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THE NEW

LET'S BEGIN ENGLISH

SONGBOOK

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FOREWORD

Singing and dramatization have proved to be two very successful means of providing oral practice in the English language for non-English speaking children who enter school in the Northwest Territories.

In this songbook the words of the songs have been drawn from the Sentence Patterns and Formulas of Books (Units) 1 and 2 of THE NEW Let's Begin English program; the melodies of the songs are familiar ones or new ones written by the author.

For Books (Units) 3 and 4 of this program, you may choose your melodies from traditional children's songs and singing games, or you may prefer to create melodies of your own. The actual words of the traditional songs and singing games may be taught as well.

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TO THE TEACHER

When Sentence Patterns are presented and practised in a variety of ways which appeal to a child, he learns them quickly and is able to repeat them spontaneously. Children love to sing, and Sentence Patterns lend themselves readily to the song form.

As was stated in the Foreword, some of the Sentence Patterns have been set to traditional songs, while others have had melodies written specifically for them. You are free to use any melody for the practice of a Sentence Pattern; the melodies in the songbook are merely suggestions.

Most of the songs are written in the key of C because a xylophone was used in composing. If you are able to read music, you will be able to alter the key of any song so that it suits the voice range of your class. If you are unable to read music, you can use the lyrics for choral speech and/or simple chanting.

A careful examination of each song will indicate the possible choral arrangements. You may sing along with the class; the class may sing as a chorus; you may sing the first verse of a song and have the class or a pupil sing the second; one pupil may sing to another; a pupil may volunteer to sing your part; etc.

Besides making 'variations' in your choral arrangements, you should give special attention to 'variation' (substitution) in the Sentence Patterns which make up the songs.

Examples:

a) Unit I - Lesson 4 - Song Number 4

I am walking. etc.

Verbs such as 'am running', 'am hopping', 'am skipping', etc. should be substituted for the verb, 'am walking'.

b) Unit I - Lesson 5 - Song Number 7

I am the teacher. etc.

Once occupations have been introduced, the following substitutions may be used as the pupils play the various roles:

I am the doctor.
You are the trapper.
She is the nurse.
He is the pilot.
You are the hunter
He is the teacher.
He is the postman.

c) Unit I - Lesson 6 - Song Number 9

Show me a pencil. etc.

In later lessons these Sentence Patterns might be introduced:

Give me a candy. etc.

Hand him a nail. etc.

Pass her a kleenex. etc.

d) Unit I - Lesson 6 - Song Number 10

'She' Say it again. etc.

In the beginning this may have to be used as a chant. You state the difficulty (in this case the word, 'she') and you invite the class or a pupil to - 'Say it again'. This kind of practice should help the pupil to overcome the difficulty. The chant may also be used for sounds which some pupils find difficult to make such as 'ch', 'sh', 'tle' etc.

<u>Variation</u> is the thing! Substitute for the nouns, the pronouns, the adverbs, the adjectives, etc. which you find in each song. In this way you will help to fix the Sentence Pattern in the pupil's mind and at the same time you will give him an opportunity to increase his vocabulary.

Situational teaching is a vital element in second language teaching. Stated simply it means that the person does what he is saying, whenever possible.

Examples:

a) Unit II - Lesson 2 - Song Number 18

This is a book.
That is a book. etc.

Pointing to the book which is close at hand and gesturing toward the book which is in the distance will be required in order to distinguish between 'This' and 'That'.

b) Unit I - Lesson 11 - Song Number 15

Put your boots together. etc.

Movement of the 'boots' or any other objects which are substituted such as 'hands', 'feet', 'books' etc. will be necessary.

c) Unit I - Lesson 10 - Song Number 14

Are you ready? etc.

Words such as 'finished', 'thirsty', 'hurt', 'cold', 'tired', etc. should be substituted for the word, 'ready' and they should be used as the situation requires.

The following is a list of some of the songs teachers have used for oral practice of the Sentence Patterns:

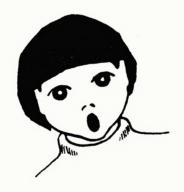
The Farmer in the Dell A Hunting We Will Go O Susanna Old MacDonald Had a Farm Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star Merrily We Roll Along Clementine Frère Jacques Alouette Billy Boy The Mulberry Bush Skip to My Lou The Pawpaw Patch Looby Loo Ten Little Indians The Bridge of Avignon

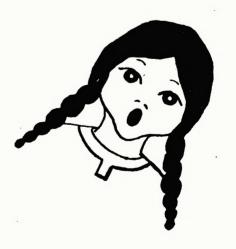
London Bridge Is Falling Down Mary Had a Little Lamb Three Blind Mice The Bear Went Over the Mountain Good Night, Ladies Did You Ever See a Lassie? You Are My Sunshine For He's a Jolly Good Fellow I've Been Working On the Railroad Yankee Doodle Ain't Gonna Rain The Old Grey Mare She'll Be Comin' 'Round the Mountain My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean Happy Birthday Jack and Jill

Singing Every Day (Enlarged edition \$2.80) and Singing and Rhyming (Enlarged edition \$2.80) both published by Ginn and Company, Toronto, are good resource volumes for the person who is using THE NEW Let's Begin English program to teach Oral English to non-English speaking children who have successfully completed a Pre-School Program.

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unit 1





(Tune: Three Blind Mice)



SONG NUMBER 2 (verse 1)

(Tune: Frère Jacques)



Lesson 2

SONG NUMBER 3



SONG NUMBER 1 (verse 2)

(Tune: Three Blind Mice)



SONG NUMBER 2 (verse 2)

(Tune: Frère Jacques)



Lesson 3

SONG NUMBER 4

(Tune: Frère Jacques)



(Tune: Three Blind Mice)



SONG NUMBER 2 (verses 3,4)

(Tune: Frère Jacques)



Lesson 4

SONG NUMBER 5 (verses 1-4)

(Tune: Alouette)



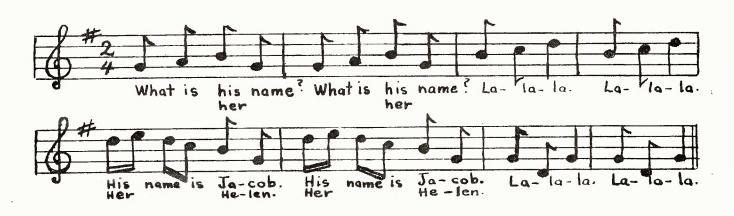
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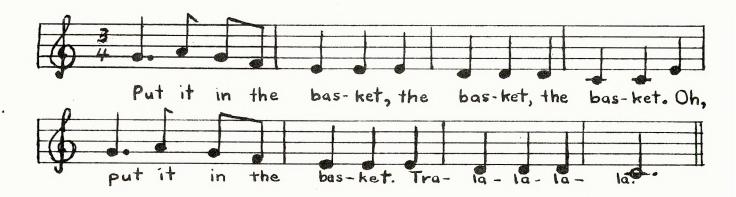
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Lesson 5

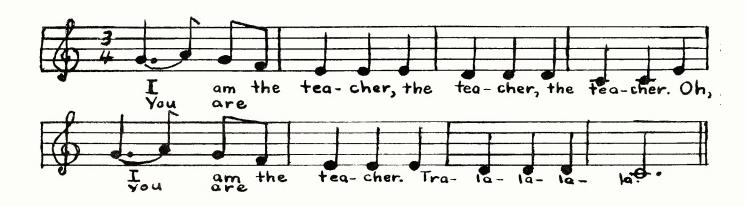
SONG NUMBER 6





SONG NUMBER 7 (verses 1,2)

(Tune by Marion Burke)



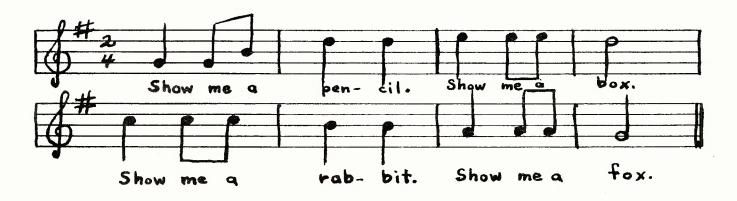
Lesson 6

SONG NUMBER 8 (verses 1,2)

(Tune: Farmer in the Dell)



SONG NUMBER 9

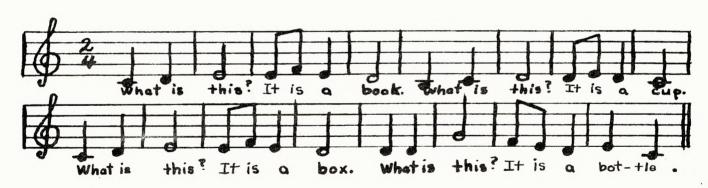




Lesson 7

SONG NUMBER 11

(Tune by Marion Burke)

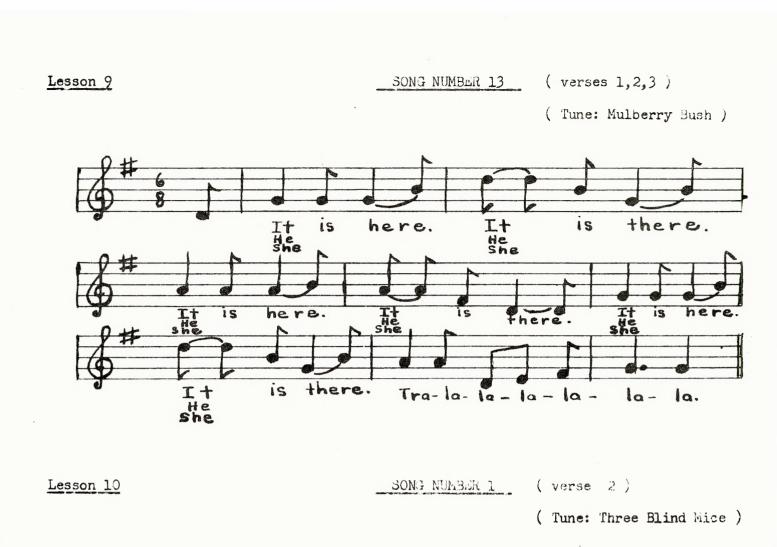


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SONG NUMBER 12 (verses 1,2,3,)

(Tune: Clementine)







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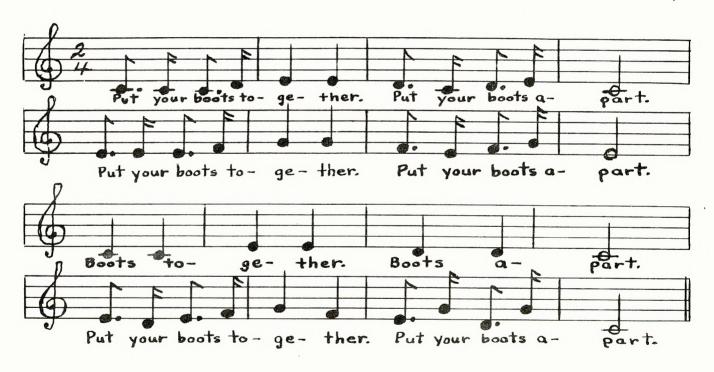


(Tune: Three Blind Mice)



SONG NUMBER 15

(Tune by Marion Burke)



Lesson 12

SONG NUMBER 1 (verse 6)

(Tune: Three Blind Mice)



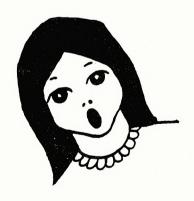
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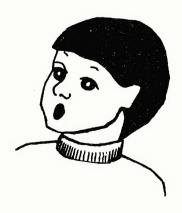
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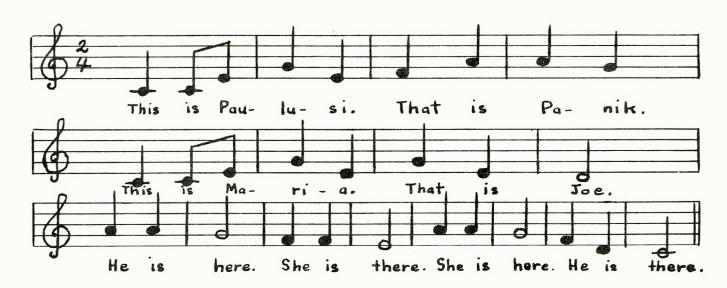




unit 11

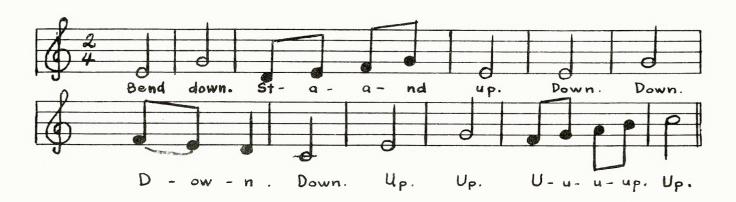






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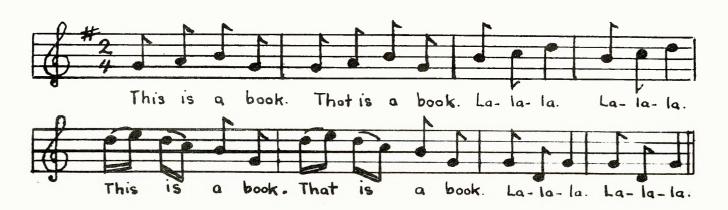
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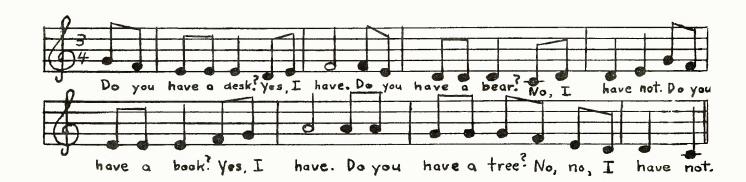


Lesson 2

SONG NUMBER 18

(Tune: Frere Jacques)

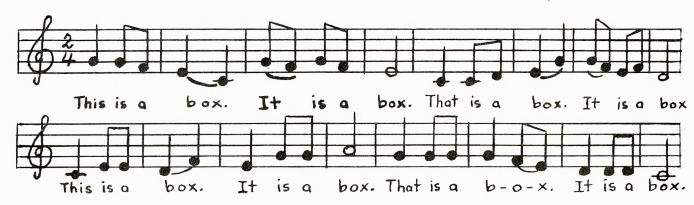




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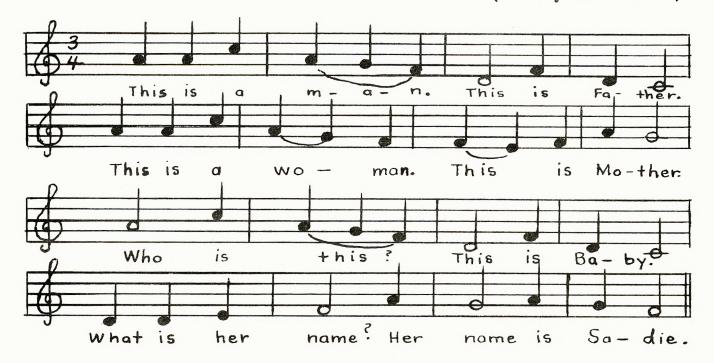
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Lesson 4

SONG NUMBER 21



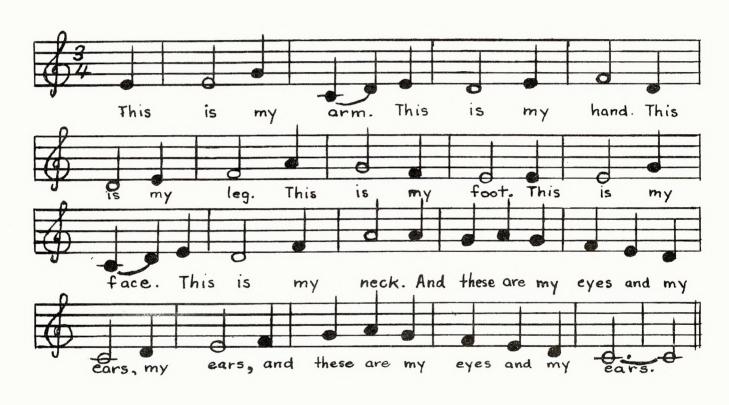
(Tune: Alouette)



Lesson 7

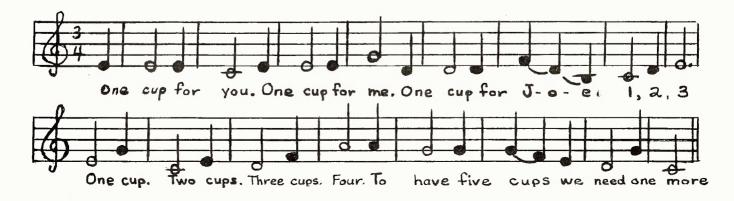
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(Tune by Marion Burke)



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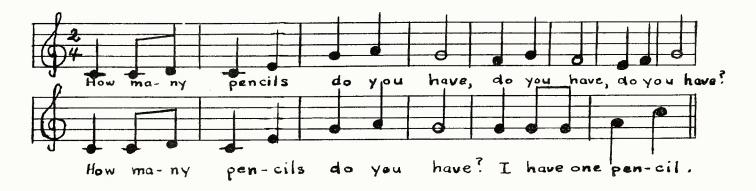
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Lesson 9

SONG NUMBER 25

(Tune by Marion Burke)



Lesson 10

SONG NUMBER 26

(London Bridge)

