

# Activity of the Month

## May - Moods & Styles of Music

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### **Musical Mood Charades:**

Isn't it amazing that music can show what we are feeling?! Although some of that has to do with the way a song is written, most of it has to do with the delivery of the person performing.

Here's a fun game to help you and your child explore the different possibilities of your musical expression:

-Choose a basic nursery rhyme like "Row, Row Your Boat" or "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star."

-Then take turns singing and acting out that song in a different mood. For example if you are sad, you might sniff and cry while attempting to sing. See if you can guess what mood the other person is trying to convey.

### **For Styles of Music:**

-Choose another classic nursery rhyme like "Baa Baa Black Sheep" and sing it in different styles. The other person must try to guess what musical style is being conveyed (opera, country, rap, blues, jazz, pop etc).

Two great examples of this are these renditions of "Old MacDonald Had a Farm" by Ella Fitzgerald and Elvis Presley

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: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u9Fmwgf0NRA> Elvis: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VGTdsCEKvEY>