

FAVORITE SING-A-LONG SONGS

1. IF I HAD A HAMMER

If I had a hammer, I'd hammer in the morning
I'd hammer in the evening, all over this land
I'd hammer out danger, I'd hammer out warning
I'd hammer out the love between my brothers and my sisters
all over this land

If I had a bell, I'd ring it in the morning
I'd ring it in the evening, all over this land
I'd ring out danger, I'd ring out warning
I'd ring out the love between my brothers and my sisters
all over this land

If I had a song, I'd sing it in the morning
I'd sing it in the evening, all over this land.
I'd sing out danger, I'd sing out warning
I'd sing out the love between my brothers and my sisters
all over this land

Well I've got a hammer, and I've got a bell
And I've got a song to sing all over this land
It's the hammer of justice, it's the bell of freedom
It's the song about the love
between my brothers and my sisters
all over this land

2. YOU'VE GOT A FRIEND

When you're down and troubled
 And you need some love and care
 And nothin', nothin' is goin' right.
 Close your eyes and think of me
 And soon I will be there
 To brighten up even your darkest night

Chorus:

You just call out my name
 And you know wherever I am
 I'll come runnin' to see you again
 Winter, spring, summer or fall
 All you have to do is call
 And I'll be there, you've got a friend.

If the sky above you
 Should grow dark and full of clouds
 And that ol' north wind begins to blow
 Keep your head together and call my name out loud
 Soon you'll hear my knockin' at your door.

Chorus

Now ain't it good to know that you've got a friend
 When people can be so cold
 They'll hurt you, yes and desert you
 And take your soul if you let them
 Oh, but don't you let them.

Chorus

3. CIRCLE GAME

Yesterday a child came out to wonder
 Caught a dragon fly inside a jar
 Fearful when the sky was full of thunder
 And tearful at the falling of a star.

Chorus

And the seasons they go round and round
 And the painted ponies go up and down
 We're captives on a carousel of time
 We can't return we can only look behind
 from where we came
 And go round and round and round
 on the circle game.

Then the child moved ten times round the seasons
 Skated over ten clear frozen streams
 Words like when you're older must appease him
 And promises of someday make his dream

Chorus

Sixteen springs and sixteen summers gone now
 Cartwheels turn to cartwheels thru the town
 And they tell him take your time, it won't be long now
 Till you drag your feet and slow the circle down.

Chorus

The boy who was once sixteen now is twenty
 Though his dreams have lost some grandeur coming true
 There'll be new dreams maybe better dreams, and plenty
 Before his last revolving years are through

Chorus

4. BLOWING IN THE WIND

How many roads must a man walk down
Before you can call him a man?
How many seas must the white dove fly
Before she can sleep in the sand
How many times must the cannonballs fly
Before they're forever banned.

Chorus

The answer my friend is blowing in the wind
The answer is blowing in the wind.

How many times must a man look up
Before he can see the sky
How many ears must one man have
Before he can hear people cry
How many deaths will it take till he knows
That too many people have died.

Chorus

How many years can a mountain exist
Before it is washed to the sea
How many years can some people exist
Before they're allowed to be free
How many times can a man turn his head
Pretending he just doesn't see

Chorus

5. AMERICAN PIE

A long, long time ago, I can still remember how that
 music used to make me smile
 And I knew if I had my chance, that I could make those people dance.
 And maybe they'd be happy for a while.
 But February made me shiver, with ev'ry paper I'd deliver.
 Bad news on the doorstep, I couldn't take one more step.
 I can't remember if I cried, when I read about his widowed bride.
 Something touched me deep inside,
 The day the music died.

Chorus:

So bye, bye Miss American Pie
 Drove my Chevy to the levee but the levee was dry.
 Them good ole boys were drinkin' whiskey and rye
 Singing this'll be the day that I die.
 This'll be the day that I die.

Did you write the book of love,
 And do you have faith in god above, if the bible tells you so.
 Now do you believe in rock and roll, can music save your mortal soul,
 And can you teach me how to dance real slow
 Well, I know that you're in love with him, 'cause I saw you dancin' in the gym
 You both kicked off your shoes, man I dig those rhythm and blues
 I was a lonely teenage broncin' buck, with a pink carnation and a pickup truck
 But I knew I was out of luck the day, the music died.

I met a girl who sang the blues, and I asked her for some happy news,
 But she just smiled and turned away.
 I went down to the sacred store, where I heard the music years before
 But the man there said the music wouldn't play
 And in the streets the children screamed
 The lovers cried and the poets dreamed
 Not a word was spoken, the church bells all were broken
 And the three men I admire most
 The father, son and the holy ghost
 They caught the last train for the coast, the day, the music died.

6. THE BOXER

I am just a poor boy, though my story's seldom told.
 I have squandered my resistance
 For a pocketful of mumbles such are promises.
 All likes and jest.
 Still a man hears what he wants to hear,
 And disregards the rest.

When I left my home and my family
 I was no more than a boy
 In the company of strangers
 In the quiet of a railway station
 Running scared, laying low.
 Seeking out the poorer quarters
 Where the ragged people go
 Looking for the places only they would know.

Asking only workman's wages, I come looking for a job,
 But I get no offers.
 Just a come-on from the whores on Seventh Avenue
 I do declare, there were times when I was so lonesome
 I took some comfort there.

Then I'm laying out my winter clothes
 And wishing I was gone, going home
 Where the New York City winters
 Aren't bleeding me, leading me, going home.

In the clearing stands a boxer,
 And a fighter by his trade
 And he carries the reminders
 Of ev'ry glove that laid him down
 Or cut him till he cried out
 In his anger and his shame
 "I am leaving, I am leaving."
 But the fighter still remains.

7. COUNTRY ROADS

Almost heaven, West Virginia,
 Blue Ridge Mountains, Shenandoah River
 Life is old there, older than the trees,
 Younger than the mountains
 Growin' like a breeze

CHORUS:

Country Roads, take me home
 To the place I belong
 West Virginia, mountain momma
 Take me home, Country Roads

All my mem'ries gather 'round her
 Miner's lady, stranger to blue water.
 Dark and dusty, painted on the sky
 Misty taste of moonshine,
 Teardrops in my eye.

Chorus

I hear her voice, in the morning 'hour she calls me
 The radio reminds me of my home far away
 And drivin' down the road I get the feelin'
 that I should have been home yesterday, yesterday.

Chorus

8. CALIFORNIA DREAMIN'

All the leaves are brown (*All the leaves are brown*)
 And the sky is gray (*And the sky is gray*)
 I've been for a walk (*I've been for a walk*)
 On a winter's day (*On a winter's day*)
 I'd be safe and warm (*I'd be safe and warm*)
 If I was in L.A. (*If I was in L.A.*)
 California dreamin' (*California dreamin'*)
 On such a winter's day.

Stopped in to a church (*Stopped in to a church*)
 I passed along the way (*I passed along the way*)
 Well I got down on my knees (*Got down on my knees*)
 And I pretend to pray (*And I pretend to pray*)
 You know the preacher likes the cold (*Preacher likes the cold*)
 He knows I'm gonna stay (*He knows I'm gonna stay*)
 California dreamin' (*California Dreamin'*)
 On such a winter's day

All the leaves are brown (*All the leaves are brown*)
 And the sky is gray (*And the sky is gray*)
 I've been for a walk (*I've been for a walk*)
 On a winter's day (*On a winter's day*)
 If I didn't tell her (*If I didn't tell her*)
 I could leave today (*I could leave today*)
 California dreamin' (*California dreamin'*)
 On such a winter's day
 California dreamin' on such a winter's day
 California dreamin' on such a winter's day

9. LEAVING ON A JET PLANE

All my bags are packed I'm ready to go
 I'm standing here outside your door
 I hate to wake you up to say goodbye
 But the dawn is breakin' it's early morn
 The taxi's waiting he's blowing his horn
 Already I'm so lonesome I could die.

Chorus:

So kiss me and smile for me
 Tell me that you'll wait for me
 Hold me like you'll never let me go
 'Cause I'm leavin' on a jet plane
 Don't know when I'll be back again
 Oh babe, I hate to go.

There's so many times I've let you down
 So many times I've played around
 I tell you now, they don't mean a thing
 Ev'ry place I go I'll think of you
 Ev'ry song I sing I'll sing for you
 When I come back, I'll wear your wedding ring.

Now the time has come to leave you
 One more time let me kiss you
 Then close your eyes, I'll be on my way
 Dream about the days to come
 When I won't have to leave you lone
 About the times I won't have to say.

10. A MEDLEY OF BEATLES LOVE

She Loves You:

She loves you, yeh, yeh, yeh
 She loves you, yeh, yeh, yeh
 She loves you, yeh, yeh, yeh, yeh

You think you've lost your love
 Well I saw her yesterday-yi-yay.
 It's you she's thinking of
 And she told me what to say-yi-yay.

She says she loves you and you know that can't be bad
 Yes, she loves you and you know you should be glad.

She loves you, yeh, yeh, yeh
 She loves you, yeh, yeh, yeh
 And with a love like that, you know you should be glad
 With a love like that, you know you should be
 Yeh, yeh, yeh. Yeh, yeh, yeh. Yeh, yeh, yeh, yeh.

Can't Buy Me Love:

Can't buy me love, love. Can't buy me love.

I'll buy you a diamond ring my friend,
 If it makes you feel alright
 I'll get you anything my friend
 If it makes you feel alright.
 For I don't care too much for money
 For money can't buy me love

Can't buy me love, Ev'rybody tells me so
 Can't buy me love, No, no, no, no, no!

From Me To You:

If there's anything that you want,
If there's anything I can do
Just call on me and I'll send it along
With love from me to you

I got arms that long to hold you
And keep you by my side
I got lips that long to kiss you
And keep you satisfied

If there's anything that you want,
If there's anything I can do
Just call on me and I'll send it along
With love from me to you

I Want To Hold Your Hand

Oh yeah, I'll tell you something
I think you'll understand
When I say that something
I wanna hold your hand, I wanna hold your hand,
I wanna hold your hand

And when I touch you I feel happy inside
It's such a feeling that my love
I can't hide, I can't hide, I can't hide

Yeah, you got that something
I think you'll understand
When I feel that something
I wanna hold your hand
I wanna hold your hand
I wanna hold your hand
I wanna hold your hand

11. 59TH STREET BRIDGE SONG

Slow down you move to fast
You gotta make the moment last just
Kickin' down the cobblestones
Looking for fun and feelin' groovy

Hello lamppost what's ya' knowin'
I come to watch your flowers growin'
Ain't you got no rhymes for me.
Do do do..... feelin' groovy

I got no deeds to do no promises to keep
I'm dappled and drowsy and ready to sleep
Let the morning time drop all its petals on me
Life I love you, all is groovy

Alternate round:

1. Why-o because
2. Happiness runs, happiness runs
3. Happiness runs in a circular motion...

12. GET TOGETHER

Love is but a song we sing,
fears the way we die
You can make the mountains ring
or hear the angels cry
Though the bird is on the wing,
and you may not know why.

Chorus:

*Come on people now
smile on your brother
Everybody get together
Try to love one another right now*

Some may come and some may go
we will surely pass
When the one that's left us here
returns for us at last
We are but a moments sunlight
fading in the grass.

Chorus

If you hear the song we sing,
you will understand
You hold the key to love and fear
all in your trembling' hand
Just one key unlocks them both
and they're at your command.

Chorus

13. PUFF THE MAGIC DRAGON

Puff, the magic dragon lived by the sea
 And frolicked in the autumn mist in a land called Honnah Lee.
 Little Jackie paper loved that rascal puff,
 And brought him strings and sealing wax and other fancy stuff. Oh...

Chorus

Puff, the magic dragon lived by the sea
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 And frolicked in the autumn mist in a land called Honnah Lee.

Together they would travel on a boat with billowed sails
 Jackie kept a lookout perched on puffs gigantic tail,
 Noble kings and princes would bow whene're they came
 Pirate ships would lower their flag when puff roared out his name. Oh!

Chorus

Dragons live forever but not so little boys
 Painted wings and giant's rings make way for other toys
 One grey night it happened, Jackie Paper came no more
 And Puff that mighty dragon, he ceased his fearless roar.

His head was bent in sorrow, green scales fell like rain
 Puff no longer went to play along the cherry lane.
 Without his life-long friend, puff could not be brave,
 So puff that mighty dragon sadly slipped into his cave. Oh!

14. WEAVE ME THE SUNSHINE

Chorus:

Weave, weave, weave me the sunshine
out of the falling rain.

Weave me the hope of a new tomorrow
and fill my cup again

I've seen the steel and the concrete crumble
Shine on me again
The proud and the mighty all have stumbled
Shine on me again

They say that the tree of loving,
Shine on me again
Grows on the bank of the river of suffering
Shine on me again

If only I could heal your sorrow,
Shine on me again
I'd help you find your new tomorrow,
Shine on me again

You know that you must climb that mountain
Shine on me again.
If you want to drink of that golden fountain,
Shine on me again

15. YOU ARE MY SUNSHINE

You are my sunshine, my only sunshine
You make me happy when skies are grey
You never know, dear, how much I love you
Please don't take my sunshine away

The other night, dear, as I lay sleeping
I dreamt I held you in my arms
When I awoke, dear, I was mistaken
So I hung my head, and I cried

You are my sunshine, my only sunshine
You make me happy when skies are grey
You never know, dear, how much I love you
Please don't take my sunshine away

I'll always love you and make you happy
If you will only say the same
But if you leave me to love another
You'll regret it all one day

You are my sunshine, my only sunshine
You make me happy when skies are grey
You never know, dear, how much I love you
Please don't take my sunshine away

Please don't take my sunshine away

Hey cloudy days they always follow sunshine
Ah, you know you find me wishing you were mine
Ten thousand miles or anyway the wind blows
Just call me up on your telephone line

16. PIANO MAN

It's nine o'clock on a Saturday, the regular crowd shuffles in
 There's an old man sitting next to me, makin' love to his tonic and gin
 He says: "Son, can you play me a memory? I'm not really sure how it goes
 But it's sad and it's sweet and I knew it complete
 When I wore a younger man's clothes."

Chorus:

Sing us a song, you're the piano man
 Sing us a song tonight
 Well, we're all in the mood for a melody
 And you've got us feeling alright.

Now John at the bar is a friend of mine, he gets me my drinks for free
 And he's quick with a joke or to light up a smoke
 But there's someplace that he'd rather be.
 He says: "Bill, I believe this is killing me", as a smile ran away from his face
 "Well, I'm sure that I could be a movie star, if I could get out of this place."

Now Paul is a real-estate novelist, who never had time for a wife.
 And he's talkin' to Davey who's still in the Navy and probably will be for life
 And the waitress is practicing politics, as the businessmen slowly get stoned
 Yes, they're sharing a drink they call loneliness,
 But it's better then drinkin' alone

It's a pretty good crowd for a Saturday, and the manager gives me a smile
 'Cause he knows that it's me that they're comin' to see
 To forget about life for awhile.
 And the piano sounds like a carnival and the microphone smells like a beer
 And they sit at the bar and put bread in my jar
 And say "man, what are you doing here?"

17. WOODY'S CHILDREN

Chorus:

We are all, Woody's children
We are all glory bound
And when we smile, when we sing his songs
We show we know, the truth he found.

Folks back home, don't appreciate you.
All the lefties and the righties they all hate you
Hated your family, long ago,
But there is one thing, they all should know

Chorus

If the railways could count the times.
You rode the rails without paying a dime
They might insist, you owe them much
But then you'd answer, it's in the family trust

Chorus

Now you're resting in your grave
Some of your words, they have been saved
You taught us much about where we came
And made us proud to bear your name

Chorus

18. THIS LAND IS YOUR LAND

Chorus:

This land is your land, this land is my land
 From California, to the New York Island
 From the redwood forest, to the Gulf Stream waters
 This land was made for you and me.

As I was walking that ribbon of highway
 I looked above me, that endless skyway
 I looked below me in the golden valley
 This land was made for you and me.

Chorus

I roamed and rambled,
 And I followed my footsteps
 O'er the sparkling sands of her diamond deserts
 And all around me this voice was saying
 This land was made for you and me

Chorus

The sun was shining and I was strolling
 Through the wheat fields waving
 The dust clouds rolling
 As the fog was lifting, a voice was chanting
 This land was made for you and me.

Chorus

Optional two-part chorus:

This land is your land, this land is my land
 From Maine to Montana
 Desert to the shores we sing that
 This land is your land, this land is mine
 It was made for you and me.

19. DAY IS DONE

Tell me why are crying my son
 I know you're frightened like everyone
 Is it the thunder in the distance you fear
 Will it help if I stay very near? I am here.

Chorus:

And if you take my hand my son,
 All will be well when the day is done (2)

Day is done (when the day is done) (3)
 Day is done.

You ask me why I am sighing my son
 You shall inherit what mankind has done
 In a world filled with sorrow and woe.
 If you ask me why this is so,
 I really don't know.

Chorus

Tell me why you are smiling my son
 Is there a secret you can't tell everyone
 Do you know more than men that are wise?
 Can you see what we all must disguise
 Through your loving eyes?

Chorus

20. MEDLEY OF HOPE
I HOPE YOU DANCE

I hope you never lose your sense of wonder
 You get your fill to eat but always keep that hunger
 May you never take one single breath for granted
 God forbid love ever leave you empty handed
 I hope you still feel small when you stand beside the ocean
 Whenever one door closes I hope one more opens
 Promise me that you'll give faith a fighting chance
 And when you get the choice to sit it out or dance

I hope you dance, I hope you dance,

SHOWER THE PEOPLE YOU LOVE

Just shower the people you love with love
 Show them the way that you feel
 Things are gonna work out fine if you only will
 Shower the people you love with love
 Show them the way that you feel
 Things are gonna be much better if you only will.

THIS IS THE DAY

This is the day. It's whispering new beginnings
 The sun's shining over us, as we journey on our way.
 These are our dreams, that fill our lives with blessings.
 The angels are by our side 'til the breaking of the day.

May you be blessed with strength to struggle with your dreams
 May the angels surround you and shelter you from above.
 May you bless the world with mercy and with justice
 May you bless the world with your open heart filled with love

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May we be blessed as we go on our way.

May we be guided in peace.

May we be blessed with health and joy.

May this be our blessing, amen.

Amen, Amen. May this be our blessing, Amen. (2)

May we be sheltered by the wings of peace.

May we be kept in safety and in love.

May grace and compassion

find their way to every soul.

May this be our blessing, amen.

Amen, Amen. May this be our blessing, Amen. (2)