

# ***Song: Put on a Happy Face (1960)***

## ***Musical: "Bye Bye Birdie"***

***Brief Context: "Put on a Happy Face" is from the musical "Bye Bye Birdie" and was introduced by Dick Van Dyke. Albert, a New York-based songwriter, writes songs for the teen heartthrob, Conrad Birdie who has been drafted into the Army. Albert Sings "Put on a Happy Face" to cheer up a fan who is sad because she thinks she'll be too old to date Conrad when he returns from his service.***

### ***Activity: Singing and Engaged Discussion***

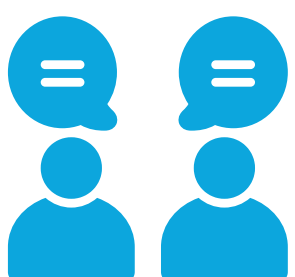
#### ***What do you need?***

- **Perfect Harmony "Put on a Happy Face" video**
- **Lyric Sheet**
- **Activity sheet**

#### ***Suggested Discussion Prompts***

**"Put on a Happy Face" is about looking on the bright side. We all have something that makes us happy, let's find what makes your friend happy!**

- **Do you like to smile?**
  - **What makes you smile?**
  - **Who makes you happy? (spouse, child, grandchild, friend, etc.)**
    - **Why do they make you happy?**



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***Song: Make 'Em Laugh (1952)***  
***Musical: "Singin' in the Rain"***

***Brief Context:*** If you've seen the 1952 movie-musical "Singin' in the Rain," you'll most likely remember this chaotic and funny scene performed by Donald O'Connor. While O'Connor sings "Make 'Em Laugh," he uses physical comedy to act out the words. In the span of 3 minutes, he performs dozens of jumps, pratfalls and two backflips.

***Activity: Visual and Listening Experience with optional discussion***

***What do you need?***

- "Make 'Em Laugh" video clip
- Activity sheet

***Suggested Discussion Prompts***

- Do you like to laugh?
- What or who makes you laugh?
- How does laughing make you feel?



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***Song: Brush Up Your Shakespeare (1948)***  
***Musical: "Kiss Me Kate"***

***Brief Context: "Brush Up Your Shakespeare" is from Cole Porter's 1948 musical "Kiss Me Kate" and features two gangsters singing this humorous song. This song references fourteen of Shakespeare's plays, and is filled with puns of quotes from Shakespeare.***

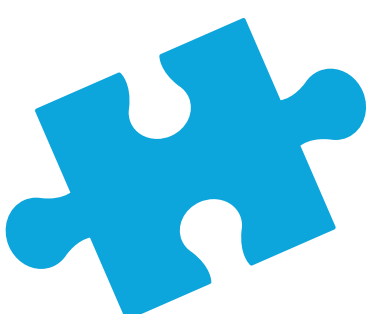
***Activity: Listening and word activity***

***What do you need?***

- **Perfect Harmony "Brush Up Your Shakespeare" video**
- **Activity sheet**

***Suggested Activity:***

**In the activity below, fill in the blank to complete the Shakespeare quote. Visual clues are provided for the more challenging quotes.**



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# Brush Up *Your* Shakespeare

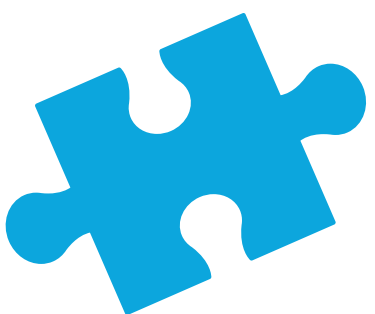
**1. Romeo and \_\_\_\_\_ (Juliet)**

**2. To be, or \_\_\_\_\_,  
that is the question (not to be)**

**3. What's in a name, \_\_\_\_\_ by  
any other name would smell as sweet  
(a rose)**

**4. What light through yonder  
\_\_\_\_\_ breaks (window)**

**5. Off with his \_\_\_\_\_! (head)**



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3.



4.



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***Song: You're Never Fully Dressed  
Without a Smile (1982)  
Musical: "Annie"***

***Brief Context: "You're Never Fully Dressed Without a Smile" is from the 1982 musical "Annie" about a little red-headed orphan girl named Annie. The girls in the orphanage listen to the Boylan Sisters sing on the radio, and joyously sing along until their wicked orphanage mother, Miss Hannigan, stops them.***

***Activity: Movement (upper body)***

***What do you need?***

- **Perfect Harmony "You're Never Fully Dressed Without a Smile" video**
- **Activity sheet**

***Suggested Seated Movement***

- **Wave arms side to side**
- **Hands on hips and sway to the rhythm**
- **Point to your smile!**

**Move along with the leader in this video, or improvise movement with your partner(s). Prompt your dancers to follow you, or let them take the lead and mimic the movements that come naturally for them.**



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# ***Song: Ain't We Got Fun (1920)***

## ***Songwriters: Raymond B. Egan and Gus Kahn***

***Brief Context: "Ain't We Got Fun" is a catchy, comedic song that was popular in 1920s vaudeville shows and speakeasies. The song is about a care-free young couple who can't pay the rent, but make the best of what little they have. Popular pairs like Rosemary Clooney and Bing Crosby, and Doris Day and Gordon MacRae have performed this song.***

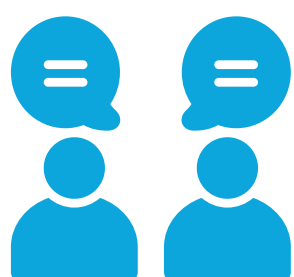
### ***Activity: Singing and Engaged Discussion***

#### ***What do you need?***

- **Perfect Harmony "Ain't We Got Fun" video**
- **Lyric Sheet**
- **Activity sheet**

#### ***Suggested Discussion Prompts***

- **Do you have a friend who you like to have fun with?**
- **Tell me about your friend!**
  - **What is their name?**
  - **What fun activities do you like to do together?**
  - **Do you laugh together?**



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