

# Music Around the World

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One of our culture's most well-known tunes, "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star", is actually well-known all over the world! The tune was originally a French lullaby and popularized by a Mozart piece in 12 Variations. Many cultures have adapted the famous tune into songs in their own languages.

Here is a link to all different international songs that use the same tune as "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star":

[https://www.mamalisa.com/?t=e\\_family&c=60](https://www.mamalisa.com/?t=e_family&c=60)

One example is the Mexican "Estrellita" sung in Spanish:

Estrellita

Estrellita, ¿dónde estás?  
Me pregunto qué serás.  
En el cielo y en el mar,  
Un diamante de verdad.  
Estrellita, ¿dónde estás?  
Me pregunto qué serás.

Cuando el sol se ha ido ya  
Cuando nada brilla más  
Tú nos muestras tu brillar  
Brillas, brillas, sin parar  
Estrellita, ¿dónde estás?  
Me pregunto qué serás.

(English Translation)

Little star, where are you?  
I wonder what you are.  
In the sky and in the sea  
A real diamond.  
Little star, where are you?  
I wonder what you are.

When the sun has already gone,  
When nothing else shines,  
You show us your shine.  
You shine, you shine constantly.  
Little star, where are you?  
I wonder what you are.

Using a familiar tune is a great way to expose children to foreign languages and will help them to remember the words more easily!