



Ex Cathedra Sing Maker



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SingMaker interactive films

Session notes

Week 6 - Friendship by Rob Challinor.

Warm up with Friend of Mine

Teacher Notes

SingMaker grew out of our Singing Playgrounds project and so many of our SingMaker songs are about celebrating friendships and singing together. Rob (piano) wrote this a few years ago, in the middle of the night, jetlagged, when we were spending a week at a school that is very special to us, Shrewsbury International School in Bangkok. He wanted us to have a song for the following day in which children could choose to sing about what they liked doing with their friends. It was a hit and we have since included it in every Singing Playgrounds Celebration Day since. Children love the idea that they can choose what they sing about whether it is playing football, or climbing a tree, sharing a book or a cup of tea, eating a pizza or watching TV.

In this film we perform it rather than leave gaps for the viewer to sing, already having decided what to do, but we put in the most popular answers we get when asking children. Next time without the pressure of recording hurriedly before Lockdown we will do an interactive version. In the meantime it is a wonderful song for children to learn to sing and then you can encourage them to make up their own and sing unaccompanied, around the house.

The song was also composed to be useful for other areas of teaching and learning. You may want to draw children's attention to the three verbs required to build each verse of the song and use as supporting material for your literacy lessons.

We would love to see children's responses to our songs. If you encourage children to draw their responses, perhaps they might draw and send pictures of the statements in the song or make up their own new ones.

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Children Notes

It's great fun to sing with our friends, and of course none of us can do that at the moment. But we can make songs about singing with our friends, and the activities that we like to do with our friends. Have a listen for what we like to do with our friends. And can you spot the 3 verbs each time? Once you have learned our song think of three things you like doing with your friends and then try and make your version of our song. If you want to draw yourself doing these activities with your friends even better – and we'd love to see your drawings!

What did you think of this song? Don't forget to come back next Monday where we will introduce you to the next song, have a lovely week and keep singing.

Ex Cathedra SingMaker team