place worth wishing for.

Chorus

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We are the Children of the World

Chorus:
We are the children of the world.
Every face is different, yet we are all the same,
We have the same hopes and fears,
and dreams for the future,
Yes, we are the children,
we are the children of the world.

Yesterday was yours, we have tomorrow,
But in between we all must share today.
Be careful what you’re telling us,
We’re learning what you’re showing us,
Depending on your guidance to help us on our way, on our way.

Chorus

Look in our eyes, see all the promise;
We know the future’s in our hands.
Give us the courage to face every challenge,
Prepare us to risk, so we learn how to fly. Watch us fly!

Chorus

We are the children of the world.
Every face is different, yet we are all the same,
We have the same hopes and fears,
and dreams for the future,
Yes, we are the children,
we are the children of the –
We are the children, we are the children of the world.
We are the children, we are the children of the world.

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French lyrics for chorus (translation by Gisèle Caron):
Nous sommes les enfants du monde.
Chacun est unique, tout en étant pareil;
Nous avons les mêmes craintes, espoirs,
et rêves pour l’avenir,
Oui, nous sommes les enfants,
nous sommes les enfants du monde.
Donna Rhodenizer is a respected music educator, composer and performer. Her passion for music is reflected in her active involvement with many facets of music making. Donna directs children’s choirs and handbell choirs. She is an accomplished accompanist, a classically trained violinist and pianist and also plays accordion, pipe organ, recorder and ukulele. She also is a performer and recording artist as part of the vocal duo, Donna & Andy.

Donna has established a reputation for fine choral writing. The songs from Donna’s books are popular with elementary school children and their teachers. Her songs are sung by choirs and in music programs around the world. Donna’s musical compositions are all “child tested and approved” by the students with whom she shares her music in her elementary school classroom.

Donna’s original songs are published in five song collections for children including: Dinosaurs, Dragons and Me, Computer Cat, It’s Christmas Time/C’est Noël, the French collection, La vie pour moi; and Blue Skies and Pirates co-written with fellow performer and composer, Andy Duinker. Each collection is supported by a CD or downloadable tracks, with performance tracks by JUNO nominees, Donna & Andy, plus accompaniment tracks for all the songs. Two song collections also have been expanded to create Teacher’s Resources (Computer Cat and Dinosaurs, Dragons and Me) adding cross-curricular activities for each song.

Donna Rhodenizer and Andy Duinker co-founded Red Castle Publishing, which publishes and distributes their original songs and recordings. In addition to publishing, Andy is a composer, performer and recording artist. He performs children’s music with “Donna & Andy” as well as maintaining a solo career as the front man for a 17-piece big band or singing easy-listening, contemporary folk music in adult venues.

Donna Rhodenizer and Andy Duinker demonstrate their musical versatility as they write, publish and perform. These two composers use a variety of musical styles and topics to reach into the hearts and imaginations of children and adults alike. In addition to their song collections, many of their songs are available in digital format for use by high school, university, community and church choirs.

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