The Magic of Music in Storytime

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“If I were not a physicist, I would probably be a musician. I often think in music. I live my daydreams in music. I see my life in terms of music.”

*Albert Einstein*
Welcome!

• Freelance educator, storyteller and musician
• 30 years experience working with preschool children
• Past youth consultant for CTLS (Connecting Texas Libraries Statewide)
• Music CD: All Together Now

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Agenda

• Why music?
• Songs
• Books to sing
• Instruments

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Why Music?

- Develops listening skills
- Improves vocabulary
- Helps distinguish sounds
Why Music?

• Pattern recognition
• Movement improves large motor skills
• Expands learning and knowledge
• Improves memory
Why Music?

• Joyful and uplifting
• Calming and soothing
• Expression of emotions
• Goes deep
Why Use Music in Storytimes?

• Prepares children to listen
• Adds movement and participation
• Adds variety
• Manages expectations
Ways to Use Music with Young Children

• Storytimes
• Recorded music before storytime
• Open mic
• Dance Party
Singing Tips

• Just do it!
• Repetition
• Include calming and action songs
• For those wanting a challenge:
  – If possible, sing at a higher pitch.
  – Lullabys are sung at a lower pitch.
Songs

What are your favorite songs?
Opening Song
Tune: Shortening Bread

Everyone have a seat, have a seat, have a seat,
Everyone have a seat on the floor.
Not on the ceiling, not on the door,
Everyone have a seat on the floor.
Goodbye Song
Tune: Farmer in the Dell

Goodbye, goodbye, goodbye
Goodbye, goodbye, goodbye
Goodbye, goodbye, goodbye, goodbye
Goodbye, goodbye, goodbye!
Goodbye Song
Skidamarink

Skidamarink a dink a dink,
Skidamarink a doo,
I love you.
Skidamarink a dink a dink,
Skidamarink a doo,
I love you.

I love you in the morning
And in the afternoon,
I love you in the evening
And underneath the moon;
Oh, Skidamarink a dink a dink,
Skidamarink a doo,
I love you!

Sharon, Lois, and Bram
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qPdV8jXAjUQ

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Props

The Farmer Plants the Seed
(Tune: Farmer in the Dell)

The farmer plants the seed, (2x)
Hi, Ho, the Derry-o
The farmer plants the seed.

The sun begins to shine...
The rain begins to fall...
The seed begins to grow...
Puppets

Wiggle, Wiggle Little Mouse

Wiggle, wiggle little mouse.
Run into your little house.
Peak to see if cat’s away.
Then run out again to play.
Open, shut them,
Open, shut them,
Give a little clap, clap, clap.
Open, shut them,
Open, shut them,
Put them in your lap, lap, lap.

Creep them, crawl them,
Creep them, crawl them,
Right up to your chin, chin, chin.
Open up your little mouth,
But do not put them in.
**Action**

**Ran Sam Sam**

*Moroccan Folk Song*

A Ran Sam Sam,
A Ran Sam Sam,
Guli guli guli guli guli,
A Ran Sam Sam.

A Rafi, A Rafi,
Guli guli guli guli guli
A Ran Sam Sam

Guli guli...  
(wiggle fingers under chin)

A Ran Sam Sam  
(roll hands)

A Rafi, A Rafi  
(raise hands in the air)
Action

Wind the Bobbin

Wind, wind, wind the bobbin,
Wind, wind, wind the bobbin,
Pull, pull,
Tap, tap, tap.

Point to your elbows, point to your toes.
Point to your tummy, point to your nose.
Movement

Grand Old Duke of York

The Grand Old Duke of York,
He had ten thousand men,
He marched them up to the top of the hill
And marched them down again.

And when they’re up they’re up,
And when they’re down they’re down,
And when they’re only half way up,
They’re neither up nor down.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3iN_9un1Xww
Movement
Sleeping Bunnies

See the little bunnies, sleeping ‘til it’s noon. Shall we wake them with a merry tune. They’re so still. Are they ill? No wake up little bunnies.

Hop, little bunnies, hop, hop, hop! Hop, little bunnies, hop, hop, hop! Hop, little bunnies, hop, hop, hop! Hop, little bunnies, hop, and stop!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BHcFQ9gaMF4
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BdwsKn4Fr9Y
Shake My Sillies Out

Raffi

Gotta shake, shake, shake my sillies out
Shake, shake, shake my sillies out
Shake, shake, shake my sillies out
And wiggle my waggles away.

Gotta clap, clap, clap my crazies out...
Gotta jump, jump, jump my jiggles out...
Gotta yawn, yawn, yawn my sleepies out...

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q_meqYQW61
Movement Songs

Song: We are the Dinosaurs by Laurie Berkner
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vPrmY7labLA&index=2&list=PLTefl4pKIhGkLz_cyBfj91zNn2EydMTac

Song: Goldfish Song by Laurie Berkner
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uCF3vBuX5S8
Movement Songs

Best of the Wiggles
By the Wiggles
Song: Hot Potato
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=izpwk82HWn0

Jim Gill Sings The Sneezing Song and Other Contagious Songs
by Jim Gill
Song: Hands are for Clapping
Song: Silly Dance Contest
http://www.cdbaby.com/cd/jimgill4
**Movement Songs**

Go! Go! Go!
by Lolly Hopwood's and the Let’s Play Today Bunch
Song: Jump, Jump, Jump
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vBq1QRuQKt4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vBq1QRuQKt4)

Wiggle and Whirl
by Sue Schnitzer
Song: Jump Jump Jump
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MMpTRmaMgwI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MMpTRmaMgwI)

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Piggyback Songs
Familiar tune with different words

Let’s write our own!

Tune: Wheels on the Bus
The stars in the sky...
Songs Into Books

• **I Ain’t Gonna Paint No More!** By Karen Beaumont

• **Row, Row, Row Your Boat** by Pippa Goodhart

• **The Seals on the Bus** by Lenny Hort
Jane Cabrera

- Here We Go Round the Mulberry Bush
- If You're Happy and You Know It
- Old MacDonald Had a Farm
- Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star
Pete the Cat
by James Dean

- *Five Little Ducks*
- *Old McDonald Had a Farm*
- *The Wheels on the Bus*
Rhyming Books to Sing
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• *Duck in the Truck*
  by Jez Alborough
  – My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean

• *Baby Danced the Polka*
  by Karen Beaumont
  – The Oscar Meyer Song
  – Oh, My Darling Clementine
  – The Mexican Hat Dance
Rhyming Books to Sing

- *The Moon’s Almost Here* by Patricia MacLachlan
  - Hunting we will go
  - Sing a song of sixpence

- *Silly Sally* by Audrey Wood
  - Mary Had a Little Lamb
  - Turkey in the Straw
Rhyming Books to Sing

- *Barnyard Banter* by Denise Fleming
  - Skip to My Loo
  - Up on the Housetop

- *I Went Walking* by Sue Williams
  - Baa, Baa, Blacksheep
Book with a Beat

- *Tanka Tanka Skunk!*
  by Steve Webb
Instruments to Make
Bells
Tambourine
Shaker
Cymbals
Questions?

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