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KOREAN FOLK SONGS

STARS IN THE SKY AND DREAMS IN OUR HEARTS



Synopsis

In Korean Folk Songs, music teacher Robert Choi shares 14 of Korea's best-loved classic children's songs with musical scores and lyrics in both Korean and English. Born and bred in Chicago, Choi's parents raised their son with a keen appreciation for their native Korean culture. The traditional melodies they taught him left a deep impression. Included in this collection are well-known children's songs such as "Splashing Around" and "Mountain Rabbit" that incorporate fun actions and gestures. Also traditional standards that have been passed down from generation to generation, such as "Blue Birds" and "Arirang." Each Korean children's song features a musical score with the lyrics in Korean script and romanized form, and an English version of the lyrics. Historical and cultural notes are included and for the children's songs, Choi describes the accompanying actions. An audio CD contains recordings of all the songs, along with tracks that allow you to sing along. Every page has beautiful full-color illustrations of traditional Korean scenes by the talented Korean artist SamEe Back. Just as songs like "Home on the Range" or "Oh! Susanna" are part of traditional American culture, the songs in Korean Folk Songs are a valuable resource for anyone with an interest in Korean culture, history and language.

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Customer Reviews

I'm teaching a unit on Korean music and culture at my early childhood ed center (1-5 years old) -- this book is beautifully illustrated and contains some great songs for young kids to sing. The CD that comes with the book has lovely child singer examples as well as solo piano accompaniment for each of the songs. My only complaint is that the English translations of the songs are not very singable -- they seem to be more literally translated from Korean. If I had my pick, I'd love a literal translation, with a more singable set of lyrics in English, especially if these are meant to be sung by young children. Great resource overall -- it's clear that Korea has a strong repertoire of music for young children.

The songs are beautiful and clear but I wish they would have made the songs with vocals longer instead of 30 seconds. I have to replay the vocal songs 3 times each in order to get the time and repetition in for 1 song during kindermusik time.

My children love this book. I would consider it mostly a piano book. I love the fact that there is a companion CD. We play the CD often and although my children are in a English speaking home, they were easily able to pickup the lyrics and sing the song after a few times. Each song has a small background story and some of the songs have suggested motions. I have bought this for other parents who want to assimilate Korean culture in the home and would definitely recommend this book.

Beautiful clear child's voice sings on the CD. The songs are very familiar ones in Korea and include suggestions for movement, a little background information, and colorful pictures. I'm a music teacher and I have experience with Korean culture. I tested it recently on my 9 and 6 year old grandchildren. We all recommend it.

I love this book! It has the romanized Korean words along with the english translation, and the sheet music to get the songs right. Cute pictures too.

This book and CD are great tools in learning Korean! I really like how it has the 'sheet music' and

instrumental tracks to sing along with. I would definitely recommend this to anyone interested in the culture.

Awesome! So cute and fun. Disc plays in the computer and in CD players. Really classic Korean kid songs (my mom actually knew them). The songs are written in English and Korean, so it's great for teaching small children some Korean in a fun way.

A very nice collection of Korean folk songs, with musical score as well as a CD with the music. I found it useful to learn the songs my mother/grandmother used to sing to me, so that I can sing them to my children.

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