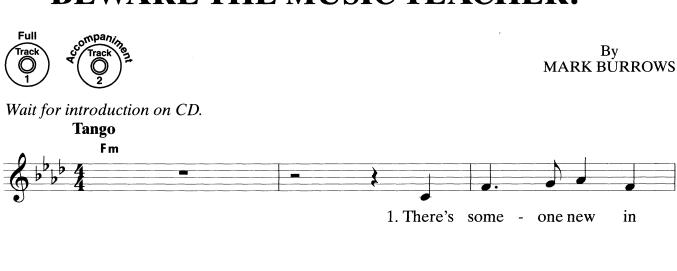
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## Building a Bridge\*

## **Musical Activity**

Have students create a "river of sound."

- Give each student a piece of yarn, about 24 inches long.
- On a flat surface, have each student arrange his/her string like a river that flows from left to right. The river could wind up and down with lots of bends and curves, or be somewhat straight, with just a few contours. Each student's river will be different.



Then have each student conduct his/her river of sound by tracing the path with his/her finger as the rest of the class vocalizes the river's every contour on "oo." The idea is to raise the singing pitch as the string (river) winds up and lower the pitch as the string goes down.

#### For variety

- Tie together pieces of yarn that are different colors so that one color starts where the other left off, and have the class make up new sounds for each color.
- Have the students decide which sounds correspond with each color of string. (This is like scoring for different colors of sound.) Not only will the students raise and lower pitch according to the direction of the string, but they will also change their tone color according to the color of the string; see examples below. Have fun and be creative!
- Choose a student to conduct the class's vocalise by tracing the string's path.

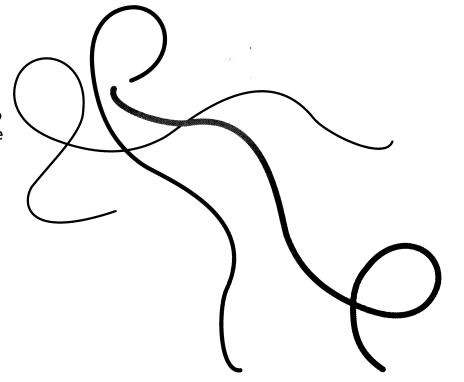
#### **Examples:**

Blue - "oo"

Red - "ah"

Green - tongue clicks

Have students devise many new sounds.



<sup>\*</sup> The Lyric Sheet has been placed on page 13 to avoid page turns in the music.  $(\red{f arphi})$ 

