# Favorite Sing-Along Songs

For the Dulcimer

Accompanying Lyrics Handbook For the Audience

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### Alouette

- Alouette, gentile Alouette Alouette, je te plumerai Je te plumerai <u>la tete (le nez – 2<sup>nd</sup> time, Le cou (3<sup>rd</sup> time, etc.)</u> Je te plumerai <u>la tete (le nez – 2<sup>nd</sup> time)</u> Et <u>la tete (see below for verses 2-8)</u> Et <u>la tete</u> Alouette Alouette O Alouette, gentile Alouette Alouette, je te plumerai
- 2. Et le nez, Et la tete
- 3. Et <u>le cou,</u> Et <u>le nez, Et la tete</u>
- 4. Et le dos, Et le cou, Et le nez, Et la tete
- 5. Et les ailes, Et le dos, Et le cou, Et le nez, Et la tete
- 6. Et la queue, Et les ailes, Et le dos, Et le cou, Et le nez, Et la tete
- 7. Et les jambs, Et la queue, Et les ailes, Et le dos, Et le cou, Et le nez, Et la tete
- 8. Et les pieds, Et les jambs, Et la queue, Et les ailes, Et le dos, Et le cou, Et le nez, Et la tete

Alouette – French	Translation:
Alouette – skylark	Gentle Alloutte, I will pluck you!
	I'll pluck your head, beak(nose), neck, back,
	wings, tail, knees, feet.

### **Amazing Grace**

- Amazing Grace! How sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me I once was lost and now am found Was blind but now I see.
- 'Twas Grace that taught my heart to fear And Grace my fears relieved How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed.
- The Lord has promised good to me His word my hope secures He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures.

- 4. Thru many dangers, toils and snares I have already come'Tis Grace that brought me safe thus far And Grace will lead me home.
- 5. When we've been there 10,0000 years Bright shining as the sun We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we first begun.

### America (My Country, 'Tis of Thee)

- My country 'tis of thee, Sweet land of liberty, Of thee I sing. Land where my fathers died! Land of the Pilgrim's pride! From every mountain side, Let freedom ring!
- 2. My native country, thee, Land of the noble free, Thy name I love.
  I love thy rocks and rills, Thy woods and templed hills; My heart with rapture fills Like that above.

- 3. Let music swell the breeze, And ring from all the trees Sweet freedom's song.
  Let mortal tongues awake; Let all that breathe partake; Let rocks their silence break, The sound prolong.
- 4. Our father's God to, Thee, Author of liberty, To Thee we sing.
  Long may our land be bright With freedom's holy light; Protect us by Thy might, Great God, our King!

### **April Showers**

#### **Chorus Only:**

 Though A-pril Showers may come your way, They bring the flowers that bloom in May. So if it's raining Have no regrets, Because it isn't raining Rain you know (It's raining violets). And where you see clouds Upon the hills You soon will see crowds Of daffodils, So keep on looking for a bluebird And list' ning for his song, Whenever April Showers come along.

### Are You Sleeping? (Round) (French and English lyrics)

(For a 2-part round  $2^{nd}$  voice comes in at the  $2^{nd}$  \* - follow the pattern of the French lyrics. For 3 parts follow the pattern given in the English lyrics)

\*Frère Jacques, frère Jacques, Dormez-vous ? Dormez-vous ? \*Sonnez les matines ! Sonnez les matines ! Ding, daing, dong. Ding, daing, dong.

#### The song is traditionally translated into English as:

\* Are you sleeping, are you sleeping,
\*Brother John? Brother John?
\*Morning bells are ringing! Morning bells are ringing!
Ding, ding, dong. Ding, ding, dong.

### The Ash Grove

- The ash grove how graceful, how plainly 'tis speaking The wind through it playing has language for me. Whenever the light through its branches is breaking, A host of kind faces is gazing at me. The friends from my childhood again are before me Each step brings a memory as freely I roam. With soft whispers laden the leaves rustle o'er me The ash grove, the ash grove alone is my home.
- Down yonder green meadow where streamlets meander When twilight is fading I pensively roam Or in the bright noon tide in solitude wander Amid the dark spaces of that lonely ash grove.
   'Twas there while the black bird was cheerfully singing I first met my dear one the joy of my heart Around us for gladness the blue bells were springing The ash grove, the ash grove that sheltered my home
- 3. My lips smile no more, my heart loses its lightness; No dream of the future my spirit can cheer. I only can brood on the past and its brightness The dear ones I long for again gather here. From ev'ry dark nook they press forward to meet me; I lift up my eyes to the broad leafy dome, And others are there, looking downward to greet me The ash grove, the ash grove, again is my home.

### The Battle Hymn Of The Republic

 Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord; He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored; He has loosed the fateful lightening of His terrible swift sword: His truth is marching on.

#### **Chorus:**

Glory, glory, hallelujah Glory, glory, hallelujah Glory, glory, hallelujah Our God is marching on

2. I have seen him in the watch-fires of a hundred circling camps,They have builded him an altar in the evening dews and damps;I can read his righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps:His day is marching on.

### **Beautiful Dreamer**

 Beautiful dreamer, wake unto me, Starlight and dewdrops are waiting for thee; Sounds of the rude world, heard in the day, Lull'd by the moonlight have all pass'd away! Beautiful dreamer, queen of my song, List while I woo thee with soft melody; Gone are the cares of life's busy throng, Beautiful dreamer, awake unto me! Beautiful dreamer, awake unto me!

- 3. I have read a fiery gospel writ in burnish'd rows of steel As ye deal with my condemners so with you my grace shall deal Let the hero, born of woman crush the serpent with his heel Since God is marching on.
- 4. He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat; He is sifting out the hearts of men before His judgment-seat: Oh, be swift, my soul to answer him be jubilant, my feet! Our God is marching on.
- 5. In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,With a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me.As he died to make men holy let us live to make men free.While God is marching on.
- Beautiful dreamer, out on the sea, Mermaids are chanting the wild lorelei; Over the streamlet vapors are borne, Waiting to fade at the bright coming morn. Beautiful dreamer, beam on my heart, E'en as the morn on the streamlet and sea; Then will all clouds of sorrow depart, Beautiful dreamer, awake unto me! Beautiful dreamer, awake unto me!

### By the Light of the Silvery Moon

By the light of the silvery moon I want to spoon, to my honey I'll croon love's tune Honey Moon, Keep a-shining in June Your silv'ry beams will bring love's dreams, we'll be cuddling Soon, by the silvery moon.

### By the Waters of Babylon (Round)

(Parts come in at the \*)

\*By the waters, the waters of Babylon \*We lay down and wept, and wept, for thee, Zion. \*We remember Thee, remember Thee, remember Thee, Zion.

### **Camptown Races**

 The Camptown ladies sing this song, Doo-da, Doo-da The Camptown racetrack's five miles long Oh, de doo-da day

### **Chorus:**

Goin' to run all night, goin' to run all day I bet my money on a bob-tailed nag, Somebody bet on the bay.

### **Careless Love**

- Love, oh love, oh careless love! (3x) You see what love has done to me.
- Once I wore my apron low (3x) You'd follow me thru wind and snow.
- Now my apron strings won't tie (3x) You pass my cabin door right by.
- 4. You pass my door, you pass my gate (3x)
  But you won't get by my "38".

- Oh, the long tailed filly and the big black horse, Doo-da, doo-da Come to a mud hole and they all cut across, Oh, de doo-da day
- 3. I went down there with my hat caved in, Doo-da, doo-daI came back home with a pocket full of tinOh, de doo-da day
- 5. What oh what will Mother say (3x) When I come home the family way?
- 6. She'll tear her hair, she'll bide her tongue (3x)For she did the same when she was young.
- 7. What oh what will Father say?(3x) He ain't my real pa anyway!
- 8. I cried last night and the night before (3x) Gonna cry tonight then cry no more.

### **Carolina in the Morning**

#### **Chorus Only:**

Nothing could be finer than to be in Carolina in the morning, No one could be sweeter than my sweetie when I meet her in the morning. Where the morning glories Twine around the door, Whispering pretty stories I long to hear once more. Strolling with my girlie where the dew is pearly early in the morning, Butterflies all flutter up and kiss each little buttercup at dawning, If I had Aladdin's lamp for only a day, I'd make a wish and here's what I'd say:

Nothing could be finer than to be in Carolina in the morning.

### Cindy

 You ought to see my Cindy, She lives away down South She is so sweet the honey bees Swarm around her mouth.

### **Chorus:**

Git along home, Cindy, Cindy, Git along home, Cindy, Cindy Git along Home, Cindy, Cindy, I'll marry you some day.

- The first I seen my Cindy, She was standing in the door Her shoes and stockings in her hand, Her feet all over the floor.
- She took me to her parlor, She cooled me with her fan She said I was the prettiest thing In the shape of mortal man.
- 4. She kissed me and she hugged me, She called me sugar plum She throwed her arms around me. I thought my time had come.

- Cindy got religion, She had it once before But when she heard my old banjo, She was the first one on the floor.
- 6. When Cindy got religion, She shouted all around She got so full of glory, She shook her stockings down.
- 7. I wish I had a needleAs fine as I could sewI'd sew that girl to my coattailAnd down the road I'd go.
- I wish I was an apple A-hangin' on a tree And every time my Cindy passed, She'd take a bite o' me.
- 9. Cindy in the springtime, Cindy in the fallIf I can't have my own Cindy, I'll have no girl at all.

### **Comin' Thro' the Rye**

- Gin a body meet a body Comin' thro' the rye Gin a body kiss a body Need a body cry? Ilka lassie has her laddie Nane, they say, hae I Yet a' the lads they smile at me When comin' thro' the rye.
- 2. Gin a body meet a body Comin' frae the town Gin a body kiss a body Need a body frown? Ilka lassie has her laddie Nane, they say, hae I Yet a' the lads they smile at me When comin' thro' the rye

### Daisy Bell (Bicycle Built for Two)

- Daisy, Daisy, give me your answer, do!
   I'm half crazy, all for the love of you!
   It won't be a stylish marriage, I can't afford a carriage
   But you'll look sweet upon the seat of a bicycle built for two.
- Harry, Harry, here is your answer true
   I'll not marry all for the likes of you
   If you can't afford a carriage, there won't be any marriage
   And I'll be switched if I'll be hitched on a bicycle built for two!

### Down by the Riverside

 Gonna lay down my burden Down by the riverside Down by the riverside Down by the riverside Gonna lay down my burden Down by the riverside Gonna study war no more.

#### **Chorus:**

I ain't gonna study war no more, I ain't gonna study war no more, Study war no more. I ain't gonna study war no more,

I ain't gonna study war no more, Study war no more. 3. 'Mang the train there is a swain I dearly lo'e myself
But what his name or whaur his hame I dinna care to tell
Ilka lassie has her laddie
Nane, they say, hae I
Yet a' the lads they smile at me
When comin' thro' the rye.

 Gonna lay down my sword and shield Down by the riverside Down by the riverside Down by the riverside Gonna lay down my sword and shield Down by the riverside Gonna study war no more.

#### **Other verses:**

- 3. Gonna stick my sword in the golden sand;
- 4. Gonna put on my long white robe
- 5. Gonna put on my starry crown
- 6. Gonna put on my golden shoes
- 7. Gonna talk with the Prince of Peace
- 8. Gonna shake hands around the world

### Down in the Valley

 Down in the valley, the valley so low Hang your head over, hear the wind blow Hear the wind blow, dear, hear the wind blow;

Hang your head over, hear the wind blow.

- Roses love sunshine, violets love dew, Angels in Heaven know I love you, Know I love you, dear, know I love you, Angels in Heaven know I love you.
- 3. If you don't love me, love whom you please,

Throw your arms round me, give my heart ease,

Give my heart ease, dear, give my heart ease,

Throw your arms round me, give my heart ease

### Down to the River to Pray

#### **Chorus:**

As I went down in the river to pray, studying about that good old way And who shall wear the starry crown, good Lord, show me the way

- 1. Oh sisters let's go down, let's go down, come on down Oh sisters let's go down, down in the river to pray
- 2. Oh brothers let's go down, let's go down, come on down Come on brothers let's go down, down in the river to pray
- 3. Oh fathers let's go down, let's go down, come on down Oh fathers let's go down, down in the river to pray
- 4. Oh mothers let's go down, come on down, don't you wanna go down Come on mothers let's go down, down in the river to pray
- 5. Oh sinners let's go down, let's go down, come on down Oh sinners let's go down, down in the river to pray
- **End:** As I went down in the river to pray, studying about that good old way And who shall wear the robe and crown, good Lord, show me the way

- 4. Build me a castle, forty feet high;So I can see her as she rides by,As she rides by, dear, as she rides by,So I can see her as she rides by.
- Write me a letter, send it by mail; Send it in care of the Birmingham jail, Birmingham jail, dear, Birmingham jail, Send it in care of the Birmingham jail.
- Writing this letter containing three lines; Answer my question, "will you be mine?" Will you be mine, dear, will you be mine? Answer my question, "Will you be mine?"

### **Erie Canal**

 I've got an old mule and her name is Sal Fifteen miles on the Erie Canal She's a good old worker and a good old pal Fifteen miles on the Erie Canal

We've hauled some barges in our day Filled with lumber, coal, and hay And we know every inch of the way From Albany to Buffalo

#### **Chorus:**

Low bridge, everybody down Low bridge for we're coming to a town And you'll always know your neighbor And you'll always know your pal If you've ever navigated on The Erie Canal

2. We'd better look around for a job, old gal Fifteen years on the Erie Canal You bet your life I wouldn't part with Sal Fifteen miles on the Erie Canal Giddap there gal, we've passed that lock We'll make Rome 'bout six o'clock One more trip and then we'll go Right back home to Buffalo

#### **Chorus:**

Low bridge, everybody down Low bridge, I've the finest mule in town. Once a man named Mike McGinty Tried to put it over Sal Now he's way down on the bottom of The Erie Canal 3. Oh, where would I be if I lost my pal? Fifteen years on the Erie Canal Oh, I'd like to see a mule as good as Sal Fifteen years on the Erie Canal A friend of mine once made her sore Now, he's got a broken jaw 'Cause she let fly with her iron toe And kicked him into Buffalo.

#### **Chorus:**

Low bridge, everybody down, Low bridge, I've the finest mule in town. If you're looking for trouble Better stay away from Sal She's the only fightin' donkey on the Erie Canal

4. I don't want to call when I want my Sal Fifteen years on the Erie Canal She trots from her stall like a good old gal, Fifteen years on the Erie Canal I eat my meals with Sal each day, I eat beef and she eats hay She ain't so slow if you want to know She put the "Buff" in Buffalo.

#### **Chorus:**

Low bridge, everybody down, Low bridge, I've the finest mule in town Eats a bale of hay for dinner And on top of that, my Sal Tries to drink up all the water in the Erie Canal.

### **Fair and Tender Ladies**

- Come all you fair and tender ladies. Be careful how you court young men. They're like a star on a summer's morning. They'll first appear and then they're gone.
- 2. If I'd a-known before I met him,Of all the lies that he would say,I'd locked my heart in a box of goldenThe only key I'd thrown away
- 3. I wish I was a little sparrowAnd I had wings and I could fly.I'd fly away to my false true loverAnd when he'd speak I would deny.
- 4. But I am not no little sparrow, I have no wings neither can I fly. I'll sit right down in my grief and sorrow,
  And lat my troubles page me by

And let my troubles pass me by.

#### For He's a Jolly Good Fellow

For he's a jolly good fellow, for he's a jolly good fellow For he's a jolly good fellow (pause), which nobody can deny Which nobody can deny, which nobody can deny For he's a jolly good fellow, for he's a jolly good fellow For he's a jolly good fellow (pause), which nobody can deny!

#### **Froggie Went A-Courtin'**

- Frog went a courtin' and he did ride, uh-huh Frog went a courtin' and he did ride, uh-huh Frog went a courtin' and he did ride With a sword and a pistol by his side, uh-huh, uh-huh, uh-huh
- He rode right up to Miss Mousie's door, uh-huh He rode right up to Miss Mousie's door, uh-huh He rode right up to Miss Mousie's door Gave three loud raps, and a very big roar, uh-huh, uh-huh, uh-huh
- Said Miss Mouse, are you within, uh-huh Said Miss Mouse, are you within, uh-huh Said Miss Mouse, are you within Miss Mousie said, I sit and spin, uh-huh, uh-huh, uh-huh

(Continue with more verses on next page)

- Took Miss Mousie on his knee, uh-huh Took Miss Mousie on his knee, uh-huh Took Miss Mousie on his knee Said Miss Mousie, will you marry me, uh-huh, uh-huh, uh-huh
- Without my Uncle Rat's consent, uh-huh Without my Uncle Rat's consent, uh-huh Without my Uncle Rat's consent I wouldn't marry the President, uh-huh, uh-huh, uh-huh
- 6. Uncle Rat laughed, and he shook his fat sides, uh-huh Uncle Rat laughed, and he shook his fat sides, uh-huh Uncle Rat laughed, and he shook his fat sides To think his niece would be a bride, uh-huh, uh-huh, uh-huh
- Uncle Rat went running downtown, uh-huh Uncle Rat went running downtown, uh-huh Uncle Rat went running downtown, uh-huh To buy his niece a wedding gown, uh-huh, uh-huh, uh-huh
- Where shall the wedding supper be, uh-huh Where shall the wedding supper be, uh-huh Where shall the wedding supper be Way down yonder in the hollow tree, uh-huh, uh-huh, uh-huh
- 9. What shall the wedding supper be, uh-huhWhat shall the wedding supper be, uh-huhWhat shall the wedding supper beFried mosquito and a black-eyed pea, uh-huh, uh-huh, uh-huh
- 10.First to come in was a flyin' moth, uh-huh First to come in was a flyin' moth, uh-huh First to come in was a flyin' moth She layed out the table cloth, uh-huh, uh-huh, uh-huh
- 11.Next to come in was a juney bug, uh-huhNext to come in was a juney bug, uh-huhNext to come in was a juney bugShe brought in the water jug, uh-huh, uh-huh, uh-huh

- 12.Next to come in was a bumbly bee, uh-huh Next to come in was a bumbly bee, uh-huh Next to come in was a bumbly bee Sat mosquito on his knee, uh-huh, uh-huh, uh-huh
- 13.Next to come in was a broken back flea, uh-huh Next to come in was a broken back flea, uh-huh Next to come in was a broken back flea Danced a jig with the bumbly bee, uh-huh, uh-huh, uh-huh
- 14.Next to come in was Mrs. Cow, uh-huh Next to come in was Mrs. Cow, uh-huh Next to come in was Mrs. Cow She tried to dance but she didn't know how, uh-huh, uh-huh, uh-huh
- 15.Next to come in was a little black tick, uh-huhNext to come in was a little black tick, uh-huhNext to come in was a little black tickShe ate so much it made her sick, uh-huh, uh-huh, uh-huh
- 16.Next to come in was the big black snake, uh-huhNext to come in was the big black snake, uh-huhNext to come in was the big black snakeAte up all of the wedding cake, uh-huh, uh-huh, uh-huh
- 17.Next to come in was the old gray cat, uh-huhNext to come in was the old gray cat, uh-huhNext to come in was the old gray catSwallowed the mouse and ate up the rat, uh-huh, uh-huh, uh-huh
- 18.Mr. Frog went a-hoppin' up over the brooke, uh-huhMr. Frog went a-hoppin' up over the brooke, uh-huhMr. Frog went a-hoppin' up over the brookeA lily white dove came and swallowed him up, uh-huh, uh-huh, uh-huh
- 19.Little piece of cornbread layin' on the shelf, uh-huh Little piece of cornbread layin' on the shelf, uh-huh Little piece of cornbread layin' on the shelf If you want any more you can sing it yourself, uh-huh, uh-huh, uh-huh

### God Be With You Till We Meet Again

 God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you, with a shepherd's care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.

#### **Chorus:**

Till we meet, till we meet, Till we meet at Jesus' feet Till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.

 God be with you till we meet again; unseen wings protecting, hide you, daily manna still provide you: God be with you till we meet again. 3. God be with you till we meet again; when life's perils thick confound you, put unfailing arms around you; God be with you till we meet again.

4. God be with you till we meet again; keep love's banner floating o'er you, smite death's threatening wave before you: God be with you till we meet again.

### **Good Night, Ladies**

1. Goodnight, ladies! Goodnight, ladies! Goodnight, ladies! We're going to leave you now.

#### **Chorus:**

Merrily we roll along, roll along, roll along, Merrily we rool along, O'er the dark blue sea.

- 2. Farewell, Ladies! Farewell, ladies! Farewell, ladies! We're going to leave you now.
- 3. Sweet dreams, ladies! Sweet dreams, ladies! Sweet dreams, ladies! We're going to leave you now.

### **The Gospel Train**

- The gospel train's a-comin' It's comin' round the bend I hear the wheels a-movin' and rumblin' thro the land.
- 2. I hear the train's a-comin' she's comin' round the curve she's loosened all her steam and brakes and straining ev'ry nerve
- **3.** The fare is cheap an all can go the rich and poor are there no second class aboard this train no diff rence in the fare

#### **Chorus:**

Git on board little children (3x) there's room for many more

### **Grandfather's Clock**

 My grandfather's clock was too large for the shelf, So it stood ninety years on the floor; It was taller by half than the old man himself, Though it weighed not a pennyweight more. It was bought on the morn of the day that he was born, And was always his treasure and pride; But it stopp'd short — never to go again — When the old man died.

#### **Chorus:**

Ninety years without slumbering (tick, tock, tick, tock), His life's seconds numbering, (tick, tock, tick, tock), It stopp'd short — never to go again — When the old man died.

2. In watching its pendulum swing to and fro, Many hours had he spent while a boy; And in childhood and manhood the clock seemed to know And to share both his grief and his joy. For it struck twenty-four when he entered at the door, With a blooming and beautiful bride; But it stopped short — never to go again — When the old man died. (More verses continued on the next page)

- 3. My grandfather said that of those he could hire, Not a servant so faithful he found; For it wasted no time, and had but one desire — At the close of each week to be wound. And it kept in its place — not a frown upon its face, And its hands never hung by its side. But it stopp'd short — never to go again — When the old man died.
- 4. It rang an alarm in the dead of the night An alarm that for years had been dumb; And we knew that his spirit was pluming for flight — That his hour of departure had come. Still the clock kept the time, with a soft and muffled chime, As we silently stood by his side; But it stopp'd short — never to go again — When the old man died.

### Home on the Range

1. O give me a home where the buffalo roam

Where the deer and the antelope play Where seldom is heard a discouraging word

And the skies are not cloudy all day

#### **Chorus:**

Home, home on the range Where the deer and the antelope play

Where seldom is heard a discouraging word And the skies are not cloudy all day

- 2. Where the air is so pure and the zephyrs so freeAnd the breezes so balmy and lightThat I would not exchange my home on the rangeFor all of the cities so bright
- 3. How often at night when the heavens are brightWith the light of the glittering stars I stand there amazed and I ask as I gaze Does their glory exceed that of ours?

### I've Been Working on the Railroad

- I've been workin' on the railroad all the livelong day
  I've been workin' on the railroad just to pass the time away
  Can't you heard the whistle blowin'? Rise up so early in the morn
  Can't you hear the captain shoutin' Dinah blow your horn.
  Dinah won't you blow, Dinah won't you blow,
  Dinah won't you blow your horn?
  Dinah won't you blow, Dinah won't you blow,
  Dinah won't you blow your horn.
- Someone's in the kitchen with Dinah Someone's in the kitchen I know Someone's in the kitchen with Dinah Strummin' on the old banjo. Fee fi fiddle-y-i-o, Fee fi fiddle-y-i-o-o-o-o Fee fi fiddle-y-i-o Strummin' on the old banjo.

### Joshua Fought the Battle of Jericho

#### **Begin with the chorus:**

Joshua fought the battle of Jericho Jericho, Jericho Joshua fought the battle of Jericho And the walls came tumbling down.

- You may talk about the men of Gideon You may brag about the men of Saul But there's none like good old Joshua At the battle of Jericho
- Up to the walls of Jericho They marched with spears in hand "Come blow them ram horns, Joshua said,

'Cause the battle is in our hands."

- 3. Then the lamb, ram, sheep horns began to blowThe trumpets began to soundJoshua commanded the children to shoutAnd the walls came tumbling down
- Well I've heard God's voice on the mountaintop In the desert and by the sea Crying "Rise up against those city walls And you too shall be free!"

### Kum Ba Yah

- Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah! Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah! Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah! O Lord, kum ba yah!
- 2. Someone's laughing, Lord, kum ba yah! Someone's laughing, Lord, kum ba yah! Someone's laughing, Lord, kum ba yah! O Lord, kum ba yah!
- 3. Someone's crying, Lord, kum ba yah! Someone's crying, Lord, kum ba yah! Someone's crying, Lord, kum ba yah! O Lord, kum ba yah!

#### Let Me Call You Sweetheart

#### **Chorus only:**

Let me call you sweetheart, I'm in love with you Let me hear you whisper that you love me too Keep the love light glowing in your eyes so true Let me call you sweetheart, I'm in love with you!

### Lil' Liza Jane

1. I got a house in Baltimore, Lil' Liza Jane,

Street cars running by my door, Lil' Liza Jane.

#### **Chorus:**

Oh, Eliza, Little Liza Jane, Oh, Eliza, Little Liza Jane.

- 4. Someone's praying, Lord, kum ba yah! Someone's praying, Lord, kum ba yah! Someone's praying, Lord, kum ba yah! O Lord, kum ba yah!
- 3. Someone's singing, Lord, kum ba yah! Someone's singing, Lord, kum ba yah! Someone's singing, Lord, kum ba yah! O Lord, kum ba yah!
- 4. Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah! Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah! Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah! O Lord, kum ba yah!

 Brussels carpet on my floor, Lil' Liza Jane, Silver doorplate by my door, Lil' Liza Jane

#### Chorus

 Come my love, and be with me, Lil' Liza Jane, Let me take good care of thee, Lil' Liza Jane

#### Chorus

### Little Brown Jug

My wife and I live all alone
 In a little brown hut we call our own
 She loves gin and I love rum
 Tell you what, don't we have fun

#### **Chorus:**

Ha, ha, ha, you and me Little brown jug don't I love thee? Ha, ha, ha, you and me Little brown jug don't I love thee.

- 'Tis you that makes my friends and foes 'Tis you that makes me wear old clothes But here you are so near my nose So tip her up and down she goes
- Me and the wife and the little brown dog Crossed the creek on a hollow log The wife and the dog fell in kerplunk But I held on to the little brown jug

### Loch Lomond (By Yon Bonnie Banks)

 By yon bonnie banks and by yon bonnie braes, Where the sun shines bright on Loch Lomond, Where me and my true love were ever wont to be On the bonnie, bonnie banks of Loch Lomond.

#### **Chorus:**

Oh, ye'll take the high road and I'll take the low road, And I'll be in Scotland before ye; But me and my true love will never meet again, On the bonnie, bonnie banks of Loch Lomond.

- 'Twas there that we parted in yon shady glen On the steep, steep side of Ben Lomond, Where purple in hue, The highland hills we view, And the moon coming out in the gloaming.
- The wee birdies sing and the wild flowers spring, And in sunshine the waters are sleeping, But the broken heart it knows, not second spring again. Tho' the woeful may cease from their weeping.

- 4. If I had a cow that gave such milk I'd dress her in the finest silk Feed her on the choicest hay And milk her forty times a day
- 5. When I die, don't bury me at all Just pickle my bones in alcohol Put a bottle o'booze at my head and feet And then I know that I will keep
- 6. The rose is red, my nose is too The violet's blue and so are you And I guess, before I stop I'd better take another drop!

#### Michael Row the Boat Ashore Chorus:

- Michael row the boat ashore Hallelujah Michael row the boat ashore Hallelujah.
- Sister help to trim the sail Hallelujah Sister help to trim the sail Hallelujah
- River Jordan is chilly and cold Hallelujah Chills the body, but not the soul Hallelujah

### **Morning Has Broken**

- Morning has broken like the first morning Blackbird has spoken like the first bird Praise for the singing, praise for the morning Praise for them springing fresh from the Word
- 2. Sweet the rains new fall, sunlit from Heaven Like the first dewfall on the first grass Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden Sprung in completeness where His feet pass

### My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean

 My Bonnie lies over the ocean My Bonnie lies over the sea My Bonnie lies over the ocean Oh, bring back my Bonnie to me...

#### **Chorus:**

Bring back, bring back Bring back my Bonnie to me, to me Bring back, bring back Bring back my Bonnie to me

 Last night as I lay on my pillow Last night as I lay on my bed Last night as I lay on my pillow I dreamt that my Bonnie was there

- The river is deep and the river is wide Hallelujah Milk and honey on the other side Hallelujah
- Brother lend a helping hand Hallelujah Brother lend a helping hand Hallelujah

3. Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning Born of the one light, Eden saw play Praise with elation, praise every morning God's recreation of the new day

4. Morning has broken like the first morning Blackbird has spoken like the first bird Praise for the singing, praise for the morning Praise for them springing fresh from the Word

- Oh blow the winds o'er the ocean And blow the winds o'er the sea Oh blow the winds o'er the ocean And bring back my Bonnie to me
- 4. The winds have blown over the ocean The winds have blown over the sea The winds have blown over the ocean And brought back my Bonnie to me

### **Nelly Bly**

 Nelly Bly, Nelly Bly, Bring the broom a long, We'll sweep the kitchen clean my dear and have a little song. Poke the wood my lady love, and make the fire burn, And while I take my banjo down, just give the mush a turn.

#### **Chorus:**

Heigh! Nelly, Ho! Nelly, Listen, love, to me; I'll sing for you, play for you a dulcem melody.

 Nelly Bly shuts her eye when she puts it down, And when she wakens up again, her eyes begin to peep.
 When she walks she lifts her foot and then she puts it down, And when it lights, there's music there in that part of the town.

### **Oh How Lovely is the Evening (Round)**

(Parts come in at the \*)

\* Oh how lovely is the Evening Is the Evening

\* When the bells are sweetly ringing Sweetly ringing \*Ding dong Ding dong

### **Oh! Susanna**

 I come from Alabama with a banjo on my knee I'm goin' to Lou'siana my true love for to see It rained all night the day I left, the weather it was dry The sun so hot I froze to death, Susanna don't you cry

#### **Chorus:**

Oh Susanna don't you cry for me I've come from Alabama with my banjo on my knee.

- I had a dream the other night, when everything was still;
   I thought I saw Susanna dear, a coming down the hill.
   A buckwheat cake was in her mouth, a tear was in her eye,
   Says I, I'm coming from the south, Susanna, don't you cry.
- I soon will be in New Orleans, and then I'll look around, And when I find Susanna, I'll fall upon the ground. But if I do not find her, then I will surely die, And when I'm dead and buried, Oh, Susanna, Don't you cry.

### **Oh My Darling, Clementine**

 In a cavern, in a canyon, Excavating for a mine Dwelt a miner forty-niner, And his daughter Clementine

#### **Chorus:**

Oh my darling, oh my darling, Oh my darling, Clementine! You were lost and gone forever Dreadful sorry, Clementine

2. Light she was and like a fairy, And her shoes were number nine Herring boxes, without topses, Sandals were for Clementine.

### **On Top of Old Smoky**

- On top of Old Smoky All covered with snow I lost my true lover From a-courtin' too slow
- Now courting's a pleasure And parting is grief But a false hearted lover Is worse than a thief
- For a thief he will rob you And take all you have But a false hearted lover Will lead you to the grave
- 4. And the grave will decay you And turn you to dust There ain't a girl in a hundred That a poor boy can trust

- Drove she ducklings to the water Ev'ry morning just at nine, Hit her foot against a splinter, Fell into the foaming brine.
- 4. Ruby lips above the water, Blowing bubbles, soft and fine, But, alas, I was no swimmer, So I lost my Clementine.
- How I missed her! How I missed her, How I missed my Clementine, But I kissed her little sister, I forgot my Clementine.
- They'll hug you and kiss you And tell you more lies Than the cross ties on railroads Or stars in the sky
- 6. They tell you they love you To give your heart ease But as soon as your back's turned They court whom they please
- So come all you maidens And listen to me Never place your affections On a green willow tree
- For the leaves they will wither And the roots they will die And your true love will leave you And you'll never know why

### **Red River Valley**

 From this valley they say you are going We will miss your bright eyes and sweet smile For they say you are taking the sunshine Which has brightened our pathway a while.

#### **Chorus:**

Come and sit by my side if you love me Do not hasten to bid me adieu But remember the Red River Valley And the one who has loved you so true.

- Won't you think of the valley you're leaving O how lonely, how sad it will be?
   O think of the fond heart you're breaking And the grief you are causing to me.
- As you go to your home by the ocean May you never forget those sweet hours That we spent in the Red River Valley And the love we exchanged 'mid the flowers.

### Reuben and Rachel (Round – Women - Odd verses, Men –even verses)

- Reuben, Reuben, I've been thinking What a fine world this would be If the men were all transported Far beyond the northern sea.
- 2. Oh, my goodness, gracious, Rachel, What a strange world this would be If the men were all transported Far beyond the northern sea.
- Reuben, Reuben, I've been thinking What a great life girls would lead If they had no men about them None to tease them, none to heed.

- 4. Rachel, Rachel, I've been thinking Life would be so easy then What a lovely world this would be If you'd leave it to the men.
- 5. Reuben, Reuben, stop your teasing If you've any love for me I was only just a-fooling As I thought, of course, you'd see.
- Rachel, if you'll not transport us I will take you for my wife And I'll split with you my money Every pay day of my life!

### Row, Row, Row Your Boat (Round)

(Parts come in at the \*) (2-part ) \*Row, row, row your boat, Gently down the stream. \*Merrily, merrily, merrily, Life is but a dream.

(3-part)\*Row, row, row your boat,\*Gently down the stream.\*Merrily, merrily, merrily, merrily, Life is but a dream.

### She'll Be Comin' Round the Mountain

 She'll be coming 'round the mountain when she comes, (when she comes). She'll be coming 'round the mountain when she comes, (when she comes). She'll be coming 'round the mountain, she'll be coming 'round the mountain, She'll be coming 'round the mountain when she comes, (when she comes).

#### The same structure is repeated with the following verses:

- 2. She'll be drivin' six white horses when she comes, etc.
- 3. Oh we'll all come out to meet her when she comes, etc.
- 4. She'll be wearing pink pajamas when she comes, etc.
- 5. We will kill the old red rooster when she comes, etc.
- 6. We will all have chicken and dumplings when she comes, etc.
- 7. We'll all be shoutin' "Hallelujah" when she comes, etc.
- 8. She'll be comin' down a road that's five miles long, etc.

### Shenandoah

## O Shenandoah, I long to see you Away, you rollin' river O Shenandoah, I long to see you Away, we're bound away 'Cross the wide Missouri

# The same structure is repeated with the following verses:

- 2. O Shenandoah, I love your daughter...
- 3. O Shenandoah, I'm bound to leave you...

O Shenandoah, I'll not deceive you...

- 4. For seven years, I've been a rover...
- 5. But I'll return to be your lover...

### Shew! Fly, Don't Bother Me

 Shew, fly, don't bother me, Shew, fly, don't bother me, Shew, fly, don't bother me, For I belong to somebody.

I feel, I feel, I feel, I feel like a morning star, I feel, I feel, I feel, I feel, I feel like a morning star.

Oh, shew, fly, don't bother me, Shew, fly, don't bother me, Shew, fly, don't bother me, For I belong to somebody.

#### **Streets of Laredo**

 As I walked out in the streets of Laredo, As I walked out in Laredo one day, I spied a young cowboy all wrapped in white linen, Wrapped in white linen and cold as the clay.

#### **CHORUS:**

Oh, beat the drum slowly and play the fife lowly, Sing the Death March as you carry me along, Take me to the valley and lay the sod o'er me, For I'm a young cowboy and know I've done wrong.

- 2. "I see by your outfit that you are a cowboy" These words he did say as I boldly walked by. "Come sit down beside me and hear my sad story. Got shot in the breast and know I must die."
- 3. "I was once in the saddle I used to go dashing, Once in the saddle I used to go gay; Yes first to the dram-house and then to the card house, Got shot in the breast, I am dying today."
- 4. Get six jolly cowboys to carry my coffin; Get six pretty maidens to bear up my pall. Put bunches of roses all over my coffin, Roses to deaden the clods as they fall. (Continue with more verses on next page)

- Then swing your rope slowly and rattle yours pure lowly, And give a wild whoop as you carry me along. And in the grave throw me and roll the sod o'er me. For I'm a young cowboy and know I've done wrong.
- 6. Go bring me a cup, a cup of cold water, To cool my parched lips, the cowboy then said. Before I returned, his spirit had left him; And gone to his Maker, the cowboy was dead.

#### **ENDING CHORUS:**

We beat the drum slowly and played the fife lowly, And bitterly wept as we bore him along. For we all loved our comrade, so brave, young and handsome. We all loved our comrade although he'd done wrong.

### Swing Low, Sweet Chariot

#### **Chorus:**

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot, Comin' for to carry me home! Swing low, Sweet Chariot, Comin' for to carry me home!

- I looked over Jordan and what did I see,
   Comin' for to carry me home!
   A band of angels comin' after me,
   Comin' for to carry me home.
- If you get there before I do, Comin' for to carry me home, Tell all my friends I'm comin' too, Comin' for to carry me home.
- I'm sometimes up and sometimes down, Comin' for to carry me home, But still my soul feels heavenly bound, Comin' for to carry me home.

### The Bear Went Over the Mountain

 The bear went over the mountain, The bear went over the mountain, The bear went over the mountain, To see what he could see.

And all that he could see, And all that he could see, Was the other side of the mountain, The other side of the mountain, The other side of the mountain, Was all that he could see. 2. The bear went over the river, The bear went over the river, The bear went over the river, To see what he could see.

And all that he could see, And all that he could see, Was the other side of the river, The other side of the river, The other side of the river, Was all that he could see.

### The Riddle Song (I Gave My Love a Cherry)

- I gave my love a cherry that has no stone;
   I gave my love a chicken that has no bone;
   I gave my love a story that has no end;
   I gave my love a baby with no cryin'.
- 2. How can there be a cherry that has no stone? How can there be a chicken that has no bone? How can there be a story that has no end? How can there be a baby with no cryin'?
- A cherry when it's blooming, it has no stone; A chicken when it's pippin', it has no bone; The story of I Love You, it has no end; A baby when it's sleepin', there's no cryin'.

### This Land is Your Land

- This land is your land, this land is my land From California to the New York island; From the redwood forest to the Gulf Stream waters This land was made for you and me.
- As I was walking that ribbon of highway, I saw above me that endless skyway; I saw below me that golden valley; This land was made for you and me.
- I've roamed and rambled and I followed my footsteps To the sparkling sands of her diamond deserts; And all around me a voice was sounding; This land was made for you and me.
- 4. When the sun came shining, and I was strolling, And the wheat fields waving and the dust clouds rolling, As the fog was lifting a voice was chanting; This land was made for you and me.
- As I went walking I saw a sign there And on the sign it said "No Trespassing." But on the other side it didn't say nothing, That side was made for you and me.
- Nobody living can ever stop me, As I go walking that freedom highway; Nobody living can ever make me turn back This land was made for you and me.

### This Old Man

- This old man, he played one, He played knick-knack on my drum; With a knick-knack paddy whack, Give the dog a bone, This old man came rolling home.
- This old man, he played two, He played knick-knack on my shoe; With a knick-knack paddy whack, Give the dog a bone, This old man came rolling home.
- 3. This old man, he played three, He played knick-knack on my knee; With a knick-knack paddy whack, Give the dog a bone, This old man came rolling home.
- 4. This old man, he played four, He played knick-knack on my door; With a knick-knack paddy whack, Give the dog a bone, This old man came rolling home.
- 5. This old man, he played five, He played knick-knack on my hive; With a knick-knack paddy whack, Give the dog a bone, This old man came rolling home.

- 6. This old man, he played six, He played knick-knack on my sticks; With a knick-knack paddy whack, Give the dog a bone, This old man came rolling home.
- 7. This old man, he played seven, He played knick-knack up in heaven; With a knick-knack paddy whack, Give the dog a bone, This old man came rolling home.
- 8. This old man, he played eight, He played knick-knack on my gate; With a knick-knack paddy whack, Give the dog a bone, This old man came rolling home.
- 9. This old man, he played nine, He played knick-knack on my spine; With a knick-knack paddy whack, Give the dog a bone, This old man came rolling home.
- 10. This old man, he played ten, He played knick-knack home again; With a knick-knack paddy whack, Give the dog a bone, This old man came rolling home.

### We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder

- We are climbing Jacob's ladder We are climbing Jacob's ladder We are climbing Jacob's ladder Soldiers of the cross.
- 2. Every round goes higher, higher Every round goes higher, higher Every round goes higher, higher Soldiers of the cross.
- Sinners, do you love your Jesus? Sinners, do you love your Jesus? Sinners, do you love your Jesus? Soldiers of the cross.

- 4. If you love him, why not serve him? If you love him, why not serve him? If you love him, why not serve him? Soldiers of the cross.
- 5. Rise, shine, give God glory! Rise, shine, give God glory! Rise, shine, give God glory! Soldiers of the cross.
- We are climbing higher, higher We are climbing higher, higher We are climbing higher, higher Soldiers of the cross.

### What a Friend We Have in Jesus

- What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.
- Have we trials and temptations, is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged, take it to the Lord in prayer. Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness, take it to the Lord in prayer.
- 3. Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care? Precious Savior still our refuge, take it to the Lord in prayer. Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer. In His arms He'll take and shield thee, thou wilt find a solace there.

### When Irish Eyes are Smiling

#### **Chorus only:**

When Irish eyes are smiling, sure it's like a morn in spring In the lilt of Irish laughter you can hear the angels sing When Irish hearts are happy, all the world seems bright and gay And when Irish eyes are smiling sure they steal your heart away.

### When the Saints Go Marching In

- O when the Saints go marching in O when the Saints go marching in O Lord, I want to be in that number When the Saints go marching in.
- And when the sun refuse to shine And when the sun refuse to shine O Lord, I want to be in that number When the Saints go marching in.
- When the moon turns red with blood When the moon turns red with blood O Lord, I want to be in that number When the Saints go marching in.

- 4. On that hallelujah dayOn that hallelujah dayO Lord, I want to be in that numberWhen the Saints go marching in.
- 5. O when the trumpet sounds the call O when the trumpet sounds the call O Lord, I want to be in that number When the Saints go marching in.

#### White Coral Bells ( can sing in a Round)

(Part 1 begins at first \*, second part begins when they get to  $2^{nd}$  \*)

\*White coral bells upon a slender stalk
Lillies of the valley deck my garden walk
 \*Oh, don't you wish that you could hear them ring
 That will happen only when the fairies sing.

### You Are My Sunshine

 You are my sunshine, my only sunshine You make me happy when skies are grey You never know, dear, how much I love you
 Places don't take my sunshine away

Please don't take my sunshine away.

- 2. The other night, dear, as I lay sleeping I dreamt I held you in my arms When I awoke, dear, I was mistaken So I hung my head, and I cried.
- 3. You are my sunshine, my only sunshine You make me happy when skies are grey You never know, dear, how much I love you

Please don't take my sunshine away.

- 4. I'll always love you and make you happyIf you will only say the sameBut if you leave me to love another, You'll regret it all one day.
- 5. You are my sunshine, my only sunshine You make me happy when skies are grey You never know, dear, how much I love you

Please don't take my sunshine away.