
Shared Songs

There are many songs that have been passed down from generation to generation. As a class, have the **students think about some of the songs they learned from a family member, friend, or classmate**. An example would be the *Happy Birthday* song. Have someone sing the song, or have the class sing the song together (if your technology set-up allows).

Explain to the class that many countries, including the United States, have special songs that are taught and shared by families and communities. As a class, discuss other songs they have learned from their family or a friend. Have students volunteer to sing a song they have learned from someone.

Extension:

My Special Celebration!

Music and singing are used as a form of celebration in homes, schools, and communities around the world. Many occasions call for group singing as part of the celebration, as well as to have fun! Ask students to share stories of how they have participated in group singing. Some examples are:

- *Happy Birthday*
- *For He's a Jolly Good Fellow*
- *The Star-Spangled Banner*

Have students pick something in their lives that they would like to celebrate with music and share it with the class. Make sure to include the instruments they would like to use or the sounds that they would like to include in their musical celebration.

Extension:

Research a Traditional Song

Have the students **pick a country and research a traditional song** from that region, including how it was shared and taught to others.