

From Folk to Pop

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

Projectable PDF

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Themes & Variations

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Oh Mary Don't You Weep

Swing the 8th notes Early American

If I could I sure - ly would ___ Stand on the rock where Mo - ses stood. ___

Phar - aoh's ar - my got drown - ded ___ Oh Mar - y don't you weep.

Chorus:

Oh Mar - y don't you weep no more. Oh Mar - y don't you weep no more.

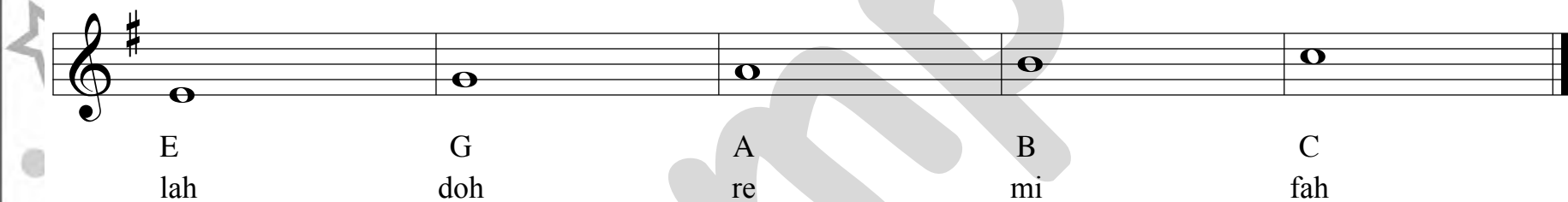
Phar - aoh's ar - my got drown - ded ___ Oh Mar - y don't you weep.

2. Brothers, sisters, don't you cry,
There'll be good times by and by.
Pharaoh's army got drowned.
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 drowned.
Oh Mary don't you weep.

Music Activity

Play the song on an instrument



A musical staff in G-clef and G major (one sharp) showing five measures. Each measure contains a single half note. The notes and their corresponding letter names and syllables are: E (lah), G (doh), A (re), B (mi), and C (fah).

Note	Letter Name	Syllable
E	E	lah
G	G	doh
A	A	re
B	B	mi
C	C	fah

There are only five different notes in this song.

The notes that make up a song are called a toneset.

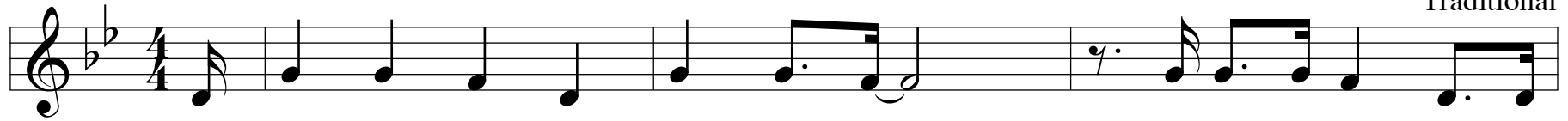
This makes the song very easy to play on an instrument such as a recorder, a metallaphone, or a small keyboard.

Sing the song to letter names and then try playing it on an instrument.

Take your time. At first you might only be able to play a couple of measures at a time.

My Landlord

Traditional



My land - lord rang the front door - bell. I let it ring for a



long, long spell. I went to the win - dow. I



peeked out the blind. I asked that man what was



on his mind. He said, "Mon - ey hon - ey, oo - ee." He said,



"Mon - ey hon - ey, oo - ee. If you want to get a-long with me



— If you want to get a - long with me." —

Music Activity

The Beach Boys

The Beach Boys were an American rock group that started their career in the early 1960s. They were famous for singing a style of rock and roll that included five part harmony. It was a style of harmony that was unmatched by any other band of the times. The lyrics of their songs were about Southern California, surfing, cars and being a teenager. Their music was very appealing to the youth of the day.

The original band was made up of the Wilson brothers and their cousin. However, over time the band went through many changes and their style of music that they had become so famous for went through many creative transformations.

The band is still performing today and has an official website announcing where their next show is. There are lots of YouTube performances of this group as well...it is fun to watch some of their very early performances.

What were the Beach Boys famous for? _____

What is a sloop? _____

What happened to the Sloop John B.? _____
