

Song: L-O-V-E (1964)

Songwriters: Bert Kaempfert and Milt Gabler

Brief Context: Originally an instrumental penned by Milt Gabler for Bert Kaempfert's *Blue Midnight* album in 1964, "L-O-V-E" was covered with added vocals by Nat King Cole for the title track of the last album released before his death on February 15, 1965. It was recorded with love in 1991 by Nat's daughter, Natalie Cole, on her album *Unforgettable...With Love*.

Activity: Singing and word activity

What do you need?

- Perfect Harmony "L-O-V-E" video
- Activity sheet
- Lyric sheet

Suggested Activity:

The song "L-O-V-E" is an acrostic, which is a poem, word puzzle, or other composition in which certain letters in each line form a word or words.

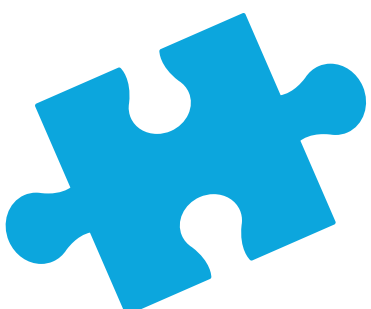
Look at me

Only one I see

Very very extraordinary

Even more than anyone that you adore

Let's make a short acrostic using your name and finding one word that describes you with each letter. (See attached Activity Sheet)



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L-O-V-E Activity

Let's make a short acrostic using your name and finding one word that describes you with each letter.

We'll use the name, Mary, as an example.

Married

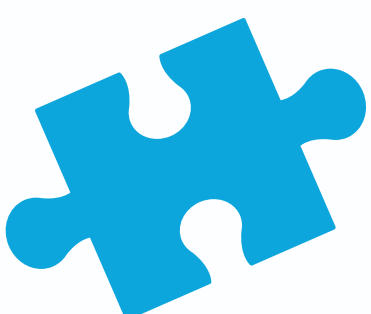
Aunt

Rosy

Youthful

Your Name

Word that describes you



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Song: Heart and Soul (1938)

Songwriters: Hoagy Carmichael and Frank Loesser

Brief Context: "Heart and Soul" is most likely one of the first songs pianists learn when playing the ivory keys. The melody was composed by Hoosier artist, Hoagy Carmichael, who created classics like "Stardust" and "Georgia on My Mind." The lyrics are by "Guys and Dolls" composer, Frank Loesser. Originally, the two hoped that the song would be used in a short film, which was trendy at the time.

Activity: Singing and movement

What do you need?

- Perfect Harmony "Heart and Soul" video
- Activity sheet
- Lyric sheet

Suggested Movement:

When you sing, "Heart and Soul" repeat this pattern:

- Pat on Lap - 1x
- Clap Hands - 1x

When you sing, "Oh but your lips were thrilling" repeat this pattern:

- Clench both hands together and rock back and forth - 4xs
- Both hands do "safe" (as in baseball) - 1x
- Both thumbs point to self and rock back and forth - 4xs



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Song: Can't Help Falling in Love (1961)

Made popular by Elvis Presley

Brief Context: "Can't Help Falling in Love" is one of Elvis' most beloved recordings and remains his most covered song. It was first recorded on his 1961 album, *Blue Hawaii*. "Can't Help Falling in Love" was even used as his "swan song" and was often the closing number of his stage shows in Las Vegas while touring around the country in 1977.

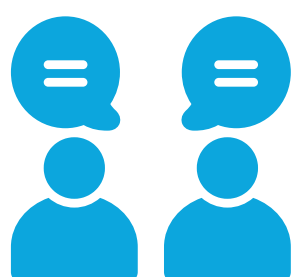
Activity: Singing and engaged discussion

What do you need?

- **Perfect Harmony "Can't Help Falling in Love" video**
- **Activity sheet**
- **Lyric sheet**

Discussion Prompts:

- **Have you ever been in love?**
- **Who do you love?**
 - **Prompts: Husband/wife, children, pet, friend, etc.**
- **How did you feel when you were with your love?**
- **What is/was your favorite activity to do with your love?**
 - **Prompts: Going to dances, cooking, traveling, talking**



Song: Misty (1954)

Songwriters: Erroll Garner and Johnny Burke

***Brief Context:* While still in his teens, Johnny Mathis heard Erroll Garner (composer) play "Misty" in the Black Hawk jazz club in Mathis' home town of San Francisco. Johnny recalls blurting out "Mr. Garner, I am going to record your song if I ever make a record." Mathis was discovered and signed by Columbia Records in 1956 at the age of 21, singing jazz in that same Black Hawk club.**

Activity: Listening and Johnny Mathis background

What do you need?

- **Johnny Mathis recording of "Misty"**
- **Activity sheet**
- **Lyric sheet**

5 Johnny Mathis Facts:

- **Johnny Mathis is known for his velvety voice and is still performing today.**
- **Although he enjoyed listening to male singers like Bing Crosby and Nat "King" Cole, his biggest influences were female singers, especially Lena Horne.**
- **In 1958 Johnny Mathis released "Johnny's Greatest Hits" which spent 491 weeks (nine and a half years) on the Billboard top 100 album charts, earning him a mention in the Guinness Book of World Records.**
- **"Misty" is Johnny Mathis' signature song.**
- **You might hear Johnny's voice on your radio every year around Christmas. His versions of "It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas" and "We Need a Little Christmas" remain popular.**



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Song: Let Me Call You Sweetheart (1910)

**Songwriters: Leo Friedman
and Beth Slater Whitson**

Brief Context: Leo Friedman, music, and Beth Slater Whitson, lyrics. The song was published in 1910 and was a huge hit for the Peerless Quartet in 1911. Over the years it was recorded by Bing Crosby, Joni James, The Mills Brothers, Pat Boone and many others. It was used in many movies too including in 1943 *Thousands Cheer* - sung by Gene Kelly whilst dancing with a mop, and 1979 *The Rose* - sung by Bette Midler.

Activity: Singing and engaged discussion

What do you need?

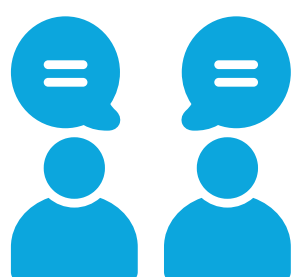
- Perfect Harmony "Let Me Call You Sweetheart" video
- Activity sheet
- Lyric sheet

Discussion Prompts

- What nicknames have you used for your sweetheart?
 - Prompt with examples as needed: honey, love, sugar, sweetie pie, pumpkin, babe, honey bunny, baby cakes, better half, etc.
- Does your sweetheart have any special nicknames for you?

Tell me about your sweetheart.

- What makes him or her so special?
 - Prompt with examples as needed, such as kind, generous, trustworthy, handsome/beautiful, caring, funny, smart, good cook, fun to be with, energetic, encouraging, etc.



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