

# Sing to Read and Read to Sing!

Every time you sing with your kids:

- You're helping your child get ready to read!
- You're building relationships, and creating memories to last a lifetime
- You're showing your child singing is fun!
- You're giving your child the best gift of all, *you!*

## Did You Know?

- Singing slows down words so children can hear the smaller parts, or syllables
- Singing shows children sentence structure
- Songs are filled with words we don't use everyday, building vocabulary
- Singing together builds empathy, as it makes us feel part of something bigger than ourselves.
- Singing is portable literacy!

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Promoting Early Learning Through Community Singing

## SING WITH OUR KIDS

Campfire Sing-along Book  
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to print out the words  
or read along on your tablet or smart phone!  
Just go to the song library and click on campfire songs

# Home on the Range

Until very recently, every child knew this song that embodies a sweet, hard-working, important part of our culture. I find fewer and fewer parents and children know it, so don't be afraid to read and sing along!

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

## CHORUS

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

Where the air is so pure, the zephyrs so free  
The breezes so balmy and light  
That I would not exchange my home on the range  
For all of the cities so bright (CHORUS)

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 beauty exceeds that of ours (CHORUS)

# Cockles and Mussels

This old Irish folk song is a part of so many families' history. Don't be afraid of the old songs that deal with death. They allow children a safe place in a beautiful melody, to dip their toes into this part of life. And most often, they are simply drawn to the sound of the language, and the comfort of the tune.

In Dublin's fair city  
where the girls are so pretty  
'Twas there that I first met sweet Molly Malone  
She wheeled her wheelbarrow  
thru the streets broad and narrow  
Crying "Cockles and mussels alive alive-o"

## CHORUS:

Alive alive-o, alive alive-o  
Crying "cockles and mussels alive alive-o"

She was a fishmonger  
but sure 'twas no wonder  
For so were her father and mother before  
And they each wheeled their barrow  
through the streets broad and narrow  
Crying "Cockles and mussels alive alive-o"  
(CHORUS)

She died of a fever and no one could save her  
And that was the end of sweet Molly Malone  
Her ghost wheels her barrow  
through the streets broad and narrow  
Crying "Cockles and mussels alive alive-o"  
(CHORUS)

## Yankee Doodle

Yankee Doodle went to town  
A riding on a pony  
Stuck a feather in his hat and called it macaroni

Yankee Doodle keep it up  
Yankee Doodle Dandy  
Mind the music and the step  
And with the girls be handy

Father and I went down to camp  
Along with Captain Goodin  
There we saw the men and boys  
As thick as hasty pudding  
(chorus)

There was Captain Washington  
Upon a slapping stallion  
And all the men and boys around  
I guess there was a million  
(chorus)

## Rounds!

### I Love the Flowers

I love the flowers, I love the daffodils  
I love the mountain, I love the rolling hills  
I love the firelight when the lights are low  
Boom-ti-ada (4 times)

### Oh How Lovely

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

### Hey, Ho, Nobody Home

Hey, ho, nobody home  
Meat nor drink nor money have I none  
Still I will be happy,  
Hey, ho, nobody home

## Buffalo Gals

Chorus:

Buffalo gals won't you come out tonight,  
Come out tonight, come out tonight  
Buffalo gals won't you come out tonight  
And dance by the light of the moon

As I was walking down the street  
Down the street, down the street  
A pretty little girl I chanced to meet  
And we danced by the light of the moon  
(chorus)

Oh I danced with a dolly  
with a hole in her stocking  
And her knees kept a knockin'  
and her toes kept a rockin'  
I danced with a dolly  
with a hole in her stocking  
And we danced by the light of the moon  
(chorus)

## Clementine

In a cavern in a canyon excavating for a mine  
Dwelt a miner forty-niner  
And his daughter Clementine

CHORUS:

Oh my darling, oh my darling  
Oh my darling Clementine  
You are lost and gone forever  
Dreadful sorry Clementine

Light she was and like a fairy  
And her shoes were number nine  
Herring boxes without topses  
Sandals were for Clementine (chorus)

Drove she ducklings to the water  
Every morning just at nine  
Hit her foot upon a splinter  
Fell into the foaming brine (chorus)

Ruby lips above the water  
Blowing bubbles soft and fine  
But alas, he was no swimmer  
So he lost his Clementine (chorus)

Then the miner, forty-niner  
Soon began to pike and pine  
Thought he oughter join his daughter  
Now he's with his Clementine (chorus)