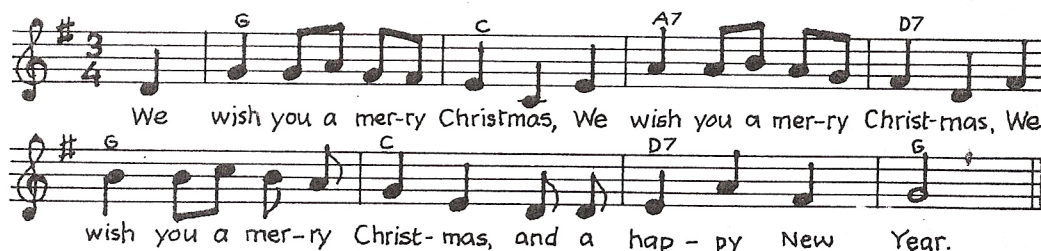


Christmas songs

There is a huge number of well-known Christmas songs, but only a few of them are suitable and easy enough for young learners. That is why I chose only 1 'real' Christmas song (*We Wish you a Merry Christmas*). For the other songs I used traditional melodies with a new Christmas text.

We Wish you a Merry Christmas



Verses:

1. Let's all do a little clapping, (clap hands)

Let's all do a little clapping,
Let's all do a little clapping,
For Christmas is near.

2. Let's all do a little clicking, (click fingers)

3. Let's all do a little jumping, (jump up high)

4. Let's all do a little dancing, (take partner's arm and twirl)

Introduce the song by singing/ playing it to the class and explain any new words. When your class can sing the chorus, you can also perform it as an action song with new verses:

1. When singing the chorus (*We wish you a Merry Christmas*,

etc.) all join hands in a ring and circle around clockwise.

2. During the verses, all stand still and do the appropriate actions. Repeat the chorus after each verse.

3. Finally, add your own verses and actions.

Oh it's Time to Sing a Song



2 Oh it's time to make some stars, ... to make some Christmas stars.

3 ... to make a hat, ... to make a Christmas hat.

4 ... to bake a cake, ... to bake a Christmas cake.

5 ... to write a card, ... to write a Christmas card.

6 ... to read a book, ... to read a Christmas book.

7 ... to play a game, ... to play a Christmas game.

8 ... to cook some food, ... to cook some Christmas food.

9 ... to eat some sweets, ... to eat some Christmas sweets.

10 ... to have a party, ... to have a Christmas party.

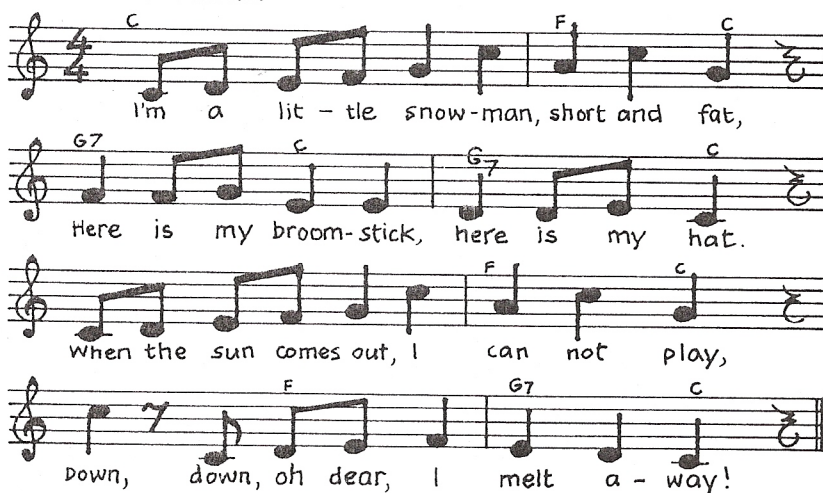
1. Start by singing the first verse of this song to the tune of *Have you seen the muffin man?*.

2. Introduce and practise the vocabulary necessary for the song (*star, hat, cake, card, book, game, food, sweets, party*) using flashcards/pictures.

3. Then show the respective flashcard/picture as a stimulus for singing each verse.

4. Finally, make up your own verses.

I'm a Little Snowman



1. Use the traditional melody of *I'm a Little Teapot* to sing this 'winter version'.

2. The song can be accompanied by the following movements:

a) Open your arms wide, indicating **fat**.

b) Mime holding a **broomstick** and putting on an invisible **hat**.

c) Raise one hand high up, spreading the fingers like the **sun** and letting your hand go down while wiggling the fingers.

d) Stop moving.

e) Bend your knees and fall **down**.

f) Lie on the floor and '**melt**'. ■

