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Introduction

As a second grade classroom teacher, I always enjoyed singing with my class and then one day things changed. In a faculty meeting we were handed objectives by grade level for the entire year. They were listed in six-week sections, and the progress was to be reported on each child's report card at the end of the six-weeks. "No frills education."

So, being feisty, I set up an appointment with the principal. I had a plan.

Principal: You cannot justify singing in the classroom because the children have music once a week with a "trained" music teacher.

Me: What?!?! Why???

Principal: You have to follow the curricula. The objectives for reading, math, social studies, and science are to be the focus of every lesson.

Me: Ok. What if I find or create songs that teach those objectives? Can we sing more often?

Principal: Let me see what you can develop.

So...

I created a document with all of the core objectives labeled and numbered. I searched for songs to teach these, and when I could not find one, I wrote one. Each month I gave the principal an update on my progress and invited him into the classroom to observe the lesson. Mission accomplished. My song writing journey began.

Music and art activities led by classroom teachers in elementary education are sometimes discouraged because of the emphasis on content in reading, math, social studies, and science. Yet we, in early childhood education, realize the importance of the fine arts as essential in aiding initial learning and retention. When I was told I had to align the singing and art activities with content learning objectives in my second grade classroom, I did! I set up a second grade sing-a-long with the four second grade classes in our school meeting in one room. One classroom teacher on keyboard and one on guitar led the singing. All songs in this book were created for teaching and reinforcing content in social studies, science, math, and especially reading.

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Use your ukuleles with these songs! Chord charts have been provided for your use.

Several of the songs in this book have been arranged for Orff xylophones or marimbas. The marimbas were used on the audio CD recording for the Soprano and Alto Xylophone Parts and the chordal Bass Xylophone Parts.

These marimbas were made using the design of Jon Madin as described in his book, <u>Make Your Own Marimbas</u>. The instruments were made as school projects with the help of children in kindergarten through fifth grade. More information is available at

http://bppub.net/Madin_MYOM.

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THE POWHATAN NATION

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The Powhatan Nation lived in the Eastern Woodlands long ago, long ago.

The Powhatan Nation *built longhouses where they lived in the Eastern Woodlands long ago, long ago.

The Powhatan Nation *hunted in the forests near the long houses built where they lived in the Eastern Woodlands long ago, long ago.

The Powhatan Nation *fished in the streams and hunted in the forests near the long houses built where they lived in the Eastern Woodlands long ago, long ago.

The Powhatan Nation *planted their gardens corn, beans, and squash, fished in the streams and hunted in the forests near the long houses built where they lived in the Eastern Woodlands long ago, long ago.

The Powhatan Nation *ate nuts, berries, fruit, planted their gardens - corn, beans, and squash, fished in the streams and hunted in the forests near the longhouses built where they lived in the Eastern Woodlands long ago, long ago.

The Powhatan Nation *dressed in deer skin, walked in moccasins, ate nuts, berries, fruit, planted their gardens - corn, beans, and squash, fished in the streams and hunted in the forests near the longhouses built where they lived in the Eastern Woodlands long ago, long ago, long ago, long ago, long ago, long ago, long ago,

Insert new text at *. Full orchestration on page 47.

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Orchestrations for Marimbas and Orff







In the following arrangements, the Aussie marimba on the left was used on the recording for the Soprano and Alto Xylophone Parts and the chordal Bass Xylophone Parts. The bass marimba on the right was not used in the recording but can be a very effective addition to any of the arrangements by simply doubling the chord roots.

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Play all of the songs in this book on your ukulele! These are the chords you'll need for all the songs in this book.





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