From Folk to Pop

Sing and learn about historical folk songs that made their way to the pop charts.



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Oh Mary Don't You Weep



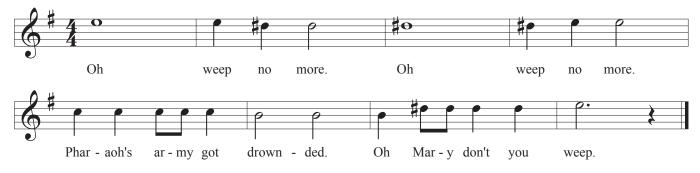
- 2. Brothers, sisters, don't you cry, There'll be good times by and by. Pharaoh's army got drownded. Oh Mary don't you weep.
- 3. One of these nights about 12 o'clock This old world is gonna rock. Pharaoh's army got drownded. Oh Mary don't you weep.

Music Activity - Sing the Song

Teach the song by rote, using the recording if you wish. Echo the song phrase by phrase, then combine phrases until the students can sing the entire song on their own.

Add a Descant

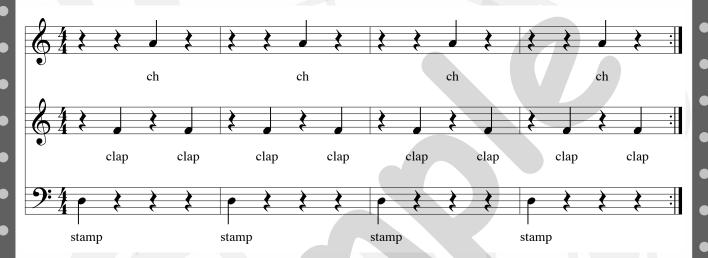
A descant is a harmony part that is sung higher than the song. When the students know the song well, try adding the descant during the chorus of the song. This melody may be sung an octave lower (especially for changing voices).





Add an Accompaniment

Perform this body percussion pattern while singing the chorus of Oh Mary Don't You Weep:



Perform the same rhythm pattern on the drum, woodblock and tambourine. What an interesting change in tone color!

Looking at the time signature at the beginning of the song, which number tells you how many beats are in each measure? ______ What are measures? They are the spaces between each bar line.

How many beats are there in each measure? _____ How many measures does this song "Oh Mary Don't You Weep" have?_____

The teacher is permitted to photocopy this activity for student use.

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