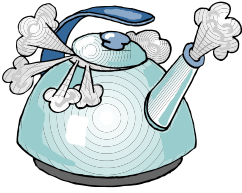# PARODY PROJECT

<u>PROJECT DIRECTIONS:</u>

1. This project assumes you have purchased enough copies of <u>Take Me Out of the Bathtub</u> by Alan Katz for a classroom of students. They are often available at [Scholastic Books](#) very reasonably.

2. Create a handout of the words and/or music for the original songs on which these parodies are based. You can type the words, scan the song from a music book or create a song file in Finale. I did a combination of these—see examples below.

3. OPTIONAL: Create a CD to accompany the book. Put the tracks in the order of the poems with the original version of the song first followed immediately by the song without words and with the number of verses needed to sing the parody. Options for creating each track include:
   - ♫ MIDI files
   - ♫ CDs-- Music textbook and others
   - ♫ Finale files you input yourself

4. Once you have a file you can:
   - ♫ Add verses or remove verses using Audacity
   - ♫ Alter the tempo or pitch using Audacity
   - ♫ Remove the voices using Audacity (if the original was recorded with voices on 1 track and instrumental on the other as the older music series Share the Music and Making Music tracks are)
   - ♫ Change the instruments or modify the accompaniment using Finale (if the original is a MIDI file)

5. Songs can also be sung a cappella rather than creating a CD and you can project the original words to sing first rather than printing.

This makes a great thirty-minute lesson plan. Hand out a copy of the book and your handout of the original songs. Start the CD at track one and start singing! (I've also left this for a sub and it was successful ☺.)

Polly, Put the Kettle On

Polly, put the kettle on, Sukey, take it off again,
Polly, put the kettle on, Sukey, take it off again,
Polly, put the kettle on, Sukey, take it off again,
We'll all have tea.   They've all gone away.

Yankee Doodle

Sing verse 2 only.

Traditional Melody
Words by Dr. Richard Shuckburgh

Verse

1. Fath'r and I went down to camp a long with Cap-tain Good-in', and there we saw the men and boys as thick as hast-y pud-din'.
2. Yan-kee Doo-dle went to town, a rid-ing on a po-ny, He stuck a feath-er in his cap and called it mac-a-ro-ni.

Refrain

Yan-kee Doo-dle keep it up, Yan-kee Doo-dle dan-dy,

Mind the mu-sic and the step, and with the girls be han-dy.

My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean

Traditional

My   Bon - nie lies   o - ver   the   o - cean.

My   Bon - nie lies   o - ver   the   sea.
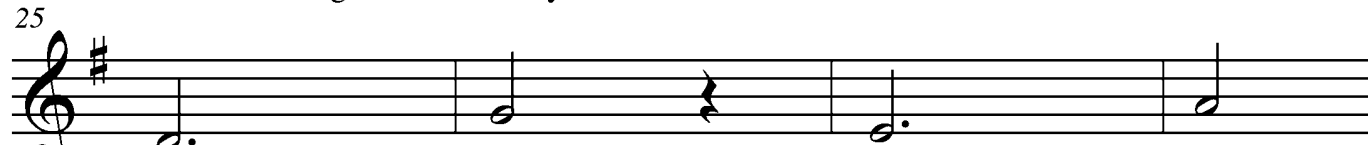
My   Bon - nie lies   o - ver   the   o - cean.

Oh,   bring   back   my   Bon - nie   to   me.

Bring   back,   Bring   back,

oh,   bring   back   my   Bon - nie   to   me_____

Bring   back   bring   back

oh   bring   back   my   Bon - nie   to   me.