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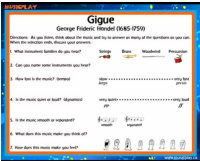
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New this week at www.musicplayonline.com

Concept Slide Shows have been uploaded for all songs K-6!
Lesson outlines in a new format have been posted for K and Grade 6.
Staff lesson - is attached to Songs 1-6 in K-6. It's found in Interactive "Other"
Listening Log movies for Listening 2 #1-14 are online.
Listening Kit 3-5 movies coming soon!

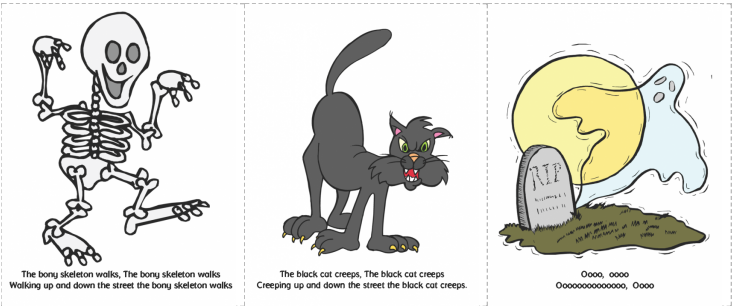


If you would like to try out the site, send a request to denise@musicplay.ca and I'll send you a code that you can use to access the site for free. If you would like to continue using the site, for can't afford the full subscription, send me an email and I'll send you a discount code.

Fun in a Minor Key

I loved Halloween when I was a kid - maybe even more than my birthday or Christmas. But the world has changed and with our diverse school communities, not all classes and not all schools celebrate Halloween. What I've tried to do in Musicplay is to provide songs that have the "flavor" and "sound" of Halloween without including lyrics about ghosts or witches. Alternate words are provided for other songs. Fun songs in a minor key are inclusive for those kids who celebrate Halloween and those who don't.

The Bony Skeletons is a new song in Musicplay PreK (pt 1). It's online at <http://musicplayonline.com/> and is available in the Book/CD as well. When I did this with my preK class, it was May, and they loved the song. One of the students suggested being zombies, so we added a zombie verse.



Five Little Pumpkins is another favorite for PreK - Grade 1 classes. In Musicplay PreK, I wrote a pentatonic melody for the traditional poem, so that students could accompany with a simple bordun. I had a PreK teacher suggest a lyrics change from, "the second one said, There are witches in the air," to "the second one said, There are leaves in the air." I think it's a great suggestion, and a way to make the song more inclusive of all cultures. You'll find this arrangement in Musicplay PreK, and online at musicplayonline.com.

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Five Little Pumpkins

Arr. Denise Gagne

Five lit-tle pump-kins sit-ting on a gate, The first one said, "Oh, my it's get-ting late!" The

se- cond one said, "There are witch-es in the air." The third one said, "But we don't care." The leaves

fourth one said, "Let's run and run and run." The fifth one said, "I'm read-y for some fun!" Oo

oo went the wind and out went the light and the five lit-tle pump-kins rolled our of sight.

In Musicplay for Kindergarten, one of the favorites is Halloween Looby Loo. It's suggested that in a class or school that doesn't celebrate Halloween, to change the word Halloween to October. This song is especially fun if you sing and move with a parachute.

35. Halloween Looby Loo

Oo Oo Oo

All on a Hal - low - een night, You

put your bat wing in. You

put your bat wing out. You

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In Musicplay 1, the song "Bats and Cats" and in Musicplay 2 "Birds and Bats" have completely inclusive lyrics. The songs are in a minor key, and can be accompanied with a simple Orff arrangement or just a simple bordun. Students are invited to create sound effects and to create new verses. You could do a great primary lesson with either of these songs, creating sound effects, new verses, movement, and accompany with instruments.

29. Bats and Cats

Bats fly a - cross the sky. Oo...
Black cats creep in the night. Meow... meow... meow...
Ro - bots go clink and clank. Ee ee ee ee ee ee

Bats fly a - cross the sky. Oo...
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22. Birds and Bats

Birds and bats fly through the sky,
through the sky, through the sky,
Birds and bats fly through the sky on
this Oc - to - ber night. The

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I still think my favorite ever Halloween performance was the year my Grade 4 students performed the Bats song, complete with balloons that were let go of at the end of the song. If you haven't every performed this piece, try it this October. It's completely inclusive - it's really a song just about bats - and is

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a song your students will really enjoy learning and creating with. After you've taught the song, you find 4-5 students who've been participating well, and give them inflated balloons. (I blow them up for the kids) The students let the air out to make the ee ee sounds. At the end of the song, they let the balloons go - they fly away!

I hope you'll enjoy using some of these selections in your October lessons.

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Musicplayonline.com is an exciting new product. We have made the site available for free during the construction phase. We would like to give teachers the opportunity to try this new, exciting interactive way of teaching.

If you would like to try out the site, send a request to denise@musicplay.ca and I'll send you a code that you can use to access the site for free for 1 month. with the free month that you'll get when you create an account, you'll have access for 2 months!

If you've already tried the site, and really want to subscribe, but have a zero music budget, I'm happy to help you by giving you a discount code to continue to use the site at a reduced cost. Email denise@musicplay.ca with your request.

If you are a music supervisor and would like free trial codes for the teachers in your district, send Denise a list of names and email addresses, and I'll send codes to the teachers in your district.

If your school recently purchased a Musicplay Digital Resource package, you may qualify for additional free access. We've been very generous with grandfathering schools that purchased the program before the online site was even thought of.

I really appreciate your feedback! email denise@musicplay.ca or join the [Musicplay Teacher's Group on Facebook!](#)

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More is being added each week to our online resource. This week, look for Listening Resources Level 1. This will include movies of 40+ examples. There are 1-5 movies for each example: Composer, Concepts, Movement Ideas, Create Movement and Instrument Play Along. I used several movies from the Carnival of the Animals this week with Grade 1 and 3, and the kids LOVED them!

<http://musicplayonline.com/>

Apps and Digital Resources

Apps

We've created SIX great apps for iPad or Google devices. If you have a class set of iPads, volume purchasing is available for these apps. [LINK INFO](#)



Note Name Smash! New note naming app! Only .99 USD
In this app, you choose the notes to practice. Each note correctly named breaks a hole in the wall. Name them all and the wall breaks!

[Link to Note Name Smash in iTunes](#)



Rain Rain Story - is a sound story book that uses the Rain Rain Go Away song, and a poem for students to accompany. This app includes ear training activities and instrument exploration.

[Rain Rain Story - iTunes](#)

[Rain Rain Story - Google](#)



Note Name Match Game - 10 levels of Memory to match notes with their letter names. Great for recorder students, piano lessons, beginning band.

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[Note Name Memory Game - Google](#)

Vocal Warm-ups for Singers or Choir



This app is based on the warmups book, "Strictly Warmups" by Kerry Heisler. The warm-ups in this collection are organized into five sets. Each set includes a physical warm-up, breath awareness, then five minutes of a variety of mid-range warm-ups.

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Learn and Play Recorder has everything that you need for your beginning recorder classes.

[Learn and Play Recorder - iTunes](#) [Learn and Play Recorder - Google](#)



Learn and Play Recorder 2 is now available for iTunes and Android devices!

This app gives your recorder players 24 songs for two part soprano with optional alto. Naming notes is reviewed, now with interactive practice! Counting music is reviewed, with an interactive name the note value activity. The full score with both regular alto and transposed alto for teachers to project is included.

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Workshops

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Monday, October 10, 2016

NJSMA Elementary Music Division

Sessions to be chosen from the following:

1. Rhythm Instrument Fun
2. Sensational Singing Games
3. Listening Fun with Scarves, Tennis Balls and More!
4. Vocal warmups and energizers
5. Developing the child's singing voice

Thursday, October 13th

Halifax Kodaly/Orff Chapters

The focus of this day will be on the new streamlined curriculum, and fun activities to meet the outcomes in the new document.

Workshops with Denise are always fun and full of ideas!
email denise@musicplay.ca to request a workshop!


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