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\*display size colour flashcards

\*lesson ideas for using flashcards
--includes song: Light the World

chant: <u>Light Up the Holidays</u>

song: We Wish You a Happy Holiday

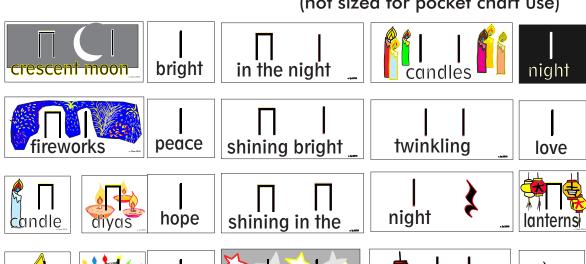
\*desk-top composition student pages

\*student workpages

literacy: matching words to pictures

music: rhythm counting

\*Holiday greetings for Word Wall (not sized for pocket chart use)



















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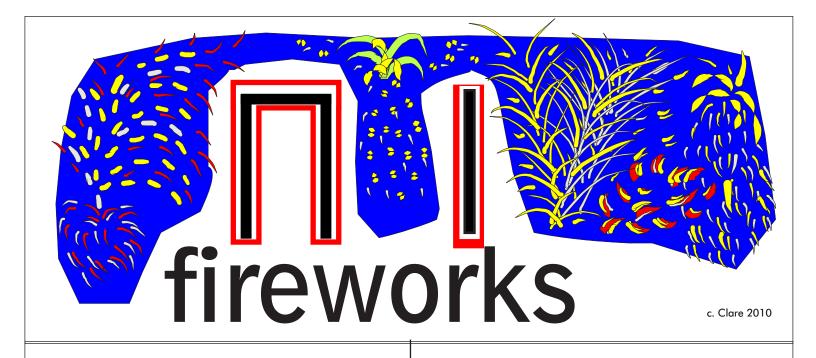










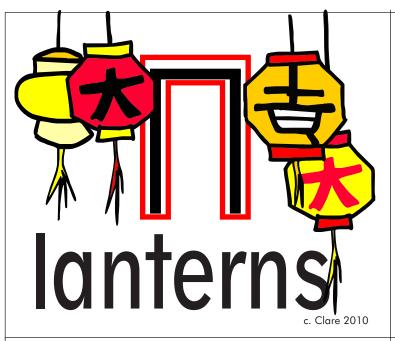


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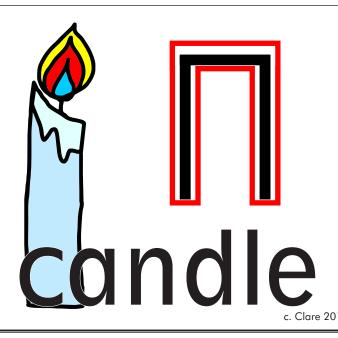
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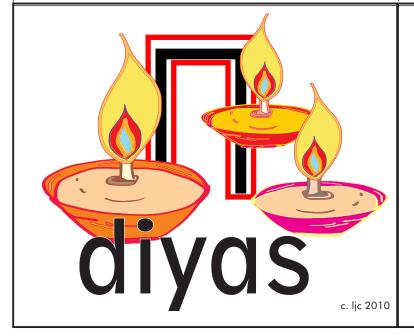
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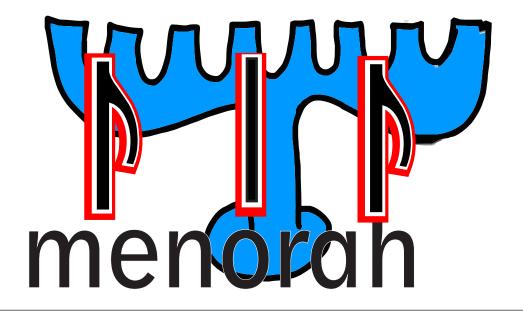
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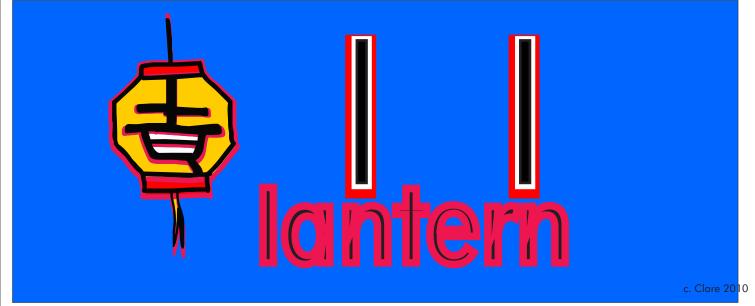


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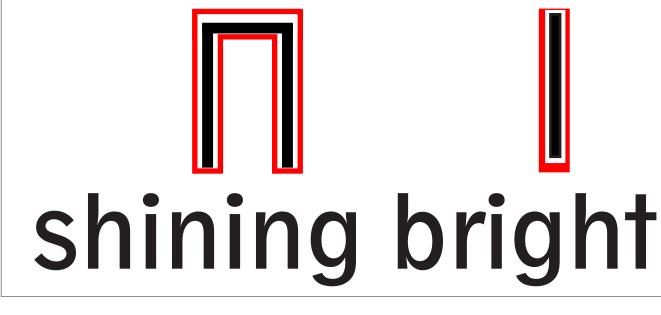
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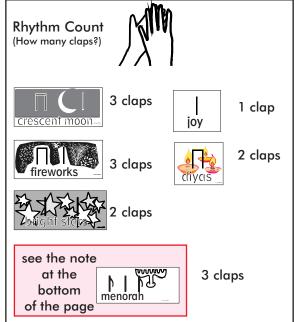


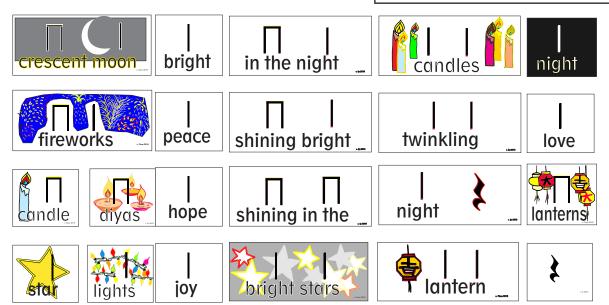
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### **Proctice** Rhythm Counting with Light Word Set

- 1. Show each of the "holiday lights" flashcards. Say the name and ask: "What is the rhythm count (# of claps) this word has?"
- **2.** Once the set has been named. Mix up the flashcards. Show the card, say the name. Students show with their fingers the rhythm count (# of claps) for each word.
- 3. "All around the world people celebrate special days. Everywhere that people live, at least one of their special days will have something to do Can you think of a reason people with light. celebrate with light?" (Give students some time to think and offer possibilities. Assure them that there is no right or wrong answer to this question. If you live in an area with power failures, you could talk about what it feels like when there is no light. Remind students that everywhere in the world, people can see one sun and one moon --light! Most people celebrate their birthdays with candles on a cake. Even to shows like "Survivor" recognize the important symbolism of lighted torches --life.)

Light Word Set found in Resources --flashcards





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## Holidays with Light

(Just a few of the many.)





### Hanukah





### Diwali



Diwali is a marking of the changing seasons into a new year. Everywhere in India, 1000s of small clay oil lamps (about the size of your palm) are made so that people can decorate their homes and neighbourhoods with light. Homes and buildings now use electric strings of lights. These are hung vertically to span the building. People clean their homes and buy new clothes to wear on Diwali.

### Ramadan & Eid



Ramadan is a month long time of meditation, fasting and good deeds. The end of Ramadan is marked by the day of Eid --it's timing is set by the coming of the new crescent moon. The light of the crescent moon tells people that the fasting days are over, time to feast. As Muslims use a special calendar to set the days for their festivals, Ramadan occurs at varying times in our seasons.

### Wesak

Wesak is the celebration of the Buddha's birth. The date of celebration varies, but most Buddhist's celebrate this on the first full moon of May, in India named "Wesak". This is a time to remember Buddha's path to enlightment and consider one's own life journey. Water is poured over statues of Buddha to symbolize the washing away of all that is extraneous and purifying oneself. Candles or lanterns may be lit as a sign of enlightenment. The 8-fold path of righteousness is remembered (understanding, thought, speech, action, livelihood, effort, mindfulness, contemplation). Food is brought to the temple as an offering and to share with those who need.

### Hanukah remembers a time when Israel was an occupied country. After many years, they fought off the people who invaded and retook the capital city of Jerusalem. In the temple was a special lamp that was always kept lit as a sign of God's presence. The people only had enough oil to keep it burning for one day. The nearest place to get more of the oil need was a week's journey. The people decided to light the lamp. It burned

for 8 days and nights until the new oil arrived. So each night of Hanukah, an additional candle is lit on the Menorah to celebrate the miracle of light. Some Menorahs have nine candles -- the ninth is used to light each of the others.

### **Christmas**





An Advent wreath has four candles around the outside (one for each of the four weeks leading up to Christmas), and one candle in the middle for Christmas Eve. Since this festival originated in a part of the world where the solstice is close to Christmas, the darkening world outside is broken by the growing light on the wreath.

The Christmas story tells of shepherds and magi(sages) following the sign of a bright star to where Jesus (hoped to be the saviour prophesied) was born.

### **New Year**

Chinese New Year has become a festival enjoyed by people all around the world. Ruled by the lunar calendar, the festival often comes in the middle of a dark January. Customs include fireworks and paper lanterns purchased specially for the evening and lit by candles. Every culture celebrates a new year at some time in the seasonal cycle.

### ASL(American Sign Language)

To experience the signs being made try http://www.handspeak.com and then click on the ASL dictionary. The video clips are clear and easy to see. Signs are composed of poses and movement.

hope

cross fingers as if for luck on both hands, hold them at shoulder height and then move both forward a bit



thumbs up, right hand higher, both hands make a scoop into the body and then up while smiling



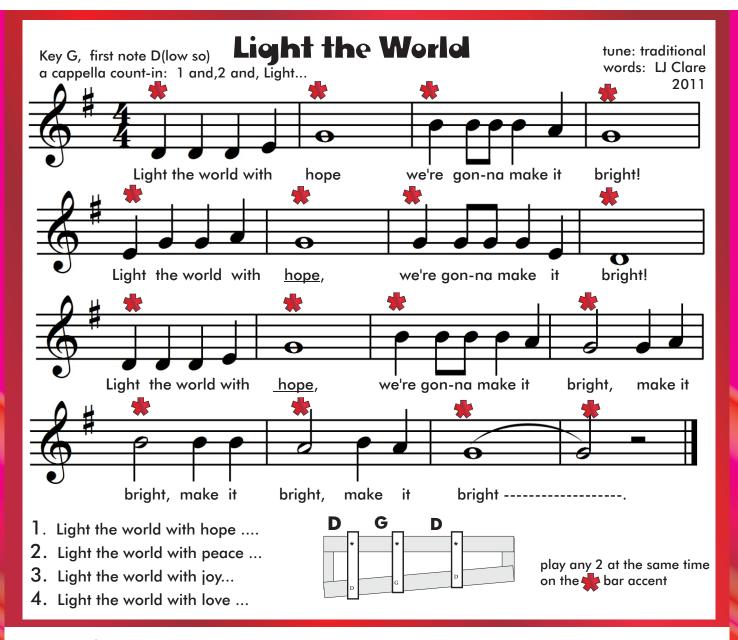
### peace

make the peace sign with both hands, hold a shoulder height then move hands outward slightly and forward



### love

both hands crossed at wrists over heart nb: sometimes the word for "love" is held υp



### New Song: Light the World

- 1. "Light helps to make the world bright. Count how many times you hear the word "bright" while listening to this song." (Sing/play the first verse. Use both hands to pat your knees on the first beat of every bar(the accented beat), then play two fingers as per rhythm sticks on the other 3 beats.)
- 2. "Show me with your fingers how many "brights" you counted. (six) Yes, good counting. As you listen again, copy what I do with my hands." (The repeating words but changing melody, makes this song difficult to teach using echoes, but easily picked up through repetition/immersion.)
- **3.** "Ready to sing with me? Wait for the count-in." (If possible, play the glockenspiel as you sing/play the song.)
- **4.** Place the word cards for "peace, joy, love" on the pocket chart. **"This is a zipper song. In the second verse, instead of singing the word "hope" we zip in a the new word, "peace." What will the word be for the third verse? the fourth?**
- **5.** Give as many students as is practical an opportunity to choose the word for a verse and play the glockenspiel.

### Lesson



Focus: reading rhythms & seasonal music





Try to make time to use the "light" set of flashcards for reading practice, even if the rest of music time is used for seasonal rehearsals.

### Warm-Ups (3 minutes)

Focus: Listening Game (page 82)

Beat/Rhythm: Echo Rhythm Flashcards (page 82)

### Prostice and Review

Solo Conducting/Performing continues

Song: Light Up the World

### Music & Movement/Dance

Re-do Dance from Lesson 13a Teach 2 New Basic Steps (page 79)

### **Optional Ideas**

### **Work Page**

Literacy: Vocabulary Building Rhythm: Rhythm Counting

**Light Flashcard Composing** 

Adding Sign Language



Work Pages Choose what fits your energy level best.

### Vocabulary Building

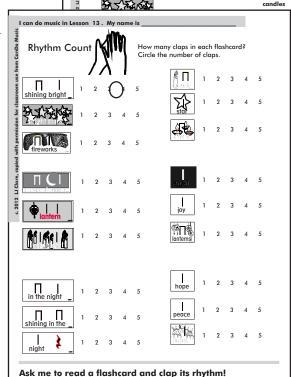
Rhythm Counting

Match picture with word, then print the word. When finished students may colour in the page.

As rhythm counting is relatively new for your class, practice a bit with the classroom sized flashcards before explaining the work page and sending students to do it on their own.

Most of primary music is done in large groups. (and a sobering I have found it helpful teacher self-assessment) to give students individual work from time to time. It assesses student learning accurately. Sometimes I discover I need to go back and revisit some ideas. Other times I discover something has been well learned and we forge ahead.





## **Somposing** with Light Word Card Set

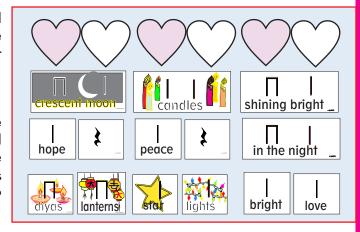
As the holiday season is relatively short, make good use of the flashcard set that fits the season. Use the pocket chart and, with student help, create two or three musical phrases to read. (basic info pages 38-39)

After composing two or three lines:

Divide the class in half. Half the class keeps the beat with you on their knees, or better --on hand drums or sticks. The other half of the class says the words. (It probably is too challenging for most students to say the words and keep the beat ---they'll wander into the rhythm.)

When both groups have had an opportunity to keep the beat, remind students that the rhythm is the "way the words go." Choose a student to play the glockenspiel on the rhythm. Since its ringing sound lingers, remove bars "F" and "B" for a harmonious sound. Now students may play any of the remaining bars.

Repeat as often as practical.



Bananas come in bunches. Beats come in groups called either bars or measures. The first beat in every bar is a little stronger. If you are using hearts to represent beats, show the stronger beat by using a different colour. For this chant, try using 3 bars with 2 beats each --see above.

Seeing sign language spoken is like watching a communicative dance.

## Adding Sign to a Song

Introduce students to sign language by signing the key words in "Light the World." (see pages84-85)

Explain that people who are deaf often enjoy music. They use their bodies to feel the vibrations and their hearts/minds to feel a part of a community making music.

### Extra la eq. Invite a Musical Guest for a Short Visit

Students (or siblings or parents) who play an instrument, may be practising special pieces for holiday concerts. If your class has reading buddies, perhaps one of them plays an instrument. Invite a guest to come and play their instrument for your class. It's an opportunity for an up-close encounter with a musical instrument.

Before: \*discuss "concert behaviour"

\*help the class think of questions to ask

the performer

After: \*ask students for "kisses and wishes"

from the performance

(student behaviour and guest performance)

\*invite students to dream:

What instrument would they like to learn?

Lesson Plan for 13 loa Ends Here

## Light Up the Holidays

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### New Chant: Light Up the Holidays

Place the "Holiday Chant" on the pocketchart. "Sometimes, in music, rhythm symbols have small circles attached to them. Who can find a word that is under a "ta?" What about a different word under a "ta?" Under a "ti-ti?"



The rhythm symbols tell us how to say the words. "Ti-ti" means two claps in one heart beat. "Ta" is only one clap in a heart beat. Who can come up to the pocket chart and show us a heart beat that has two claps? one clap?



Keeping a steady beat, read the first line and have students echo it. Ask if any one in the class celebrates Hanukah --or knows someone who does. Tell a bit about Hanukah celebrations.

Repeat for each of the lines in the chant.



This time read a line of the chant, students echo ---then without pausing, go on to the next line.



Ask the class to join you in reading the entire chant. Give a count-in of 4 steady beats. Using a pointer or hand to show where the beat is will help students read together.



Try reading the chant with the recording and/or song video.

### Performance Standards

Periodically, music class needs to include time to polish a piece for performance. In Grade One, students should be able to begin and end singing together, keep their eyes mostly on the conductor, and enunciate carefully. Posture for performance singing is standing, feet slightly apart, knees loose, chins and shoulders down/relaxed with a straight back.

Performance Piece Combine the two "Holiday Light" pieces into one arrangement.

Even if your class is not performing at a concert, choose pieces to practice, and take your show "on the road" (visit another classroom, or invite office staff to come and listen? If your class is performing in a school concert, work on the pieces you have chosen instead of using the material given here.

**Song: Light the World** Key G, first note D(low so)

**Chant: Light Up the Holidays** Count-in one, two, ready, read ...

Intro: Teacher counts in: One, two, three, four

Students on Glockenspiels play: D G D(high) G

Part I Glockenspiels continue to play ...

Class sings last verse (using the word "love) of Light the World

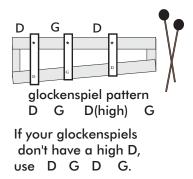
Part II Class says the Holiday Lights chant.

(plays the rhythm/words on chopsticks)

**Part III**Students on Glockenspiels begin playing again during the "New Year" line of the chant.

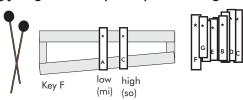
Class sings the whole song: Light the World \*add simple actions

e.g. Make the ASL sign for each of the zipped words, followed by both hands reaching out to audience.

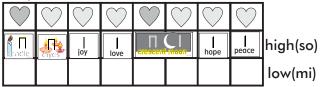


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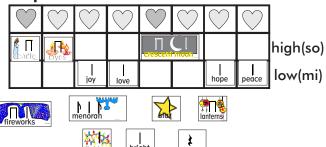
- **1.** Using the Holiday Lights flashcards have students create an 8 beat line on the pocket chart.
- **2.**With a count-in of 4, ask students to read the line.
- **3.**Repeat #1 and #2 several times.
- 4. Now move some of the cards down a space -these will be sung "lower." Use the pitches for
  "so-mi" as the "high-low" when singing the
  composition. (Remember, that at this time,
  the pitches are not yet named as "so-mi.")
- 5. Sing the newly composed song.



### Step 1



### Step 2



**Check out the "Seasonal Extras"** after December Week Three's Lesson. Included in these materials are work pages so that students may "cut and paste" a Holiday Lights Composition at their desks.

Lesson Plan for 14b Ends Here



**Focus:** reading rhythms & seasonal music



### Poince(A) & Proimoi(B)



Music(C)



A1.2 use dance as a language/DANCE

C1.1 Santa Claus Has 10 Toys **Up on the Housetop** 

Except for Santa-songs, material included in the lessons is multi-cultural. Check the "Additional Material" pages at the end of December lessons for holiday specific songs and ideas.

### Warm-Ups (3 minutes)

Focus: Listening Game

**Body:** Stretches

### Prostice and Review

**Song:** Light the World Key G, first note D(low so)

a cappella count-in: 1 and,2 and, Light...

Chant: Holiday Lights place the words/rhythm symbols on the pocket chart



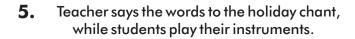
(Remind students that the rhythm symbols sometimes have circles added to them. When circles are added, they are called "notes.")

- 1. Read the words to the chant using a steady count-in: One, two, ready, read ...
- 2. Now, practice saying/reading and clapping the rhythm names (ti-ti, ta) to the chant.
- 3. Divide the class into two groups.

One group says and claps the "ti-ti's."

One group says and claps the "ta's."

4. Give bells or shakers to the "ta" group. Give rhythm sticks to the "ti-ti" group. Say the rhythm names again, using the instruments instead of clapping. Repeat, if needed.



6. Students say the words and play their instruments.



tap on "ti-ti"

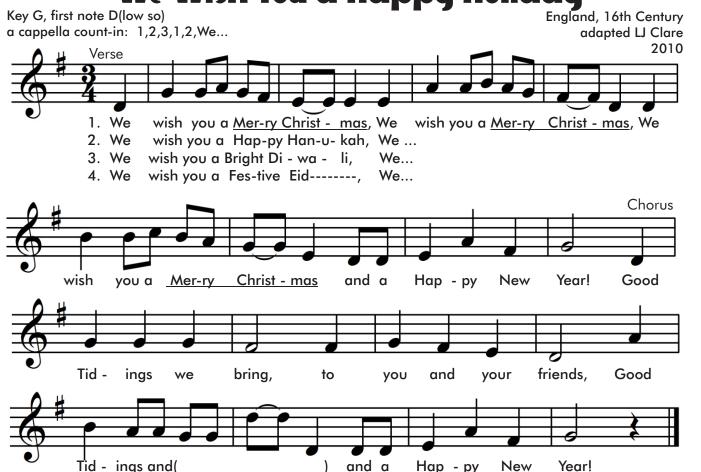


shake on "ta"



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### New Song: We Wish You a Happy Holiday

- 1. Put the greeting word cards on the pocket chart. Ask students to echo as you say each of the greetings.
- 2. "In England, one of the New Year customs is to go carolling (singing songs) while visiting your neighbours. The carollers were given special food as a treat. During the visit, conversation is supposed to stay on "good news", good tidings. If you were going on an English New Year's visit, what good news could you share?" (Give several students an opportunity to tell some good news.)
- 3. "The song we're going to sing is from England. The chorus goes like this: sing the chorus "Good tidings we bring ..." What holidays were they celebrating? " (Christmas and New Year)
- **4.** "Listen two more times and join with me the third time." (sing the chorus three times)
- **5.** "Good singing. Some of you probably already know the first part of the song. If you recognize it, put your hands way up high." (Sing: We wish you a Merry Christmas ...) Ready to try singing the verse and the chorus? Wait for the count-in.
- **6.** "Remember when we were learning "Light the World" and we zipped new words into it? We can zip new holidays into this song. Which holiday greeting shall we try next?" (Work your way through the holiday greetings on the pocket chart -- or additional ones suggested by your class.)

**Good Tidings** 

Festive Eid

Merry Christmas

Happy Hanukah

**Bright Diwali** 

Happy New Year



## **Desk-Top Composition**

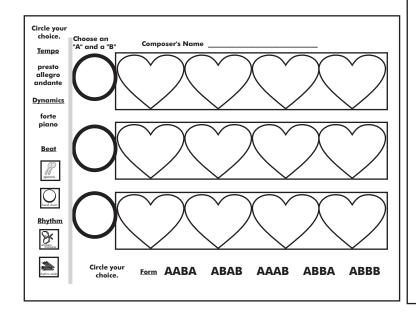
**Solo** Each student gets to "cut and paste" their own ideas for a holiday chant.

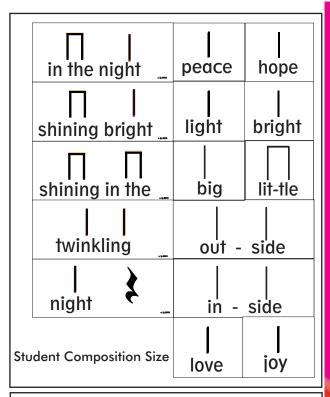
> The pages provided are sized to fit each other. If you enlarge one, enlarge them all by the same amount.

Group An alternative to doing this as a "cut and paste" project, would be to make multiple copies of the large flashcards used on the pocket chart. Assemble the copies into envelopes that contain at least 2 "sh," "large" flashcards and 4 "small" flashcards. Include 8 hearts in each envelope.

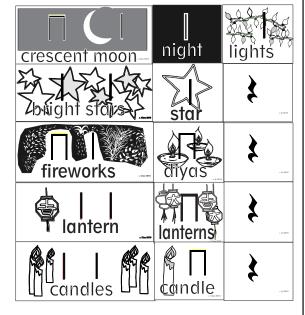
> Divide the class into groups and give each group one of the envelopes. Their task is to create one line that will fill eight beats/hearts.

> Give 5 or 6 minutes for working time. Then ask each group to put its line on the pocket chart. Read the compositions as a group.





**Student Composition Size** 



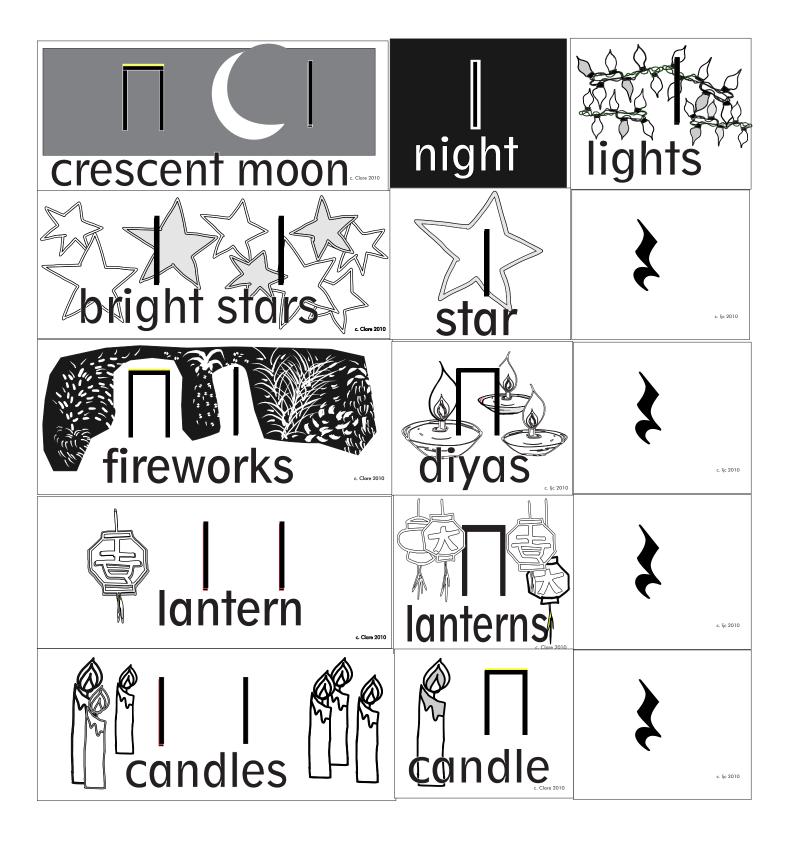
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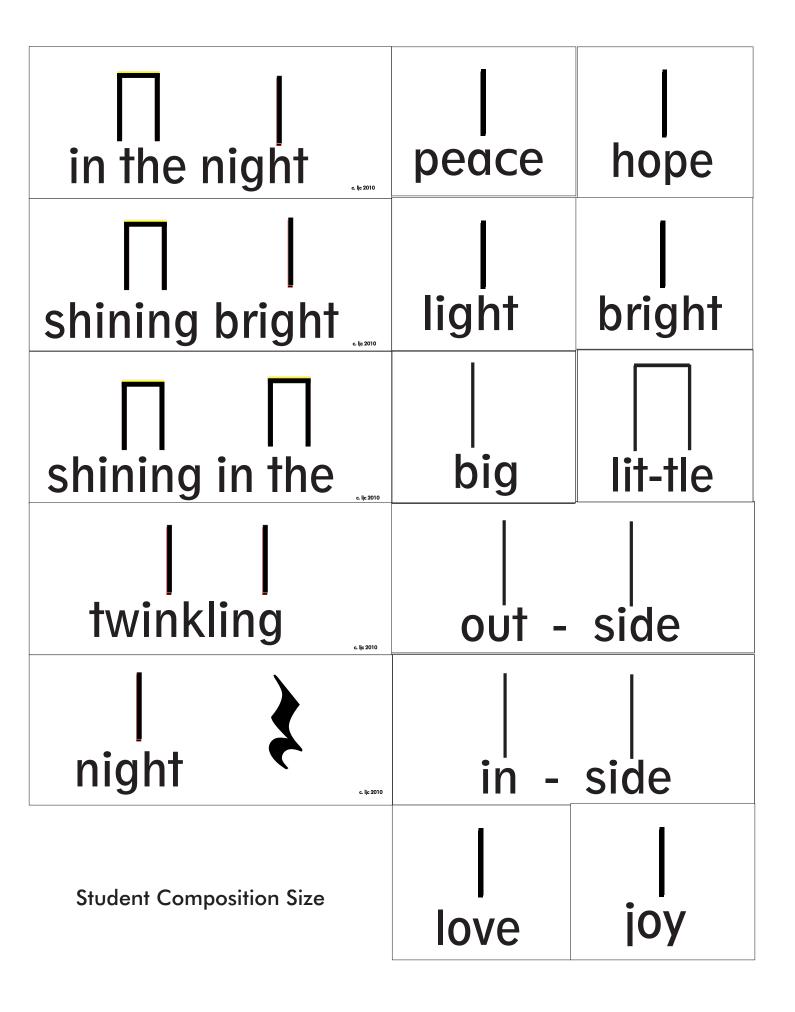
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Form AABA ABAB AAAB ABBB Composer's Name Circle your choice. Choose an "A" and a "B" **Dynamics** choice. allegro andante Rhythm **Tempo** presto forte piano hand drum rhythm sticks Beat suoods

Circle your

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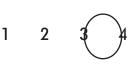
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# Rhythm Count



How many claps in each flashcard? Circle the number of claps.











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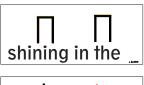


















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