

# I've Got Rhythm

## Chapter 3 Resources

### Books

There are many fine books about music and musical instruments. Check your shelves for other favorite titles. The following books were all in print when this manual went to press, unless otherwise noted with an "OP."

Base, Graeme. ***Jungle Drums***. H. N. Abrams, 2004. 40 p. (978-0810950443) Pre, Pri.  
*Tired of being teased, Ngiri, the smallest warthog in Africa, uses a set of magic drums to make wishes, but he is not careful enough and makes the rift between the Warthogs and the beautiful Other Beasts even worse.*

Bertholf, Bret. ***The Long Gone Lonesome History of Country Music***. Little, Brown Young Readers, 2007. 64 p. (978-0316523936) Int.  
*A tongue-in-cheek journey through the history of country music.*

Brett, Jan. ***Berlioz the Bear***. Putnam Juvenile, 1996. 32 p. (978-0698113992) Pre, Pri.  
*Berlioz the bear and his fellow musicians are due to play for the town ball when the mule pulling their bandwagon refuses to move. A strange buzzing in Berlioz's double bass turns into a surprise that saves the day.*

Bryan, Ashley. ***Let It Shine: Three Favorite Spirituals***. Simon & Schuster, 2007. 32 p. (978-0689847325) Pre, Pri.  
*Ashley Bryan celebrates three favorite spirituals: "This Little Light of Mine," "When the Saints Go Marching In," and "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands." The power of these beloved songs emanates through his joyous interpretations. Coretta Scott King Illustrator Award.*

Clements, Andrew. ***The Last Holiday Concert***. Aladdin, 2006. 166 p. (978-0689845253, pap.) Int.  
*Life is usually easy for popular fifth grader Hart Evans, but when his music teacher puts him in charge of the holiday concert, Hart must use all of his leadership skills to unite the other students.*

Connors, Abigail Flesch. ***101 Rhythm Instrument Activities for Young Children***. Gryphon House, 2004. 128 p. (978-0876592908, pap.) Adult.  
*Offers many ways for children two-to-six years old to experience music.*

Cox, Judy. ***My Family Plays Music***. Holiday House, 2003. 32 p. (978-0823415915, lib. bdg.) Pre, Pri.  
*A musical family with talents for playing a variety of instruments enjoys getting together to celebrate.*

Dillon, Leo and Diane. ***Jazz on a Saturday Night***. Scholastic, 2007. 40 p. Includes CD. (978-0689847325) Pri, Int.  
*From Miles Davis and Charlie Parker to Ella Fitzgerald, here is a dream team sure to knock your socks off. Learn about this popular music form and read a biography of each player*

*pictured. Then listen to each instrument on the CD. Coretta Scott King Illustrator Honor and Caldecott Honor book.*

Dunleavy, Deborah. ***The Kids Can Press Jumbo Book of Music: Making Musical Instruments from Household Items.*** Kids Can Press, 2001. 208 p. (978-1550747232, pap.) Pri, Int.

*Organized by different kinds of bands, such as a “Skiffle Band” or a “Trash Band,” it has instructions on how to make and play instruments from all over the world. Great resource!*

Falconer, Ian. ***Olivia Forms a Band.*** Atheneum, 2006. 46 p. (978-1416924548) Pre, Pri. *Olivia explores her musical aspirations by forming a marching band.*

Frazer, Marla. ***Hush Little Baby: A Folksong in Pictures.*** Voyager Books, 2003. 40 p. (978-0152047610) Pre.

*Frazer sets this lullaby in 19th-century rural America. An older sister rocks her baby sister’s cradle a bit too hard, setting off a chain of events that follows the lyrics.*

Garriel, Barbara. ***I Know a Shy Fellow Who Swallowed a Cello.*** Boyds Mills Press, 2004. 32 p. (978-1590780435) Pre, Pri.

*An adaptation of the folk rhyme “There Was an Old Woman who Swallowed a Fly,” featuring musical instruments.*

Harper, Wilhelmina. ***The Gunniwolf.*** Dutton Juvenile, 2003. 32 p. (978-0525467854) Pre, Pri.

*A little girl cautioned never to go into the jungle, wanders in deeper and deeper while searching for flowers, and is suddenly confronted by the gunniwolf.*

High, Linda Oatman. ***Cool Bopper’s Choppers.*** Boyds Mills Press, 2007. 32 p. (987-1590783795) Pre.

*Bopper’s choppers (dentures) get lost in the beboppin’ crowd. Without his choppers, Cool Bopper can’t bop, scat, or blow his horn.*

Howe, James. ***I Wish I Were a Butterfly.*** Voyager Books, 1994. 40 p. (978-0152380137) Pre, Pri.

*A wise spider convinces a cricket to sing again.*

Hurd, Thacher. ***Mama Don’t Allow.*** HarperTrophy, 2008. 40 p. (978-0064430784, pap.) Pre, Pri.

*Miles and the Swamp Band have the time of their lives playing at the Alligator Ball, until they discover the menu includes Swamp Band soup.*

Johnson, Angela. ***Violet’s Music.*** Dial, 2004. 32 p. (978-0803727403) Pre, Pri.

*From the days she banged her rattle in the crib, Violet has been looking for friends to share her love of music.*

Johnston, Tony. ***Grandpa’s Song.*** Puffin, 1996. 32 p. OP. Pre, Pri.

*When a young girl’s beloved, exuberant grandfather becomes forgetful, she helps him by singing their favorite song.*

- Karim, Roberta. ***Faraway Grandpa***. Henry Holt & Company, 2004. 40 p. (978-0805067859) Pri, Int.  
*Kathleen and her elderly grandfather can still share a beloved song in spite of his dementia.*
- Krosoczka, Jarrett J. ***Punk Farm***. Knopf Books for Young Readers, 2005. 40 p. (978-0375824296) Pre, Pri.  
*At the end of the day, while Farmer Joe gets ready for bed, his animals tune their instruments to perform in a big concert as a rock band called Punk Farm.*
- Kuskin, Karla. ***The Philharmonic Gets Dressed***. HarperTrophy, 1986. 48 p. (978-0064431248, pap.) Pri.  
*The 105 members of the Philharmonic Orchestra get ready for a performance.*
- Lach, Dr. William and The Metropolitan Museum of Art. ***Can You Hear It?*** Abrams Books for Young Readers, 2006. 32 p. (978-0810957213) Pri, Int.  
*Classical music is filled with unforgettable images. In this book, great examples of pictorial music are matched to masterpieces from The Metropolitan Museum of Art, for an introduction to both music and art appreciation for young listeners. Included is a CD featuring 12 short works and an introduction to the orchestra and the instruments.*
- Lithgow, John. ***The Remarkable Farkle McBride***. Aladdin, 2003. 40 p. (978-0689835414, pap.) Pri.  
*The musical prodigy Farkle McBride tries a number of instruments before discovering that conducting the orchestra makes him happy.*
- London, Jonathan. ***Froggy Plays in the Band***. Viking Juvenile, 2002. 32 p. (978-0670035328) Pre.  
*Froggy's marching band practices for their debut at the Apple Blossom Parade, hoping to win the big prize.*
- Madden, Kerry. ***Gentle's Holler***. Puffin, 2007. (978-0142407516, pap.) 272 p.  
*In the early 1960s, 12-year-old songwriter Livy Two Weems dreams of seeing the world beyond the Maggie Valley, North Carolina, holler where she lives in poverty with her parents and eight brothers and sisters.*
- Mandy and Ness. ***Hattie's House***. Milet Publishing, 2000. 16 p. (978-1840591576) Pre.  
*Bilingual English/Vietnamese board book about Hattie's house, which is full of singing, ringing, banging, and clanging.*
- McPhail, David. ***Mole Music***. Henry Holt & Company, 1999. 32 p. (978-0805028195, lib. bdg.) Pre, Pri.  
*Feeling that something is missing in his simple life, Mole acquires a violin and learns to make beautiful, joyful music.*
- Mills, Claudia. ***Gus and Grandpa and the Piano Lesson***. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2004. 48 p. (978-0374328146) Pri.  
*After Gus, who would rather play outside than practice music, does not do too well at his piano recital, his grandfather shows him how music can be fun.*

Omerod, Jan and Lindsey Gardiner. *If You're Happy and You Know It*. StarBright Books, 2003. 32 p. (978-1932065077) Pre.

*Here's a new take on the popular song. In this version, a collection of animals puts their own twist on the words.*

Orozco, Jose-Luis. *Rin, Rin, Rin—Do, Re, Mi*. Cartwheel Books, bilingual ed., 2005. (978-0439755313 ) Pre.

*At bedtime, a little boy wants his parents to read to him. In English and Spanish with lyrics and music by Orozco.*

Pinkney, Brian. *Max Found Two Sticks* (Stories to Go). Aladdin, 2005. 40 p. (978-1416903109, pap.) Pri.

*Although he doesn't feel like talking, a young boy responds to questions by drumming on various objects, including a bucket, hatboxes, and garbage cans, echoing the city sounds around him.*

Raffi. *Baby Beluga* (Raffi Songs to Read). Crown Books for Young Readers, 1992. 32 p. (978-0517583623, pap.) Pre.

*Presents the illustrated text to the song about the little white whale that swims wild and free.*

Raschka, Chris. *Charlie Parker Played Be Bop*. Orchard Paperbacks, 1997. 32 p. (978-0531070956, pap.)Pre, Pri.

*Raschka tries to capture the music of jazz saxophonist Charlie Parker with a syncopated text and bright, funky illustrations.*

Raschka, Chris. *John Coltrane's Giant Steps*. Atheneum/Richard Jackson Books, 2002. 32 p. (978-0689845987) Pri.

*John Coltrane's musical composition is performed by a box, a snowflake, some raindrops, and a kitten.*

Reid, Rob. *Children's Jukebox, a Subject Guide to Musical Recordings and Programming for Songsters Ages One to Twelve. 2nd ed.* ALA Editions, 2007. (978-0-8389-0940-9, pap.) Adult.

*A great resource for librarians who want to incorporate music into their programming.*

Sabbeth, Alex. *Rubber-Band Banjos and Java Jive Bass: Projects and Activities on the Science of Music and Sound*. John Wiley & Sons, Inc., 1997. 102 p. (978-0471156758, pap.) Int.

*Great projects on sound and music that can be adapted to summer programming. Includes easy instruments to make and activities that demonstrate the science behind the sounds that different musical instruments make.*

Seeger, Pete. *Abiyoyo* Book and CD. Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing, 2001. 48 p. (978-0689846939) Pre, Pri.

*Banished from the town for making mischief, a little boy and his father are welcomed back when they find a way to make the dreaded giant Abiyoyo disappear.*

Sis, Peter. *Play, Mozart, Play!* Greenwillow Books, 2006. 32 p. (978-0061121814) Pre.

*Introduces very young children to the child genius Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart in this picture book tribute to the beauty of listening, looking, imagining, and—most of all—playing!*

Wilson, Budge. ***A Fiddle for Angus***. Tundra Books, 2006. 32 p. (978-0887767852) Pri. *Angus is anxious to join his family's orchestra. When he gets his new fiddle, he discovers how much work is involved in making music.*

Winter, Johan. ***Dizzy***. Arthur A. Levine/Scholastic, 2006. 48 p. (978-0439507370, lib. bdg.) Pri, Int. *This is the story of Dizzy Gillespie, a trumpet player, who created a whole new kind of music: be bop.*

Zelinsky, Paul O. ***Knick-knack Paddywhack!*** Puffin, 2004. 16 p. (978-0141380131) Pre. *Zelinsky and paper engineer Andrew Baron take readers on a joyous romp in this moveable book based on the familiar "This Old Man."*

Ziefert, Harriet. ***Animal Music***. Houghton Mifflin, 1999. 48 p. (978-0395952948) Pre. *An assortment of animals playing various instruments makes different kinds of music.*

## **Audio**

***Lummi Sticks for Kids***. Kimbo Educational. (KIM2014CD) (978-1-5634-6049-4) *Tap out easy rhythm stick routines and develop coordination and motor skills. Twelve activities are set to familiar songs. Also available from Kimbo, 12 sets of either 6" or 12" sticks.*

## **Web sites**

***All the Lyrics***. [www.allthelyrics.com](http://www.allthelyrics.com)  
*Searchable database of song lyrics by artist and search engine for song lyrics by title.*

***Alphabet Soup***. [www.alphabet-soup.net/hol/thankshunt.html](http://www.alphabet-soup.net/hol/thankshunt.html).  
*This participation story "The Bear Hunt" has simple directions on how to tell it. For the "Saved by a Song" program, substitute "Gunnwolf" for "Bear."*

***American Music Conference***. [www.amc-music.org/Little-Einsteins/petting-zoo.htm](http://www.amc-music.org/Little-Einsteins/petting-zoo.htm).  
*This site has a nice explanation of how to create an instrument petting zoo.*

***DLTK***. [www.dltk-teach.com/rhymes/heydiddle/index.htm](http://www.dltk-teach.com/rhymes/heydiddle/index.htm).  
*You'll find cat and the fiddle coloring pages to print out and color and a mobile to print, cut out, and color for the "Fiddling Around" program.*

***Enchanted Learning***. [www.enchantedlearning.com](http://www.enchantedlearning.com).  
*Search for "Old King Cole" and you'll find a rebus rhyme that you can print out to use in the "At the Orchestra" program.*

***How to Play the Spoons***. [www.davidholt.com/music/playspoons.htm](http://www.davidholt.com/music/playspoons.htm).  
*Easy directions with pictures introduce you to playing the spoons.*

***Kididdles***. [www.kididdles.com](http://www.kididdles.com).  
*Another database of lyrics for hundreds of children's songs.*

**Jan Brett's Home Page.** [www.janbrett.com](http://www.janbrett.com).

Use some of Brett's "Berlioz the Bear" activity pages to print and hand out.

**Kimbo Educational.** [www.kimboed.com](http://www.kimboed.com).

Kimbo offers a variety of music and movement products—CDs, videos, DVDs, rhythmic motor accessories.

**A List of Children's Song Storybooks.** [www.musickit.com/songstory.html](http://www.musickit.com/songstory.html).

Looking for other song storybooks? This extensive list should help!

**Mama Lisa's World.** [www.mamalisa.com/world](http://www.mamalisa.com/world).

Lyrics and music in English and their native language for children's songs from around the world. Organized by continent and country.

**Mathpower.com.** [www.mathpower.com/namegame.htm](http://www.mathpower.com/namegame.htm).

Type in any name and it incorporates that name into "The Name Game" song (also known as "The Banana Song.")

**Music in Motion.** [www.musicmotion.com](http://www.musicmotion.com).

This commercial site has over 5,000 music, movement, and dance education resources for all ages including books, CDs, DVDs, videos, instruments, etc.

**NIEH Kids' Pages.** <http://kids.niehs.nih.gov/lyrics/makenew.htm>.

You'll find the lyrics and often a musical accompaniment to dozens of songs at this site. "Make New Friends" from "The Magic of Music" program is at this URL.

**Nursery Rhymes for You.**

[www.nurseryrhymes4u.com/NURSERY\\_RHYMES/Page\\_111.html](http://www.nurseryrhymes4u.com/NURSERY_RHYMES/Page_111.html).

Words and musical accompaniment to "Rock-a-Bye Baby" and many other songs.

**Odd Music.** [www.oddmusic.com](http://www.oddmusic.com).

Odd music is home to unique, odd, unusual, and experimental musical instruments and resources. Print out and post pictures of some really odd instruments.

**Recipe Bazaar.** [www.recipezaar.com](http://www.recipezaar.com).

Recipes for half-moon cookies in the "Fiddling Around" program.

**Saint Patrick's Day.** [www.saintpatricksdays-holiday.com](http://www.saintpatricksdays-holiday.com).

Lyrics to "McNamara's Band" in the "Making Music Together" program.

**Skyline Music.** [www.skylinemusic.com/events/petting%20zoo/petting%20zoo.html](http://www.skylinemusic.com/events/petting%20zoo/petting%20zoo.html).

This is a commercial site that explains the Instrument Petting Zoo that they offer. With pictures and descriptions it may help you plan a program of your own.

**Songs for Teaching.** [www.songsforteaching.com/phonemicawareness.htm](http://www.songsforteaching.com/phonemicawareness.htm).

Songs that build phonological awareness.