



Objectives: ...identify simple relationships
between music and other subjects
...sing songs from diverse cultures

Groundhog Songs

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Oh I Wish I Was A Punxsutawney Groundhog

to the tune of "The Oscar Mayer Wiener Song"
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Oh I wish I was a Punxsutawney groundhog.
That is what I'd truly like to be.
Some other folks would rather be a hot dog.
But I think that is just plain ol' silly.

Oh I wish I was a Punxsutawney groundhog.
Telling all if springtime soon is near.
'Cause if I was a Punxsutawney groundhog.
I'd only have to work one day a year.

Battle Hymn of the Groundhog

to the tune of "Battle Hymn of the Republic"
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Mine eyes have seen the glory
Of the coming of the sun.
I ramble o'er the meadow
Where my forecasting is done.
And if I see my shadow,
Then there's six more weeks to come,
As winter marches on.

Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
Springtime may be coming to ya
Wipe away the winter blues, yah!
Happy Groundhog's Day!

In My Hole Again

to the tune of "On the Road Again"
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In my hole again.
I just can't wait to be in my hole again.
The life I love is hibernating
With my friends.
And I can't wait
To be in my hole again.

Zip Up The Parka

to the tune of Zip-A-Dee-Doo-Dah
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Zip up the parka, zip up the boots.
My, oh my, we need our snowsuits.
Plenty of sunshine out there today.
Groundhogs see shadows,
Winter will stay.
Mister groundhog sees his shadow.
For six weeks, here's the thing:
We'll just have to wait for spring.
Zip up the parka, winter will stay.
What a cold feeling, what a cold day.



The Shadow Knows It Best, Yes

to the tune of "The Yellow Rose of Texas"
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Oh the shadow knows it best, yes,
When springtime will arrive.
The weathermen are clueless,
Their models do not jibe.
Computers crunch the numbers,
And spit out a forecast
That cannot match the groundhog's
For how long the cold will last.

(Chorus)

**Oh this furry little groundhog
Should be in the Hall of Fame.
Compared to others' forecasts,
He puts them all to shame.
You may talk about your isobars
Or of the jet stream flow.
But the shadow knows it best, yes.
That is all I need to know.**

If the shadow now is showing,
The winter will be long.
Six weeks seem like forever,
Oh help me to be strong.
But if he does not see it,
Springtime will soon be here.
And those of us with frozen toes
Can all stand up and cheer!

(Chorus)

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