



Take Me Out To The Ball Game
(WFS- Whole Family Is The Student)
Music/Voice July 2012 Lesson
Joy Sikorski's [Singing Mastermind™](#)

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“Logic will get you from A to Z; imagination will get you everywhere.” - Albert Einstein
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Now that summer is in full swing and many of you are already going or will be going to baseball or Little League games, I thought it would be fun to explore Baseball Music.

Does that mean hotdog music? Mustard music or potato chips music?

Ok, seriously, what is baseball music anyhow?

Well, the first known baseball music song was written in 1858 and was called "The Base Ball Polka!" Ever heard it? Me neither.

But the most famous and most sung piece of baseball music is “Take Me Out To The Ball Game,” written by Jack Norworth on a scrap of paper in 1908. He was riding on a train going to Manhattan, New York and it only took him 15 minutes to write the song!

Imagine something that took so little time becoming so timeless! I’m pretty sure he didn’t imagine it at the time, but then again, who knows?

Your **imagination** is the greatest gift you’ve been given in this world so no matter what you do with this lesson, I want you to **imagine** amazing things about yourself, your voice, about music and about life!

Consider another thing Albert Einstein said about **imagination**:

*“**Imagination** is more important than knowledge. For knowledge is limited to all we now know and understand, while **imagination** embraces the entire world, and all there ever will be to know and understand.”*

Also, because lots and lots of people are on vacation at this point, I am going to make this a shorter than usual lesson.

Enjoy!

Goal

Our goal this month is to sing.

Okay, so you already sing. That's great.

But I mean sing as in somewhere else other than in your home or car or shower and with other people than the ones who are in your family!

Yes, you closet shower singers are going to be put to the challenge this month.

And whoever that person in the family might be (Dad? Mom?) is going to be the one who leads the whole family this month.

Here is what I'd like you to do.

ACTIVITIES

As always, use the boxes to check off each completed activity.

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WEEK ONE - THE BASEBALL MUSIC PROJECT

- Watch all three videos on the home page of the [Baseball Music Project](#). Start with the Demo movie (on the left of the page), then the Concert Video (in the middle) and finally, the CBS Sunday Morning clip (on the right)
- How many different pieces of music, including songs (even if they were just short bits of music) did you hear on all of the videos total, including ones with words or without words? You may need to listen to them again to be more aware of the songs.
- What kinds of music/songs were they? Did they tell a story, did they create an emotion or atmosphere that matched what was going on visually?
- Imagine your favorite movie or TV show without music. What would that be like?
- Why do you think music is so important for telling a story on video or TV?
- Why do think it is important for setting a mood?
- Talk about this with one another, or, you know me, sing to each other about it, whichever is more fun!

WEEK TWO - THE MOST SUNG AND MOST FAMOUS BASEBALL SONG

“Take Me Out To The Ball Game”

by Jack Norworth (1908)

- [Learn about the song on Wikipedia.](#)
- Watch and listen to the [original recording of the song from 1908.](#)
- Watch one of the most [famous clips of Abbott and Costello](#) that starts with the song.
- [Download the original sheet music](#) (it’s in the public domain). If you have printed this page out, the link is on the resource page for the month of July at <http://www.singingmastermind.com/homeschool-singing-lessons-resources/>
- If you have a piano and someone in the family who reads music, play the song and sing it together. If you don’t have a piano, sing it together a cappella.
- Tell the “Who’s On First” joke to one another. Better yet, sing the joke to one another! Okay, I want to hear a recording of that!

WEEKS THREE & FOUR - SING THE SONG AT A GAME

- If you are part of a Little League team or are going to a different type of baseball game, or even if you just play ball at home together or with friends or neighbors, during the 7th inning, sing the song. Remember, this is an American tradition!
- Actually, I would like you to speak with the people who are running the games and get their support to make this a tradition for the league or team in your home town (if it is not yet a tradition).
- Talk to whoever is in charge of what goes on at the games.
- Explain to them what the Baseball Music Project is and why you think it’s important for people to sing “Take Me Out To The Ball Game” together.
- If you are brave enough, lead everyone at the game in the song or be the first to stand up and start it!
- Write to me and let me know what you did with this lesson. I love feedback!
- Haven’t gone to a baseball game yet? Find someone to go with and sing!
- IMAGINE** how much courage you actually have inside of you!
- Most of all, enjoy singing with other people because remember, “you deserve to be heard!”**