

Peaceful Practices: Songs



The simple joy of singing with children creates bonding, friendships and builds community. These songs for children about peace, friendships, celebrating our global family and resolving conflicts are more important than ever in these troubled times. These songs are intended to help us all move forward with hope and action as we work together to build a healthier, more peaceful world.

Peace

All the Way Around the World by Katherine Dines

- Lyrics — <https://www.songsforteaching.com/katherinedines/s/02allthewayaround.pdf>
- Music — <https://music.youtube.com/watch?v=7YeoSl4Uv4w>

Circle of Peace by Carol Johnson

- Lyrics and video — <https://music.youtube.com/watch?v=7WY13eeoQ1Y>

I've Got Peace in My Fingers by Susan Salidor

- Lyrics and music — <https://music.youtube.com/watch?v=bu6e3ZfZ2s0>

Kids' Peace Song by Peter Alsop

- Lyrics — <https://www.peteralsop.com/song/kids-peace-song>
- Music — <https://music.youtube.com/watch?v=l1C7GbAUGL4>

Round the World with Ways to Say Hello by Hap Palmer

- Lyrics — <https://www.songsforteaching.com/happalmer/roundtheworldwithwaystosayhello.htm>
- Music — https://music.youtube.com/watch?v=_BSDtTgmUcc

What Does Peace Mean? by Paulette Meier

- Lyrics — <https://www.songsforteaching.com/paulettemeier/whatdoespeacemean.htm>
- Music — <https://music.youtube.com/watch?v=5gOSXE8oEDk>

That's Good News by Sarah Pirtle

- Music and lyrics — <https://sarahpirtle.com/hope-sings/thats-good-news.htm>

- **This Little Light of Mine** by Harry Dixon Loes [example of a zipper song where new verses can be added]
- Lyrics — <https://allnurseryrhymes.com/this-little-light-of-mine/>
- Performed by Elizabeth Mitchell — <https://music.youtube.com/watch?v=dck3cvjmyyww>
- Performed by Reggie Harris — <https://music.youtube.com/watch?v=cmyajc2pVr8>

Additional verses by Sarah Pirtle:

All around this room
I'm gonna let it shine (3x)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Nobody can "pfoof" it out.
I'm gonna let it shine (3x)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

I'm gonna take this light around the world,
I'm gonna let it shine (3x).
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Building Community

All the Children Sing by Wendy Rollin

- Lyrics and Music — <https://music.youtube.com/watch?v=AK7B5eorXSI>

All the Way Around the World by Katherine Dines

- Lyrics — <https://journal.childrensmusic.org/songs/peace/20/all-the-way-around-the-world>
- Music — <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7YeoSl4Uv4w>

Eight Hugs a Day by Stuart Stotts and Tom Pease

- Lyrics — <https://tompease.com/lyrics/8-hugs-a-day-lyrics/>
- Music — <https://music.youtube.com/watch?v=OaR6iLGP67c>

Jambo by Ella Jenkins

- Music — <https://music.youtube.com/watch?v=VaHDh2nDYsY>

Love In Any Language by Stuart Stotts and Tom Pease

- Lyrics — <https://stuartstotts.com/songlyrics/love-language/>
- Music — https://music.youtube.com/watch?v=p4WsV_fnVog

One Foot/Lead with Love by Melanie DeMore

- Lyrics — <https://lyricstranslate.com/en/melanie-demore-one-footlead-love-lyrics.html>
- Music — <https://music.youtube.com/watch?v=9w22S8foSbk>

People Song by City Love

- Lyrics — <https://www.songsforteaching.com/citylove/peoplesong.htm>
- Music — <https://music.youtube.com/watch?v=m7v19c8HDmw>

Pick It Up (Earth Day Rap Song for Kids and Families) by Fyutch

- Music and lyrics — <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YI6hC3Plp0w>

Stand Up For You by Alphabet Rockers

- Lyrics — <https://www.songsforteaching.com/alphabetrockers/standupforyou.htm>
- Music — https://music.youtube.com/watch?v=A7_IjyvfpuE

The More We Get Together by Irving King

- Performed by FUNdamental — <https://music.youtube.com/watch?v=R8v6FLg3tSk>
- Performed by Learning Station — <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lldmkrjXQ-E>
- Performed by Ms. Rachel — <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oCoYUTHxWCo>

The More We Get Together — Spanish version — Cuando Más Estemos Juntos

- Lyrics and Music — <https://music.youtube.com/watch?v=ewXbPFvbOtQ>

Under One Sky by Ruth Pelham [zipper song]

- Music — <https://music.youtube.com/watch?v=fBk--jQwDJU>
- English and Spanish performed by Sol y Canto Kids — <https://music.youtube.com/watch?v=gHkdFzbq1po>

We All Sing the Same Voice by Sesame Street songwriters Sheppard Greene and J. Phillip Miller

- Lyrics — <https://www.letras.com/muppets/645439/>
- Music — <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fCMO7Oluloo>

We Won't Leave Anyone Out by Sarah Pirtle

- Music — <https://www.gentlewind.com/mp3nu/sarah/linkup/20wontleave.mp3>

Identity

Everyone Has Strengths To Be Proud Of by Cathy Bollinger

- Lyrics — <https://www.songsforteaching.com/cathybollinger/everyonehasstrengths.htm>
- Music — <https://music.youtube.com/watch?v=5O1X3w4yOgM>

Home (English/Español) by Saul Paul

- Music — https://youtu.be/XtDcqZ4Jmuc?si=y_ntR4RMw7yZU-eP

I Like the Me I See! by Culture Queen

- Lyrics — https://www.songsforteaching.com/culturequeen/i_like_s/05ilikethemeisee.pdf
- Music — https://music.youtube.com/watch?v=XwU4N_1OVWU

Love Makes a Family by Two of a Kind

- Lyrics — <https://www.songsforteaching.com/friendshipsongs/lovmakesafamily.htm>
- Music — <https://music.youtube.com/watch?v=hv1-arw9TYc>

My Crown, Hair Love Song for Kids by Fyutch and Uncle Jambo

- Lyrics — <https://www.songsforteaching.com/fyutch/mycrown.htm>
- Music — <https://music.youtube.com/watch?v=76z0QajYFPY>

Friendship

Because We're Friends by Music with Mar

- Lyrics and music — <https://music.youtube.com/watch?v=BORtGIVt2qA>

Friends, Friends 1,2,3 by The Kiboomers

- Lyrics and Music — <https://youtu.be/QalTh9NEQ38?si=hHaHebm0WgEt1qF1>

Hello Friend by Andrés Salguero & Christina Sanabria

- Spanish lyrics — <https://123andres.com/hola-amigo-songs-of-friendship-lyrics/>
- Music — <https://music.youtube.com/watch?v=9rnnoby-FQs>

I Wish You Well by Dr. Becky Bailey

- Lyrics and music — https://youtu.be/V9_li6cSB5o?si=aGyoIEVDIDf4AANW

They Are My Best Friend by Ants on a Log

- Lyrics — <https://www.songsforteaching.com/antsonalog/theyremybestfriend.htm>
- Music — <https://music.youtube.com/watch?v=mTutB5b8OwA>

Consent

My Body by Pierce Freelon, Performed by Rissi Palmer

- Lyrics — <https://www.songsforteaching.com/piercefrelon/mybody.htm>
- Music — <https://youtu.be/jynk237emxA?si=k80H7iMtodZNhxVW>

My body My body by Peter Alsop

- Music — <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ku9V0cSd1KQ>

The Consent Song by Moody from True Vibenation, Grow Your Mind

- Lyrics — <https://open.spotify.com/track/7iODWkfweZsZ0dUJJG37M5>
- Music — <https://music.youtube.com/watch?v=2FUcg3fxkhY>

Problem Solving

Speak Up by Sarah Pirtle

- Music — <https://www.gentlewind.com/mp3nu/sarah/linkup/17speakup.mp3>

Talk it Out by Sarah Pirtle

- Lyrics — <https://songsforteaching.com/twoofakind/TalkItOutLyrics.pdf>
- Music — <https://www.gentlewind.com/mp3nu/1058/08talkitout.mp3>

The Problem-Solving Song by Lisa Warner and Second Step:

- Lyrics — https://s3.amazonaws.com/scschoolfiles/686/problem_solving_song.pdf
- Music — https://youtu.be/ZEYFOF3Dtto?si=Abyls_x5GPOFWDCG

Two in a Fight by Sarah Pirtle

- Lyrics — <https://sarahpirtle.com/Lyrics/LyricsSFT.htm#Twoln>
- Music — <https://www.gentlewind.com/mp3nu/sarah/linkup/26twofight.mp3>

What Do I Do? by Ruth Pelham

- Lyrics — <https://www.ruthpelham.com/experience/music/lyrics/WhatDoIDo-lyrics.pdf>
- Music — <https://music.youtube.com/watch?v=HWCCc-3UWpM>

Sources for Songs, Lyrics and Music

- The Children's Music Network — <https://journal.childrensmusic.org/>
- Songs for Teaching — <https://www.songsforteaching.com>
- <https://music.youtube.com/>