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Introduction

As an elementary school music and dance teacher for many years, I often, with more or less success tried to incorporate the home and music lesson music experiences of my students into my classes.

In 2005 my son Tom began taking violin lessons with Chris Brennan-Hagy, a dynamic Suzuki teacher. I attended her group lessons and began to wonder if I had anything to offer the group which is aligned with the Suzuki philosophy. The skills of playing together, of fine tuning harmonies by listening, of developing group arrangements were some things I could bring to the table. Another value I cherish is that everyone can contribute in the creation of beautiful music. To that end, I created arrangements which included parts for new players as well as singing for all.

The pieces are presented in shorthand notation. This requires one to arrange the various elements into a formal structure. This can be done with the students. Creating with musical form is an essential part of developing musicianship and an appreciation of longer works. You could use a white board to map out an arrangement with suggestions from the players. "What comes first? Singing or playing. What can we do do as an intro? Shall we layer parts or come in as a block. How do we end?"

The harmonies are all in violin range. If you are working with other instruments you may want to transpose some parts.

I have added or composed words to many pieces. Violin book 1 pieces are often not in friendly keys for children's voices. E.g. Twinkle is more easily sung in D for children, however, A suits an Alto adult better. Voice is our first instrument and a very important part in learning violin and developing a sense of community.

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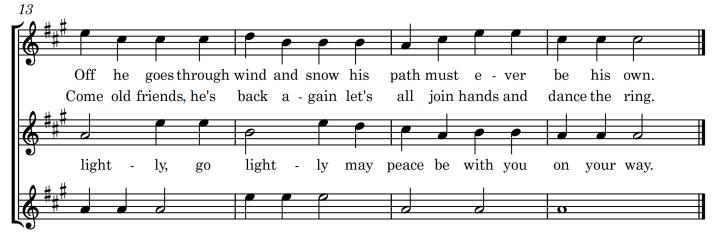
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Trad German Translation and Arrangement by John Krumm







ARRANGEMENT

- 1, Sing Melody Verse 1 in D
- 2. Sing Partner Song in D
- 3, Play those 2 songs in D
- 4. Sing Melody Verse 2 in D
- 5. Play all parts in A 2x



LONG, LONG &GO



Tell me the tales that to me were so dear,
Long, long ago, long, long ago,
Sing me the songs I delighted to hear,
Long, long ago, long ago,
Now you are come all my grief is removed,
Let me forget that so long you have roved.
Let me believe that you love as you loved,
Long, long ago, long ago.

Do you remember the paths where we met?

Long, long ago, long, long ago.

Ah, yes, you told me you'd never forget,

Long, long ago, long ago.

Then to all others, my smile you preferred,

Love, when you spoke, gave a charm to each word.

Still my heart treasures the phrases I heard,

Long, long ago, long ago.



Tho' by your kindness my fond hopes were raised,

Long, long ago, long, long ago.

You by more eloquent lips have been praised,

Long, long ago, long, long ago,

But, by long absence your truth has been tried,

Still to your accents I listen with pride,

Blessed as I was when I sat by your side.

Long, long ago, long ago.

This is based in an Orff music education style of arranging.

We begin with May Song ("Alle Vögel sind schon da") in the key of C. This is a much better key for young singers than A. The lyrics are my own, based on the c.1847 German lyrics.

Then I give you the condensed parts for Percussion, and Violins.

Finally the full score for playing in the key of A. Scores like this are too long for students. They are really to give the teacher insight rather than to read from. Short narrative phrases should introduce the entrances of the birds.



Traditional German

Tambourine

Woodpecker
(Woodblock)

Last time









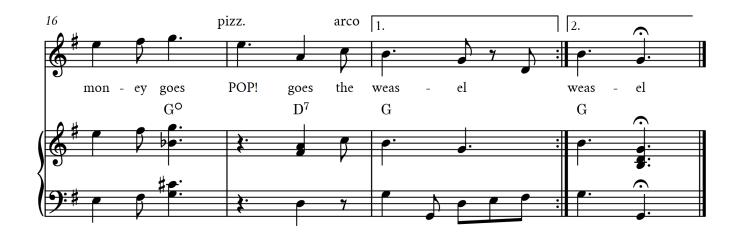






POP GOES THE WEASEL





All around the mulberry bush (cobbler's bench)

The monkey chased the weasel;

The monkey thought 'twas all in fun

Pop! goes the weasel!

A penny for a spol of thread,

A penny for a needle.

That's the way the money goes.

Pop! goes the weasel!

Half a pound of tuppenny rice,

Half a pound of treacle,

Mix it up and make it nice.

Pop! goes the weasel!

Jimmy's got the whooping cough,

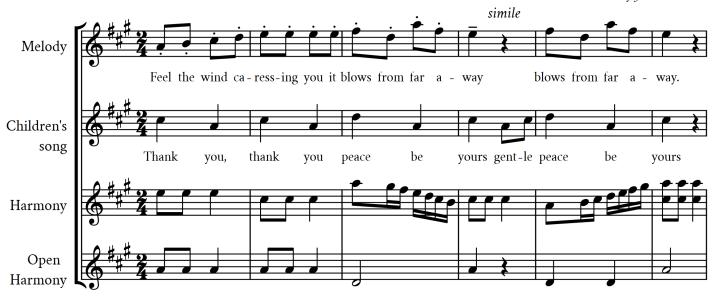
And Timmy's got the measles.

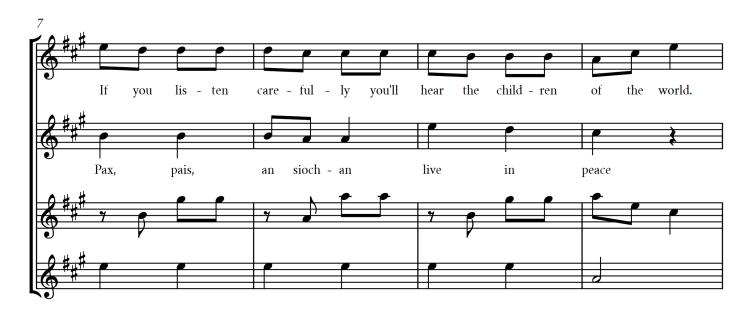
That's the way the story goes.

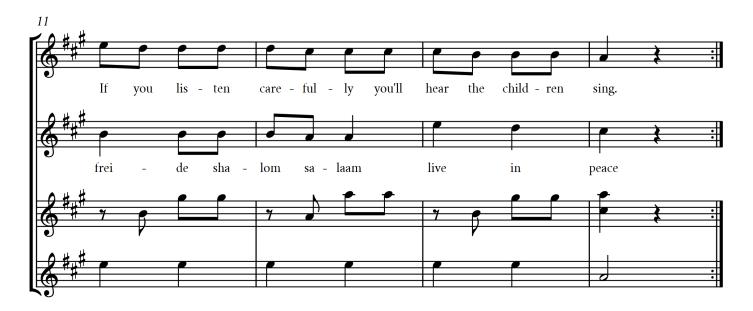
Pop! goes the weasel!

SONG OF THE WIND

Trad. German arrangement and new material by John Krumm







Arrangement

- 1: Play Melody in D
- 2: Sing Melody in D
- 3. Sing Children's Song in D
- 4. Play all parts in A 2x

Minuet Mixer

Double Circle ready to Promenade holding R hands. 4x through the dance 1x through the tune.

A1a:

(2 meas.) (2 meas.) (2 meas.)	Promenade 5 steps and face pt./ Don't let go of Rh Allemande R 1/2 and slight bow and face for Reverse Promenade. Promenade 3 steps in reverse direction /back up 3 steps
(2 meas.)	Forward 5 steps and face pt. (drop hands)
A1b:	
(2 meas.)	Do si do (or gypsy) partner 5 steps to a wavy line/
(2 meas.)	Step L (towards corner) Step R towards partner
(2 meas.)	Allemande L corner 1x
(2 meas.)	Allemand R corner to promenade position
	Begin again
Alt A1b	(first 4 measures)
(2 meas.)	Box the Gnat with partner 5 steps);
(2 meas.)	Deep bow to partner

CALL

Walk 2, 3, 4, 5, face Turn half and bow turn back Up 2,3, and back 2,3 Sweep 2, 3, 4, 5 face no hands

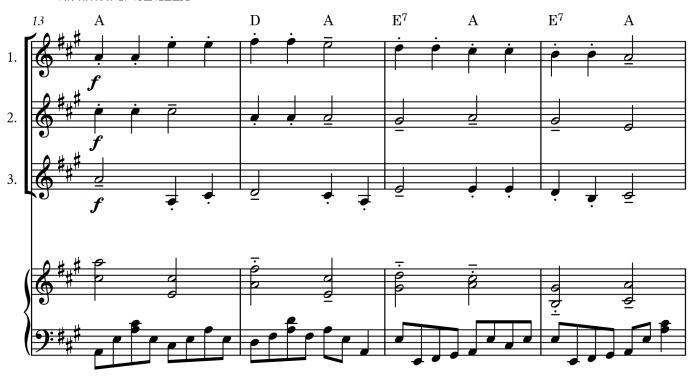
Do so do into a wave Step L nod, Step R nod, Left hand turn then change hands Right hand turn to start again.

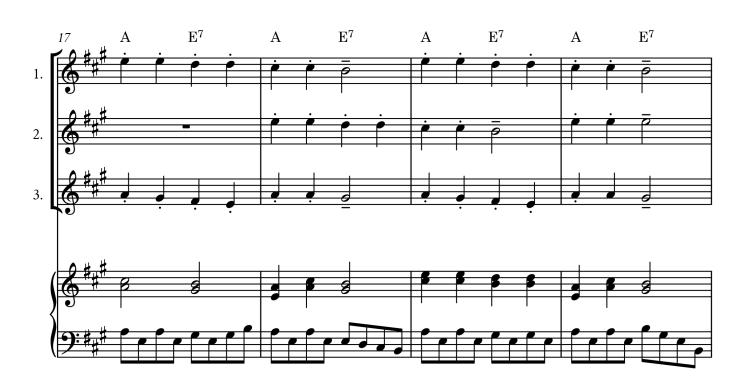
I composed this dance to fit to any of the Book1 Minuets attributed to Bach. As a dance teacher and musician, I have always felt that Dance music (e.g. Minuet, Gavotte, Bouree etc.) is only played correctly when it meets the demands of the dance. Dancing helps musicians toward a deeper understanding of the music.

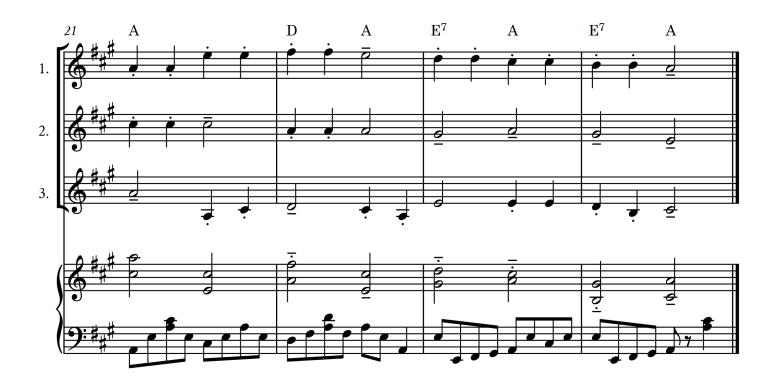
THREE FLAVORS OF TWINKIE



Variation 1. VANILLA

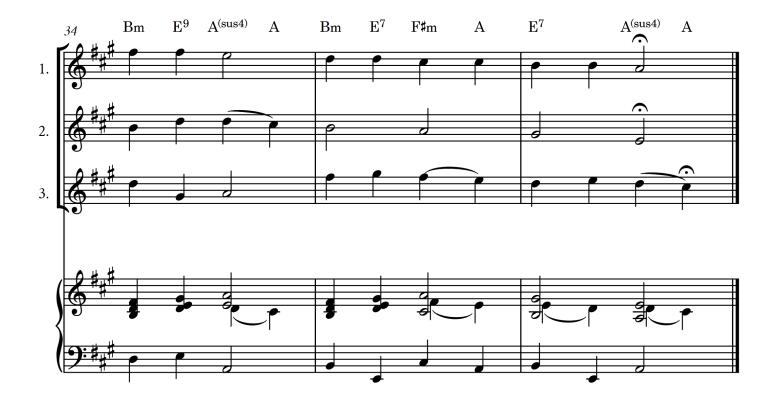






Variation 2. CHOCOLATE





Variation 3. MOOSE TRACKS











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