

# Hush Little Baby

In a traditional lullaby, an anxious parent tries to soothe a crying babe with promises of gifts. The mp4 uses images of vintage toys to help explain how a "cart and bull", etc. could be possible gifts for a child.



guitar  
core, 1, culture, lullaby, USA/Central, January

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Key G, first note D(low so)  
a cappella count-in: 1,2,3,4,....

Lullaby  
United States  
anon arr: LJC



# Hush Little Baby Revisited

A new twist on an old lullaby, the baby is soothed by a series of actions. Images in the mp4 include a variety of children and caregivers.



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Lesley J Clare



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|----------|-----------|-----------|-------|---------|-------|--------|
| 1. Hush  | lit - tle | ba -      | by    | don't   | you   | cry,   |
| 2. If    | that      | lul -     | a -   | by's    | too   | slow,  |
| 3. If    | your      | lit -     | tle   | toe     | won't | laugh, |
| 4. If    | the wa -  | ter in    | the   | bath    | turns | cold,  |
| 5. Hug   | your      | ted -dy   | and   | rest    | your  | head,  |
| 6. Close | your      | eyes      | sweet | dreams  | ap -  | pear,  |
| 7. My    | love      | will hold | you   | through | the   | night, |



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|----------|--------|-------|----|--------|------|------|---------|-------|--------|
| 1.Ma -   | ma's   | gon - | na | sing   | you  | a    | lul -   | la -  | by.    |
| 2.Ma -   | ma's   | gon - | na | tick - | le   | your | lit -   | tle   | toe.   |
| 3.Ma -   | ma's   | gon - | na | give   | you  | a    | sooth - | ing   | bath.  |
| 4.Ma -   | ma's   | gon - | na | find   | you  | a    | ted -   | dy to | hold.  |
| 5.Snug   | -      | gle   |    | down   | in   | your | co -    | zy    | bed.   |
| 6.'cause | you're | safe  | at | home   | with |      | me      | right | here.  |
| 7.And    | wake   | you   |    | with   | the  |      | morn -  | ing   | light. |

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## New Song: Hush Little Baby Genre: Lullaby

- 1 (Try a few yawning sighs as an introduction.) **"What do you do when you are getting ready for bed?"** (pjamas, bedtime snack, story, brush teeth) **Families have different ways to say "Good-Night". In some families, the mother or the father sings a special song called a lullaby to help their children fall asleep.** "(Ask if any children have been sung lullabies.)"
- 2 **"Imagine that you are lying in bed. You're tired. You want to go to sleep. What kind of song will help you? Will it be fast or slow? Why? Will it be loud or soft? Why?"**
- 3 **"Now, imagine you are in bed and can't fall asleep. Listen to this song, see if it helps you fall asleep."** Sing the song or play it from the CD.
- 4 **"What in the song would help you fall asleep? Why? What in the song would keep you awake? Why?"**
- 5 **"Listen to the song again ... and look at the pictures as the lullaby is sung."** (Either use the movie from the DVD OR printed pictures from the pdf files OR one of the many picture books available based on this song..)

"Hush Little Baby" is a wordy song for Grade 1. Instead of trying to teach it by rote or reading, the song will be included in the next few lessons as a "listening to learn" piece. Repetition and encouragement will teach words and melody.

The origins of this song are unknown, but as mockingbirds are found in North America, it is thought to be from the United States. It has been made popular by its use in a number of movies and tv shows e.g. Batman episode, and through its inclusion in the repertoire of singers such as James Taylor and Carly Simon.

All the best intentions of parents sometimes go out the window when trying to placate a crying child. In the original lullaby, the parent offers one bribe after another to try to stop the crying.

I tend to lean into the sentimental comfort of the familiar words in songs, so I still like the traditional version even though I prefer words that are more congruent with my beliefs. I'll leave it to you to decide which version to offer children in your classroom.

**OR** Teach one of the word sets, then play or show the song video for the second set of words. Ask students for their opinions about which set of words would make a more effective lullaby.

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Hush lit-tle ba-by don't say a word. Ma-ma's aon-na buy you a mock-ina-bird.



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| If that mock-ing- bird don't sing,        | Ma-ma's gon-na buy you a | dia -mond ring.  |
| If that dia-mond ring turns brass, .....  | a                        | look-ing glass.  |
| If that look-ing glass gets broke .....   | a                        | bil - ly goat.   |
| If that bil - ly goat won't pull, ....    | a                        | cart and bull.   |
| If that cart and bull turn over, ....     | a                        | dog named Rover. |
| If that dog named Ro-ver won't bark, .... | a                        | horse and cart.  |



If that horse and cart fall down, You'll still be the sweet-est lit-tle ba-by in town. So



hush lit-tle ba-by don't you cry, Ma-ma's gon-na be here by and by.

## Dance(A) & Drama(B)



**A1.1** use movement in a variety of ways

## Music(C)



**C1.1** "Cold and Flu Season"

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**C2.2** describe ways elements may be used for purposes

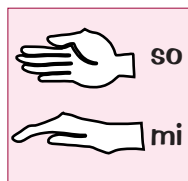
There is a mind-body connection that helps the voice to follow pitch when our hands change with the pitch.

## Warm-Ups(3 minutes)

**1**

### Pitch: Matching Solfa "so" "mi"

Following the method outlined in the last lesson, sing several patterns using "so" and "mi," with their hands signs, for students to echo.

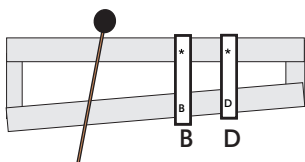


Key G

D

B

|    |    |    |    |
|----|----|----|----|
| so | mi | so | mi |
| so | so | mi | mi |
| so | mi | mi | so |
| so | so | so | mi |
| so | mi | mi | mi |



Using the glockenspiel helps to keep everyone in tune. Remove bars that aren't needed to simplify playing.

**The first song today is in the Key of G. Use this Key to pitch match and it tunes the voice and ear for singing**

**2**

### Yawning Sighs

## Practice and Review

**Song:** Hush Little Baby

Key G, first note: low "so" (D)

a cappella count-in: 1 2 3 4 Hush ...

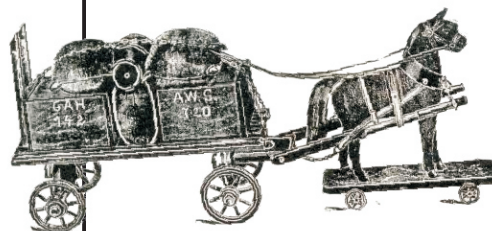
1. What kind of song is "Hush Little Baby?" (lullaby)
2. When are lullabies sung?
3. What can we do with our voices to help it sound like a lullaby?  
(keep our voices quiet so the baby can fall asleep ---dynamics: piano)  
(sing fairly slowly ---tempo: andante)

Sing the song with the DVD video or using the CD and story-pages printed from pdf files on the DVD.

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Mama's gonna buy you a diamond ring.
- 3** If that diamond ring turns brass,  
Mama's gonna buy you a looking glass.
- 4** If that looking glass gets broke,  
Mama's gonna buy you a billy goat.
- 5** If that billy goat won't pull,  
Mama's gonna buy you a cart and bull.
- 6** If that cart and bull turn over,  
Mama's gonna buy you a dog named Rover.
- 7** If that dog named Rover won't bark,  
Mama's gonna buy you a horse and cart.
- 8** If that horse and cart fall down,  
You'll still be the sweetest little baby in town.
- 9** So hush little baby don't you cry,  
Mama's gonna be here by and by.



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- 1** Hush little baby, don't you cry,  
Mama's gonna sing you a lullaby.
- 2** If that lullaby's too slow,  
Mama's gonna tickle your little toe.
- 3** If your little toe won't laugh,  
Mama's gonna give you a soothing bath.
- 4** If the water in the bath turns cold,  
Mama's gonna find you a teddy to hold.
- 5** Hug your teddy and rest your head,  
Snuggle down in your cozy bed.
- 6** Close your eyes sweet dreams appear,  
'cause you're safe at home with me right here.
- 7** My love will hold you through the night,  
And wake you with the morning light.