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# Forgotten Treasures Konnie Saliba

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Over the years I have taught numerous courses and workshops. In each case I composed or arranged copious materials specific to my teaching requirement. Once the teaching assignment was completed, I normally put the materials away in my filing cabinet to be resurrected if needed. Recently, while sorting through this forgotten collection, I discovered a trove of songs I feel are still appropriate today. I hope teachers will find the songs contained in this book useful in instilling a love of music in their students.

The book itself is divided into four sections. "American Folk Songs" contains many folk songs teachers know, but may also have forgotten. "Folk Songs From Around the World," has three songs with international flavor. "Holiday Songs" contains material useful during the holiday season. "Songs and Games for Fun" is a collection of proven materials enjoyable for children of many different ages.

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#### FOLK SONGS

FROM AROUND THE WORLD

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# AM - alto metallophone

SM - soprano metallophone

BM - bass metallophone

SX - soprano xylophone

AX - alto xylophone

BX - bass xylophone

CBX - contra-bass xylophone bars

#### SR - soprano recorder



Alabama Folk Song Arr: Konnie Saliba



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# Process: All Around the Kitchen

- + Teach song by rote. Allow students to create their own movements or use game below.
- + Add accompaniment or sing acappella.

#### Game

- + Students form circle around person in center.
- + Those in circle walk or skip while singing first eight measures.
- + At refrain all in circle stop.
- Center person creates movements easily imitated, particularly on the words "do like this."
- When the first eight measures are repeated, center person chooses someone new for repeat of game.



Konnie plays a clapping game at Master Class, University of Memphis, 1995

# AIKEN DRUM

Scottish folk arr. Konnie Saliba



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## Process: Aiken Drum

This could be a performance piece for Grade 3 or Grade 4 students. This stepwise melody is easy to play.

- + Teach melody by rote; add verses.
- + Teach parts in stages, not all in one day. Examples might be:
  - Melody and verses one day.
  - Another day students could learn to play melody.
  - Another day add BM/CBX part; sing AM part; transfer.
  - Another day sing song; add the four non-pitched ostinatos, one per verse.
  - Another day add AX and SG/AG parts.

## Suggestions for Form

- + Sing Verse 1 with bass parts, AM and suspended cymbal.
- + Play Verse 1 melody on AX.
- + Sing Verse 2 with bass parts, AM and hand drum.
- + Play Verse 2 melody on AX.
- + Continue pattern with Verses 3 and 4.
- On the last time, play melody on AX; add all four non-pitched percussion patterns.



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