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Song and Music in Language Learning

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**Songs**: page numbers refer to Murphey (1992)

I’ll love you forever,
I’ll like you for always,
As long as I’m living,
My baby you’ll be.

*(Love You Forever, by Robert Munsch, New York: Firefly 2001)*

**[SSIMHP: Song stuck in my head phenomena]**

It’s raining cats and dogs
And it’s cold outside.
My sunshine
Is deep inside.

**[encouraging ventriloquation, call and response, imitation]**

One day I went
Into the woods,
And there I met
A great big bear.

*(p. 130)*

**[encouraging inner speech]**

My hat it has three feathers,
Three feathers has my hat,
And had it not three feathers,
It would not be my hat.

*(p. 131)*

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**[scaffolding songs]**

Up, down, right, left, front, back, cheek, chin, chest.  *(p. 122)*

I scream, you scream, we all scream for ice cream.

**ONE:**

Left..., left..., left, right, left.
I left my room in a mess.  You’re right!
I left my boots on my bed.  You’re right!
I left my socks in the sink.  You’re right!
You’re right!

**TWO:**

You’re right, left, right...

**TOGETHER:** Sing out, 1, 2, 1, 2, 3, 4, 1–2!

**[strategies for learning songs]**

Superhappy optimistic joyful and prodigious

5 Strategies: chunk, back formation, rhythm, song, life

Superhappy optimistic joyful and prodigious

Superhappy **optimized** joyful and prodigious

**5 Ways to Happiness** [TPR Action and Emotional Intelligence]

When you want to be happy, there’re (#) things you can do.

Smile from ear to ear,
Breathe in deep,
Look up at the sky,
Sing a melody,
Dare to show your love

love
[song writing to other tunes – Row Row Row Your Boat]  

Write, write, write it down,
Set your feeling free,
I make it up as I go along,
My pen is writing me.

I like your shirt, I like your pants,
I like your shoes and socks,
I like the way you do your hair,
You look just like a bear. (ARRRR!)  

Affirmation Songs [with speed dictations]  

A happy person

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Selected bibliography


