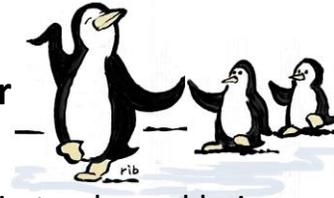


Penguin Parade

by Donna Rhodenizer



- Watch the videos
- Enjoy Penguin Parade using the printed music, audio tracks and lyrics
- Use the activities to extend the music into other subject areas
- Use suggestions provided for movement and singing restricted classes

- Use this PDF download of the webpage as a handy reference document



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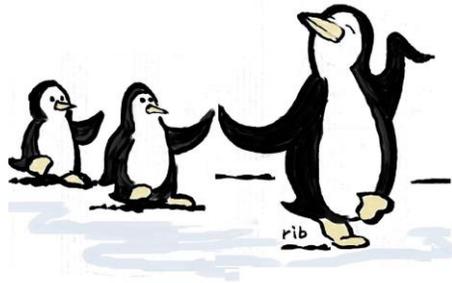
Donna has been writing songs for young elementary-aged singers since the 1980s, with over 400 songs in her catalogue! She is intrigued by the world around her and delights in sharing her unique perspective writing songs that are catchy and capture the imagination of young singers. The playfulness of her lyrics and musical style choices make her songs favourites with elementary students and the solid musical value of her writing makes her songs popular with music educators in elementary classrooms and private vocal studios.

Visit Donna's Facebook page: [Elementary Music with Donna](#) to view over 400 videos on teaching strategies, repertoire suggestions, concert planning and more.

For Donna's original songs and classroom activities, go to:
www.donnaandandy.com

The PDF for Penguin Parade is located at the following link:
<https://donnaandandy.com/penguin-parade/>

Teachers, parents, children (and marching penguins) love this song!



The Penguin Parade is a delightful march as the penguins waddle to the ocean to have a swim. The descriptive words provide an excellent opportunity to add actions that support the lyrics and also create a visually pleasing performance.

Create a simple costume by wearing black top and bottom and using a legal sized sheet of white paper, cut to create an oval penguin's "white shirtfront" which is pinned to each penguin performer.

Music performances by Students

The audio tracks included in the Penguin Parade - Super Pack can be used for concert and studio recitals. No additional licensing fee is required to add these tracks to online classes or performances.

Studio tracks

Introduce Penguin Parade using the studio performance track. Very young music enthusiasts will have fun marching as they listen. Young singers with a bit more experience will enjoy singing along with vocal modeling and support from Donna & Andy.

Students sound great singing with the instrumental studio track for performances and presentations. The studio accompaniment begins with a 4-bar snare drum solo to set the mood. The piano accompaniment is enhanced with two bassoon lines. The bassoon line doubles some of the bass notes and also adds a counter melody at certain points. The instrumental verse (the "B" section) is a lovely interplay between a harmony part played in the lower bassoon register and the melody, played in the higher register. This is a wonderful listening activity to identify the sound of the bassoon and to explore the structure of the piece.

Rehearsal tracks

The piano rehearsal track begins at bar 5 (without the snare drum solo) and has two options: piano accompaniment with melody guide or piano accompaniment only. The final bars (“outro”) include some synthesized trumpet, but otherwise the accompaniment is piano only.

Teaching Music to Young Students Ways to Use the Song

Vocal studio teachers and classroom teachers can use Penguin Parade for a variety of purposes including performance repertoire/concerts/recitals, expressive singing, musical theatre/dramatizing the text, marching, actions, instrument identification, form and MORE!

ABA FORM

Penguin Parade is a single verse, but it is presented in ABA form with singing at the beginning and the end and the verse played as an instrumental interlude in the middle. Students may do the actions while inner hearing (a great way to practice this skill) or create a unique penguin dance routine for the B section.

ART

Have the students create “ABA penguin art” by drawing three penguins with the middle penguin looking different than the other two. Find other visual examples of ABA form.

CROSS-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Cross curricular activities are provided in the Activity Pack for extending and connecting the musical experience to other subject areas. These activities are wonderful enrichment opportunities for classroom teachers and a great vehicle for home-schooling families to engage the whole family.

There are 14 activities included in the Penguin Parade Activity pack: two activities to introduce the song and explore the lyrics, plus an additional 12 activities across a variety of subject areas (music, visual art, drama, dance, language arts, science, and technology). This is an excellent opportunity to listen to the music and make connections to related activities that arise from the lyrics.

Teachers - Is Singing Restricted in Your Area (schools)?

There are still many ways to engage with this piece of music in meaningful musical ways.

- ♪ Provide the lyrics and read through the lyrics together.
 - Discuss what a descriptive/action words are in the song.
 - Follow the printed lyrics sheet and circle all the descriptive action words in the song.
 - Have the children suggest their own words that might work in the song to create a unique version of the song.

- ♪ Listen to Penguin Parade. Use the audio tracks from your download, or use the video link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hq3S_iph5gc
 - Have the students create penguin art as you listen to Penguin Parade
 - Add the children's art to the performance track of "Penguin Parade" to create a video.
 - Play the video as part of a school presentation.

- ♪ Show the students a metronome (the old-fashioned pendulum kind).
 - A metronome pendulum swings side to side like a waddling penguin.
 - Choose simple chants/songs and use the metronome to set the speed you will use to chant or sing them.

Composer's Notes:



I wrote this penguin song at the request of a teacher at my school who was doing a penguin unit with her students. She asked me for a penguin song and I didn't know any, so I wrote my own! Her students came to my music class and told me lots of penguin facts that I used for composing ideas.

With all the facts I found out, I wrote four penguin songs! "Penguin Parade" is a fun song that imagines the penguins waddling off for a swim. What a great parade that would be!

LINKS

Another Donna Rhodenizer Penguin song: [Penguin Ball](#)

Other marching/movement songs – [Marching Music & Activities for Kids](#)

[Penguin Parade – Super Pack](#) audio and printables:



Print music - Vocal Score

Print music - Full Score (vocal and piano with guitar chords)

Lyrics (two formats: with and without colored graphics)

Audio Track (studio recording – full performance –
Donna & Andy)

Audio Track (studio recording – instrumental)

Audio Track (piano accompaniment + melody guide)

Audio Track (piano accompaniment)

Activity Pack (14 cross-curricular activities)

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Send us YOUR Penguin Song Video

We would love to see your performance of Penguin Parade. There is no licensing fee required when you post your video. In your video post title, please include Donna Rhodenizer's name as the composer as well as the title - Penguin Parade. It helps people to find your video and will generate more video views. Then, send us your YouTube Video link so we can promote it and maybe post it on one of our webpages.

Donna Rhodenizer and Andy Duinker perform together as the duo [Donna & Andy](#). They are the award-winning recording artists who created the studio recording for Penguin Parade and all the songs in the Computer Cat song collection.

