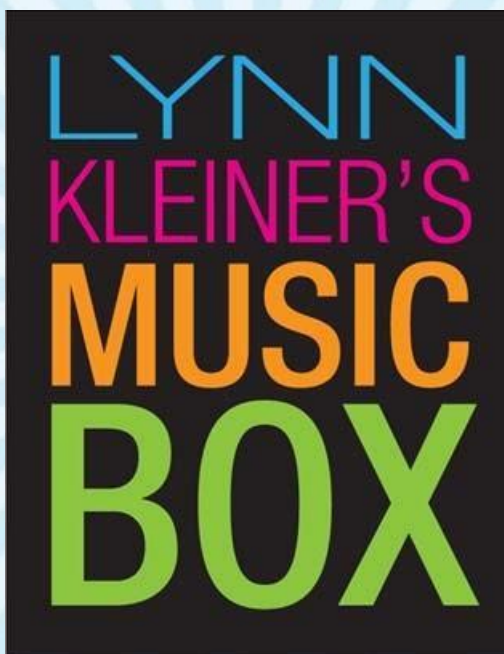


Dancing and Singing with Colored Stars

Additional lesson ideas for *Stars are Shining*
From *Holiday Songs and Winter Adventures*, Page 24.



A resource for teachers
who love to teach and live to learn.

Dancing and Singing with Colored Stars

Twinkle, Twinkle, Color Solos

Teacher: G D A⁷ D A⁷ D Solo:

Twin-kle, twin-kle, lit-tle star. Sing the col-or that you are. I am a blue star.

STAR FACTS to share with your students!

An Observatory is where we quietly watch the stars. (If needed for classroom control, show the area where we will view the stars if we cannot control moving our stars, or are not trying our best.)

Stars are different colors! That's because some are cool, some are hot.

- Sing the first 4 measures “*Twinkle, twinkle, little star, Sing the color that you are.*” Give a colored star to the child and have them sing their color “Blue” or “*I am a blue star.*” (*Do many at a time if a large class*)
- Echo each child after their solo, singing their exact pitches. Explain you are matching their voices.
- Continue until all have sung.
- Explain, When we sing our colors at the same time, we have a “Tone Cluster!” All sing their color together.

MORE STAR FACTS! A Star Cluster is when stars go together by gravity, in music, its by singing the same pitches.

- Choose one child to sing their color and ask who can match it. If the second child matches, we have begun a cluster.
- Repeat the process, seeing how many can join the cluster. If a child cannot match, they now form a new cluster!

Dancing with the Stars: Use the recording of *Stars are Shining* to dance with the star, moving it with the melody of “*Stars are Shining.*”

For additional solos and variety, sing “*Star light, star bright, sing your color out tonight!*” Child sings their color.

Shooting stars look like stars that quickly shoot across the sky, but is really a small piece of rock moving so fast, it heats up and glows as it moves through the atmosphere, called meteors.

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Finger Cymbals

- Students stand in a circle, each one “hanging” a finger cymbal from their “pincher” fingers.
- The teacher, holding one finger cymbal in the same way, moves around the inside of the circle, striking the student’s cymbal.
- The teacher asks the students to stay in the same place, singing the song *Stars are Shining*, the teacher’s cymbal strikes a student’s cymbal everytime “*stars*” and “*wish*” is sung and *after “me.” Repeat with echos.*
- Instruct several students to join the teacher, dancing from student to student and very gently striking their cymbal whenever singing “star.” Repeat until all have had a turn.

Stars accompaniment track from Holiday Songs and Winter Adventures, track 24.

Aquarium from Kids Can Listen, Kids Can Move is also a wonderful piece for dancing with finger cymbals.

Concert Suggestion

Have some classes with finger cymbals and some classes with colored stars. The singing, movement and sound of the cymbals is beautiful with the accompaniment track!