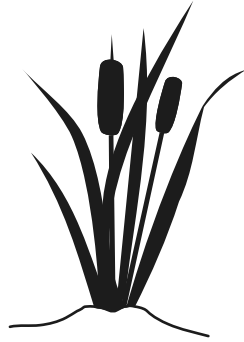




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RCM Sparks Spring Sing
Exploring a traditional folk song:
Green Grow the Rushes O!

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Folk music is music that belongs to a country, people or a culture. It is the music that people have played or sung to each other for a very long time, like nursery rhymes.

Green Grow the Rushes, O is a traditional counting folk song that has many different versions.

Using the accompanying resources listen to the song.

Explore

What interesting facts can you find out about the song? How many versions can you find? Choose TWO different versions and write down some words that describe the differences.

Habitats

Our version mentions lots of different animals that live near ponds. What can you find out about each of these animals? What plants do they live near? What do they eat? How do they survive in a pond? How long do they live for? Can you visit a pond or water area near your home and write list of all the animals and plants that you can see?

Perform

1. Learn the song. There is a printable melody line, a lyric sheet and a backing track.
2. Use your instrument to play along to the backing track using the sheet music provided.