

Step Into Singing ~ Basic Song List

There are two main purposes for a basic song list: to give new Guiders and new Units a starting place for learning Girl Guide songs, and to develop a common repertoire across Canada so that girls attending events will experience the feeling of sisterhood that results from being able to sing the same songs.

The new Girl Guides of Canada song list is called “Step Into Singing” and is divided into three stages:



- Step 1 - songs most Guiding Members know,
- Step 2 - songs girls and women who have been in Guiding for a number of years are likely to know,
- Step 3 - songs experienced singing groups in Guiding know and would like more members to know.

The songs in Step 1 are not necessarily easier than those listed in Steps 2 and 3; they are just better known. Therefore, Units can begin by learning or reviewing the songs in Step 1, many of which you may be familiar with anyway. Then see how many you can learn from Steps 2 and 3. You will notice that each Step includes a few songs from many different categories, to give you a well-rounded repertoire.

Should Units sing songs only from the basic list? Do you need to learn all of the basic songs before trying others? Certainly not! Our publications are full of great songs, many of which may be favourites in your Unit, Area or Province. Feel free to sing any or all of them -- and others -- to your heart’s content!

Remember, “Step Into Singing” is only a starting point. So go ahead, brush up your vocal cords, put on your favourite “singing” shoes, and take that first “Step Into Singing”!



| | Step 1 | Step 2 | Step 3 |
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| Graces | For Health and Strength (Cab) A Grace (Cab) | The Sun and the Rain (CWS) World Hunger Grace (J, OC, Cab) | Commonwealth Grace (CWS) Bless This Our Food (J) |
| Openings | Fire’s Burning (J) Tall Trees (SCGG, OC II) | Everywhere Around the World (CWS) Australian Campfire Opening (J, Cab) | Sussex Campfire Opening (J, Cab) Dutch Fire Opening (SCGG) |
| Closings and Vespers | Say Why (CA) Zulu Farewell (OC II) Taps (inc. Daylight) (SCGG) | Linger (CA) Softly Falls the Light of Day (CA) Breton Fisherman’s Prayer (CWS) | Evensong (SCGG) Irish Blessing (CWS) Prayer to Gitchi Manitou (CWS) |
| Guiding Songs | Guiding Law Song (CWS) On My Honour (CA) Whene’er [Before] You Make a Promise (J, OC II) Our Chalet Song (OC, SCGG) | The World Song (OC II, words-SCGG) Guide Marching Song (SCGG) Jubelana (OC, Cab) Our Cabaña Song (Cab, OC, J) | Being a Guide with You (CWS) Thinking Day Song (OC II) Pax Lodge Song (OC II) Sangam Song (SCGG, OC, Cab) |
| Rounds | Make New Friends (Cab) The Frogs (J) Sing Together (OC) | The Cuckoo (J) I Like the Flowers (CWS) Listen to the Earth (CWS) | Let Us Sing Together (OC) Raindrop Round (CWS) Les Cathédraux Français (Cab) |
| Part Songs | Horsey, Horsey (J) Canoe Song (SCGG) The Merry-Go-Round (J) | O Be Joyful (CWS) Tzena (OC) The Orchestra (OC) | Swinging Along (OC, Cab) Ira Congo (J, Cab) Ev’ryone Knows It (OC II) |
| Unifying Songs | It’s a Small World (OC, Cab) Barges (J, OC, Cab) | As We Trek Along (OC II) | The Rover (OC) Something to Sing About (J) |
| Reflective, Spiritual | Land of the Silver Birch (J, SCGG, OC, Cab) Peace of the River (SCGG, OC, Cab) | I Know a Place (OC) Sing for Joy (OC) | Witchcraft (CWS) Somewhere There’s a Forest (OC) |
| Fun, Action, | My Hat (J) | Liege Song (J) | Running Game (Cab) |
| Singing Games | I Let Her Go, Go (Cab) Hey There Neighbour (CWS) The Chinese Fan (J) | T.I.R.O. (SCGG, Cab) Dutch Shoe Game (J) Hey, Hey, Hey, Jubilee Hey (Cab) | Wadlee Atcha (CA) Four Jolly Blacksmiths (J) Dans Mon Pays (J) |

Song Books: J=Jubilee Song Book, SCGG=Songs for Canadian Girl Guides, CWS=Celebrate With Song, CA=Campfire Activities, OC=Our Chalet Song Book, OC II = Our Chalet Song Book II, Cab=Canciones de Nuestra Cabaña (Cabaña Song Book)