



Vocabulary:

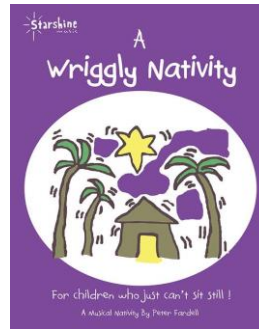
- ♪ sea shanty ♪ chord ♪ Major ♪ Minor
- ♪ call and response ♪ ostinato ♪ phrase
- ♪ intonation

Land Ahoy



- A sea shanty is a type of work song sung by sailors at sea.
- There are records of sailors singing sea shanties since 1869.
- Sea shanties feature Call and response.
- The 'caller' is called the Shantyman - they would often improvise the words to songs.
- Sea shanties have a strong steady beat.
- The rhythm of the song helped the sailors to work together. Work was really hard. It included loading, pulling, pumping, dropping and raising the anchor and setting the sails.
- There are 3 types of shanty: Short-Haul shanties, Halyard shanties and Windlass shanties each for different types of job.
- The lyrics often rhymed to help remember them.
- Sea shanties were usually unaccompanied.
- Singing also helped to alleviate boredom. Sailors were often at sea for a very long time and missed home.
- The word shanty comes from the French word 'chanter' meaning 'to sing'.
- Sea shanties make references to shipboard practices and help to tell us about history at sea. Sometimes the language can be rather rude...

Christmas 2024 - Wriggly Nativity



There are 9 songs to learn:

- Wriggly Nativity
- Donkey Plodding
- Knock On Another Door
- Rockabye Jesus
- Dancing About in the Stra
- Twinkling Stars
- Skip Skip Skippity Hop
- Angels
- Bumping Up and Down on /

Understand the Christian Christmas story - the Nativity.

Understand who the main characters are:

Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus.

Shepherds, Angels, Innkeepers, Three Kings, the Star and a little Donkey

Synopsis:

Wriggly Nativity tells the traditional Christmas story with lots of wriggling. Mary and Joseph travel to Bethlehem on a donkey. When they reach Bethlehem there is no room for them to stay. An innkeeper offers them a stable for the night. Baby Jesus is born in the stable and all the animals are very excited and celebrate the birth. The sky is filled with twinkling stars. On a hillside, Shepherds are quietly watching their sheep when suddenly the sky is filled with light - Angels have come to tell them about Baby Jesus. Far away, 3 Wise Men see a special star and decide to follow the star on their camels to visit the Baby Jesus too. They bring gifts to the newborn King. A special gift to us all from God.

You will also be given a character to be. You may need to learn some lines to say in the play

What is a chord?

When 2 or more notes are played at once.

Chords create harmony.

We will use **TRIADS** - 3 note chords.

How to play a triad ...

Play a note, miss a note, play a note, miss, play.

Major triads
(sound 'happy')



C major = C E G

Minor triads
(sound 'sad')



A minor = A C E
D minor = D F A