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Sing Through The Day : Eighty Songs For Children - With CD



Synopsis

The songs in this collection are melodic but simple enough for any child to pick up. Themes range from outdoor play, to dreaming of magic ponies, to celebrating birthdays. The lyrics draw on the work of such classic poets as Christina Rossetti and Hans Christian Andersen, as well as on folk traditions from around the globe. Each song is presented with piano accompaniment and guitar chords. A sing-along CD is included.

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Customer Reviews

I love the international flavor, the sharing of culture in Sing Through The Day. This songbook helps fill the void of child-friendly musical resources. -- Ella Jenkins, President of Adventures in Rhythm
Marlys is a good songwriter and Nancy and Brenna are great illustrators. I have one suggestion: subtitle the book "Eighty new and old songs for small children." Those who have not had the chance to sing through this songbook yet are in for a treat. -- Pete Seeger, songwriter
Music is a language that all children can understand, and "Sing Through the Day" offers a repertoire that will appeal to little souls everywhere. -- Teaching Tolerance, Spring 2000
These songs and singing games provide children with opportunities to do what children do best: play, sing, imagine, and enjoy life. This cross-cultural, international collection of songs emphasizes the universal nature of childhood. What a terrific antidote to TV, videos, computer games, and growing up too fast! -- Francis Wardle, Ph.D. Early childhood consultant

I can only think of music as something in every human being - a birthright. Music coordinates mind, body, and spirit. That doesn't mean each person must have a violin or piano: the greatest service to society would be if every school day began with singing. If people sing or play together, they have a feeling of individual coordination as well as coordination within the body of the group. Yehudi Menuhin

great music, great for kids - just really a lovely item. nice hardback cover also. Very good addition to a library and very good for musical enrichment and fun!

I bought this book so that I could learn the songs and sing them at various moments in the day. Upon hearing it, I thought it was nice, and I liked most of the tunes, and I began to learn the songs. At some point I began to play the songs in the car as a way to learn them, and the kids listened along of course. They began singing the songs even when we were in the house, and I was impressed that they learned them so easily, and also that they loved them so much. These days when I ask which album they would rather listen to, most of the time they choose this one. I find that, when they are listening to this album, they are more calm and centered and happier in general. What surprised me the most was my husband's reaction to this album. There was a day when he accidentally fell upon one of the songs in my iTunes album, and he fell in LOVE. He raved to me about it later, and was obsessing about it such that I had to play the other songs for him as well--He loved so many of them! He has a background in classical piano playing, but he mostly likes dance music these days. I was totally surprised that he liked them so much, and it is a very happy album for my family to hear when we are in the mood for music.

This is a treasure chest of children's songs that relate to the beauty of everyday life. This book takes you from waking in the rosy morning, exploring the wonders of nature, playing and working with friends, to drifting into dreamland. I appreciate the quality of the selections in this album. You'll find poetry by recognized poets, folk songs with interesting melodies, and songs filled with gratitude. I will be using some of the simple songs with our preschool class. The songs are not overly cutesy or silly like many songs out there for children. They have a simple sophistication to them without being too hard to sing. The lullaby section of this book is outstanding, in my opinion. I would buy this book for the song called "Daisies" alone! "Stefan was a Stable Lad," "Alpine Song," "I Held a Lamb," "Firefly," and "Japanese Rain Song" are a few more of my favorites. The songbook includes piano accompaniment and guitar chords. The accompaniment printed in the book is much more simple

than the arrangements recorded on the CD. I think you could easily add recorder, flute or violin accompaniment to most songs though. I've really enjoyed learning the songs with the CD. The children's voices make me think of the Von Trapp children. Yes, the "r's" are strong, and the balance between the accompaniment and the vocals could have used a bit of remastering. (Like the companion songbook CD, *Sing Through the Seasons*, the flute is overpowering sometimes.) Overall I'm very impressed with their tight harmony and the sweet tone of their voices. Good work Bruderhof children's choir! These songs seem perfect for classrooms as well as daily singing at home. I love this book!

Sing Through the Day is a family favorite. When I was a parent toddler leader, these songs were the basis of our group. A wonderful collection of truly Waldorf-Inspired songs, this is a great way to learn the melodies to these lovely tunes. In this newly revised edition, eighty songs from around the world are brought together in a stunning musical celebration of childhood. It's all here, from waking up in the morning, playing with puppies or on the swing, watching clouds and picking flowers, to celebrating birthdays, hearing fairytales at bedtime and dreaming of magic ponies. Excellent for Homeschooling families looking for songs! As for the lyrics, this is a veritable gold mine, with classic poems from Christina, Rossetti, Robert Louis Stevenson, Hans Christian Anderson, Rose Fyleman, Margaret Wise Brown, William Blake and many others... I highly recommend this lovely book and compact disc. ...

The book is lovely, the words are turn-of-the-century homey feeling, and the songs are all new to me (and I have been singing for years and years). However, the children singing the songs *are* just children, and this sounds like just a very good school recital, with the choir teacher playing a simple piano background for most songs. Don't get me wrong -- they are a very good school choir, but I hoped for a more professional, warmer and richer sound. If you get it, enjoy the words, but don't try too hard to copy the singers. If you are a professional musician, the CD may drive you crazy -- especially the emphasis on the Rs at the end of *MothERR*, *singERR*, *wintERR*, etc.

This is an excellent book for someone looking for unique children's songs from a variety of ethnic origins. I did not know any song in this collection, although I am familiar with several of the poems from which some of them originate. The CD is very helpful to hear the songs played and sung, although the style of the choir is not my favorite and I find the recordings a bit monotonous as a whole. The songs themselves are very different in style and origin, and I wish the recordings were

equally varied. For someone looking for a collection of more popular children's songs that your kids might already be singing I would recommend Singing Bee, but if you want variety and uniqueness, this is the book for you. The illustrations are beautiful, and my daughter loves to flip through the book and make up her own songs based on the images!

I find this a good songbook for quality family time! You can sing lullabies to your baby, enjoy the multicultural illustrations with your preschooler, learn new songs with your second grader, and read the chords with your budding guitarist. From singing games to finger play to poetry this songbook has such a wide selection, with a CD to help those of us who can't read music.

Lovely hard back book filled with songs that are easy to learn and fun for children. The songs come with beautiful illustrations. I used this book first for homeschool and now for teaching music at the Azalea Mountain Waldorf School in Asheville, NC.

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