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Foreword

As many teachers of young children would agree, songs can be used as creative and entertaining ways to teach English. And now *Songbirds* can provide teachers with the musical resource they have been looking for! This book contains not only common songs familiar to native English speaking children, but it also provides teachers with ideas for hand motions, games, and activities to use along with the songs. These songs and activities will certainly stimulate interest in children and give them a chance to practice English in and outside of the classroom.

Songbirds is organized into two books.

Song Book with audio CD contains the lyrics and music to 125 well-known English children's songs.

Activity Book consists of the following two parts.

- **Part 1** contains an illustrated guide for hand motions and TPR activities useful for teaching songs and helping children internalize vocabulary and sentence structure.
- **Part 2** contains ideas for classroom games and activities that compliment many of the songs presented in *Songbirds*.

Teachers who have used *Songbirds* have found many benefits of incorporating songs into the curriculum of their classrooms. Students have an easier time recalling vocabulary from the songs through repetition of the lyrics and connection of the words to rhythms and melodies. And because the songs used in *Songbirds* have been slightly modified for presenting high frequency vocabulary and useful standard expressions, the words and expressions learned can be used by students in the future. Singing also provides children with good pronunciation practice of both simple and more difficult words. And through the games and activities presented in this book, students can participate together in positive, active ways.

Used together, the two *Songbirds* books will provide hours of music and fun for any English classroom.

Preface

Songs are an essential part of a child's world. They fill up the spaces with happy sounds and funny words. They are a part of special memories. The songs we learned as children stay with us throughout our lives.

Songs are also wonderful teaching tools. Where possible, the lyrics in this book have been modified to make them simple and practical. This makes them easier to learn and also increases their effectiveness for language teaching. Songs not only make learning fun, but they also create a comfortable and colorful atmosphere that helps kids to freely express themselves in ways that simply speaking cannot.

Children can dance, role-play, pantomime, walk like an elephant, and quack like a duck! At home, at school, or just riding in the car, songs bring out the kid in all of us.

Songbirds - 125 Favorite Children's Songs presents the music and lyrics to 125 children's songs. The songs are divided into five themes: **Nature, Animals, People and Places, Games, and School and Friends**. The music can be used to teach students the correct melodies for the songs, or may be used to play an instrument to accompany the songs.

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1. Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star

Twin-kle, twin-kle, lit-tle star, How I won-der what you are! Up a-bove the world so high,
Like a dia-mond in the sky, Twin-kle, twin-kle, lit-tle star, How I won-der what you are!

2. Row, Row, Row Your Boat

Row, row, row your boat, Gent - ly down the stream,
Mer-ri - ly, mer-ri - ly, mer-ri - ly, mer-ri - ly, Life is but a dream.

