

Song: When Autumn Comes
(tune "She'll Be Comin' Round the Mountain")
Songwriters: Traditional folk song

***Brief Context:* "She'll Be Comin' Round the Mountain" is a traditional American folk song with which many people are familiar. This provides the perfect opportunity to use a notable melody and write a song together about Autumn by altering the original lyrics!**

***Activity:* Songwriting and Discussion**

***What do you need?* Perfect Harmony "She'll Be Coming" video, "When Autumn Comes" video, lyric/activity sheet and visual prompts**

Suggested Prompts:

- **Start by singing the original song "She'll Be Coming" together to get the traditional tune in your head - sing all 4 verses (Yee-haw)!**
- **Now, let's write new lyrics about all the things we think of when we experience Autumn (or Fall). For example,**
 - **"We think of changing leaves when Autumn comes, red and gold!"**
- **What are some signs of Autumn? Or Fall activities you enjoy that we could sing about? (USE VISUAL PROMPTS)**
 - **Examples: Leaves start changing color, picking apples, hayrides, trick-or-treating, dressing in costume, carving pumpkins, baking pies, raking leaves, Halloween/Thanksgiving, sweater weather**



Song: Shine on Harvest Moon (1908)

Songwriters: Nora Bayes and Jack Norworth

Brief Context: "Shine on Harvest Moon" was written by the married vaudeville team Nora Hayes and Jack Norworth. It was one of a series of moon-related Tin Pan Alley songs of the era and became a popular standard. It originally debuted in "Ziegfield Follies" in 1908 and has been recorded by artists like The Boswell Sisters, Kate Smith, Rosemary Clooney, Bing Crosby, and Vaughn Monroe.

Activity: Singing/humming, movement, and engaged discussion

What do you need? Perfect Harmony "Shine on Harvest Moon" video, lyric/activity sheet and visual prompts

Suggested Discussion Prompts:

- **Do you like to go outside or look out your window at night to look at the moon?**
 - **How does it make you feel to look at the moon/stars/night sky?**
 - **Do you like to look at the moon with someone special?**
- **A harvest moon has an orange color. What other colors can the moon turn? (Blue, White, Yellow, Red, Etc.)**

Suggested Movement Prompts:

- **Sway along with the music as you sing and view the pictures in our video!**



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Song: Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree (1942)

Songwriters: Lew Brown and Charles Tobias

Brief Context: Made popular by the Glenn Miller Orchestra and the Andrews Sisters, "Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree" is a song about two lovers who swear fidelity to one another while they are separated by war. "Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree" remained in Your Hit Parade's first place from October 1942 through January 1943. It was the longest period for a war song to hold first place. The Andrews Sisters performance of the song became one of the most popular scenes of "Private Buckaroo".

Activity: Singing, Rhythm or instrument play

What do you need?

- **Perfect Harmony "Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree" video or the Andrews Sisters recorded music, activity/lyric sheet and visual prompt**
- **For rhythm play you just need your body! For instrument play you might use egg shakers, maracas, drums, rhythm sticks or an at-home creation!**

Suggested Prompts:

- **If playing an instrument, briefly explain how to play the instrument, e.g., if using egg shakers or maracas, play the shakers together so that everyone can hear the sound it makes.**
- **Sing along and follow me! (Lead the following movement while seated)**
 - **Shake or tap your instruments, or clap your hands ON the beat**
 - **Change where you are shaking, tapping or clapping (*high/above your head, low/below your knees, to the right, to the left*)**
 - **Try shaking, tapping or clapping in a big circle**
 - **Try tapping different parts of your body (knees, elbows, head, etc.)**



Song: Autumn Leaves (1942)

Songwriters: Joseph Kosma and Johnny Mercer

Brief Context: "Autumn Leaves" is a French song by Joseph Kosma, which was originally titled "Les Feuilles Mortes" ("The Dead Leaves"). It gained success in the United States when lyricist Johnny Mercer penned the English poetry for Kosma's music and changed the title to "Autumn Leaves." It was introduced to the American public in 1956 in the film "Autumn Leaves" which featured Nat King Cole's hit version of the song. It has also been recorded and popularized by Jo Stafford, Doris Day, Frank Sinatra and Artie Shaw.

Activity: Singing with engaged discussion

What do you need? Perfect Harmony "Autumn Leaves" video, activity/lyric sheet and visual prompts

Suggested Prompts:

- ***One of the most beautiful parts of Autumn is the changing colors of the leaves.***
 - ***What colors can the leaves turn? Do you have a favorite color leaf? (Red, Orange, Yellow, Purple)***
 - ***Do you enjoy watching the leaves turn and fall? Or do you prefer that the leaves stay off your yard, so that you don't have to rake them every day?***
 - ***As a kid, did you ever play in the leaves by raking a big pile and jumping into the leaves? Is this a fall activity you passed on to your children and grandchildren?***



Song: Ding, Dong the Witch is Dead (1939)

Songwriters: Harold Arlen and Yip Harburg

Brief Context: "Ding Dong the Wicked Witch is Dead" is the first song the munchkins sing in the 1939 classic, "The Wizard of Oz." After Dorothy's house falls on the Wicked Witch of the East and kills her, Glinda the good witch tells the munchkins to "Come out, come out, wherever you are and meet the young lady who fell from a star!". The munchkins timidly appear and sing this joyous song.

Activity: Singing and engaged discussion

What do you need? Perfect Harmony "Ding, Dong the Witch is Dead" video, lyric/activity sheet and visual prompts

Suggested Prompts:

- **This song is the popular film, *The Wizard of Oz*. (USE VISUAL PROMPTS) starring a famous actress named Judy Garland, who plays Dorothy. Dorothy meets a lot of friends along the yellow brick road.**
 - **What is your favorite character in the Wizard of Oz? (Hints: Scarecrow, Tin Man, Lion, The Wicked Witch, the Flying Monkeys, the Munchkins, Glinda)**
- **Speaking of the wicked witch, this is the time of year when a lot of little kids dress up as witches and other spooky characters for Halloween!**
 - **What are some of your favorite Halloween activities? (Examples: trick-or-treating, carving pumpkins, dressing up, passing out candy)**
 - **Have you ever dressed up for Halloween? Tell me about your costume!**

