



accordion
tuba

John Jacob Jingleheimer Schmidt

North America
Campfire Song
20th C.

1st Time: *mp* 2nd Time: *p* 3rd Time: *pp*

So who is he --this John Jacob? Nobody knows, but his name makes a great excuse to exercise our lungs in different volumes!

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A New Song: John Jacob Jingleheimer Schmidt

1 "If you know someone who has the same last name as you, put your hand up. --- Everyone eh? Well, if you know someone who has the same first name as you, put your hand up. "Most people have a first name, a last name, and maybe some middle names. Hands up if you have a middle name. (Ask a few students what their middle name is.) "Do you know anyone who has the same first name, last name and middle names as you? (Explore responses!)

2 "John Jacob Jingleheimer Schmidt ---that's an interesting name. John Jacob Jingleheimer Schmidt. Sounds like the person's family might have come from Germany. Jingleheimer --the word, heimer means house, bright house in German. I don't know what a "jingle- heimer might mean. It's pretty unusual. Listen what happens when John Jacob Jingleheimer Schmidt goes out one day.



Sing or Play Music John Jacob Jingleheimer Schmidt

3 "The second time you hear John's name, it's shouted. Why? Do you think he really met another person with his name? Maybe, maybe not. It's fun to think about. Can you say his whole name? (John.....Schmidt)

4 Teach the song by rote (students echo you after each line)
OR use the mp3 --magic lips the first time, then sing the second and third times.
(Be sure to encourage loud shouting on the last "John Jacob Jingleheimer Schmidt".)

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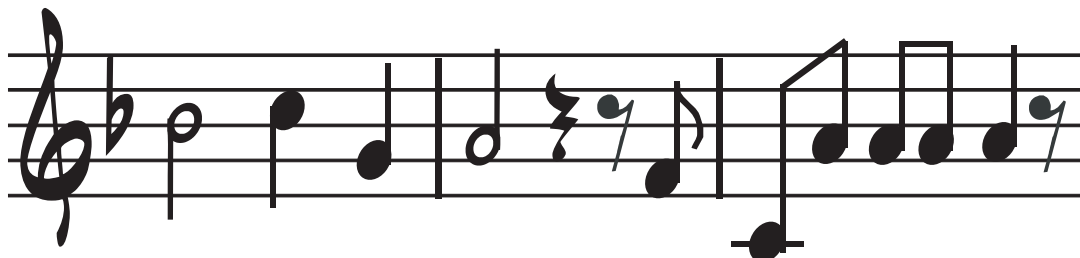
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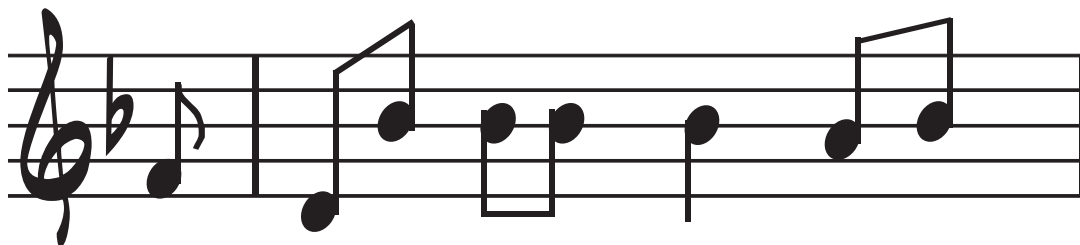
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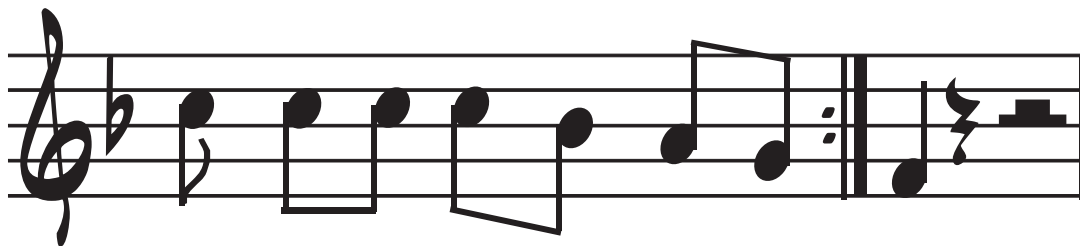
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