

Celebrations Around the World!

A Global Holiday Songbook featuring 14 unison songs
celebrating holidays in 13 countries

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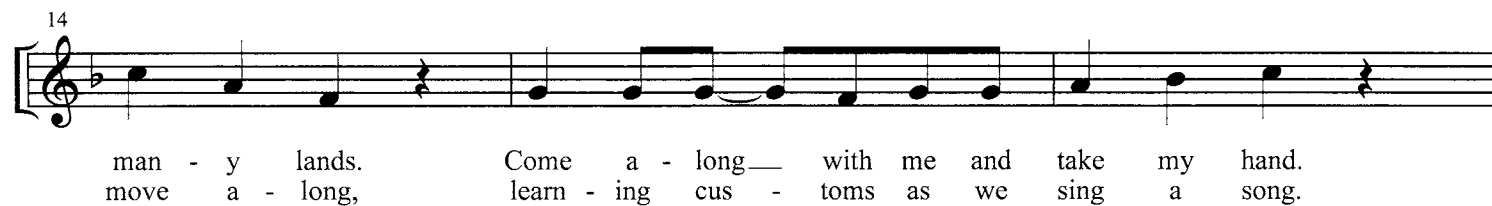
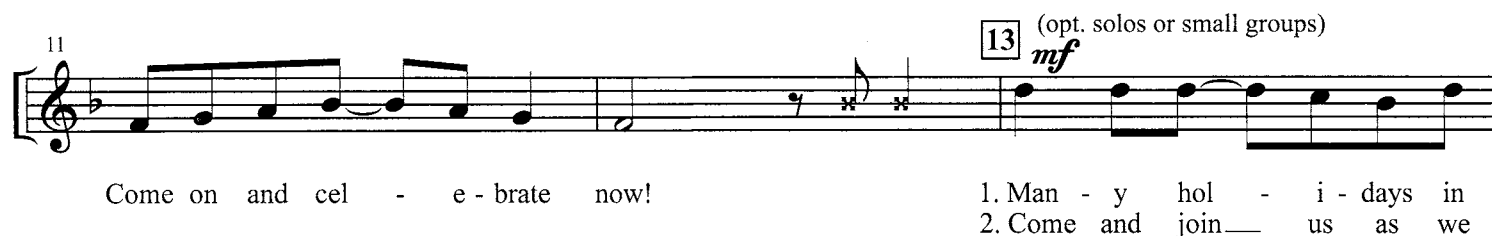
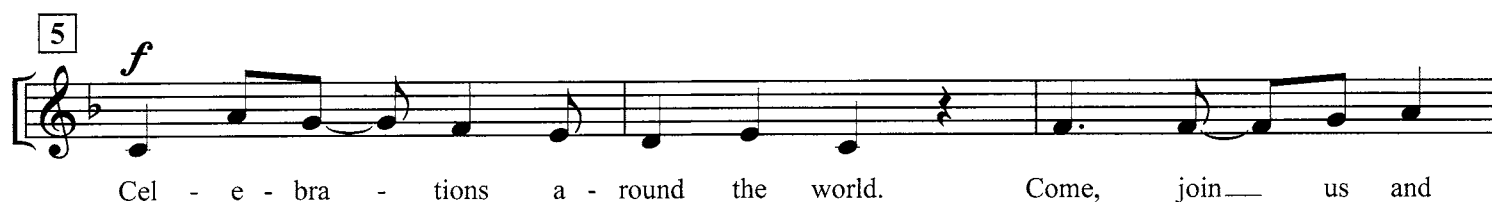
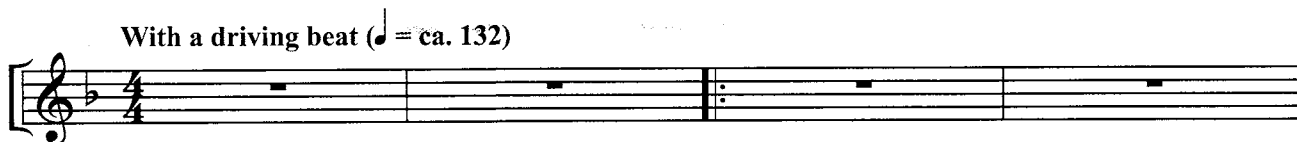
TITLE SONG

1. CELEBRATIONS AROUND THE WORLD!*

Words and Music by
SALLY K. ALBRECHT

With a driving beat (♩ = ca. 132)

VOICES



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17

Trav - el 'round the earth to dif - f'rent worlds. See the flags un -
New tra - di - tions we can cel - e - brate. We can hard - ly

20

furl!
wait!

24

f

Cel - e - bra - tions a - round the world. Come, join us and

27

cel - e - brate! Cel - e - bra - tions a - round the world.

30

Come on and cel - e - brate now! Come on and

cresc.

33

ff

cel - e - brate now! _____

5. CARNIVAL

Words and Music by
LOIS BROWNSEY and
MARTI LUNN LANTZ

About this Holiday...

In Brazil, six weeks before Easter is *Carnival*, a time for parties and parades. Also celebrated in France, Haiti, Italy, Trinidad and the United States (where it's known as Mardi Gras), the festivities include eating rich foods. This precedes the Christian season of Lent, when many people fast or give up certain foods.

Lively samba (♩ = ca. 80) 3 *mf*

VOICES

1. It's the big - gest par - ty,
2. You can do the Sam - ba,

5
what a fes - ti - val! ____ In Ri - o de Ja - nei - ro, they
drum - mers play the beat. ____ Just wear your fan - cy cos - tume while

9 11
real - ly have a ball. ____ All the pret - ty cos - tumes that
danc - ing down the street. ____ Bands and floats com - pet - ing, the

13
ev - 'ry - one en - joys. ____ No, it's not just for grown -
crowds will cheer them on. ____ Now ev - 'ry - bod - y join ____

16 *f* 19
- ups, it's for all the girls and boys. { Car - ni - val, ____
- in, ev - 'ry - bod - y come a - long. }

20
Car - ni - val. ____ You can call it ____ Fat Tues - day, ____ or

25 27
call it Mar - di Gras. Car - ni - val, ____ Car - ni - val. ____

30 *D.C.*
It's the wild - est, ____ mer - ri - est, ____ hap - pi - est fes - ti - val. ____

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7. FIESTA DEL GRILLE*

(Cricket Festival)

Based on Italian Folk Song
Arranged, with new words and music, by
SALLY K. ALBRECHT

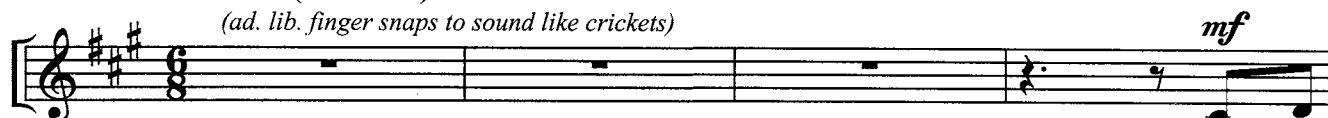
About this Holiday...

The city of Florence, Italy, has a festival like none other to celebrate the arrival of spring. It's called *Fiesta del Grille* or *The Cricket Festival*. Children hunt for chirping crickets, a sign of spring and good luck, and place them in small wicker cages the night before the festival. On the *Fiesta del Grille*, families bring picnics—and their crickets—to the town square. At the end of the day, the singing crickets are set free, bringing good luck to all!

With a lilt (♩ = ca. 60)

(ad. lib. finger snaps to sound like crickets)

VOICE



1. Join me
2. Mam-ma



maes - tro,* _____ come to Flor-ence, sing - ing crick - ets _____ tell of
mi - a, _____ come to see - a all the crick - ets, _____ luck comes

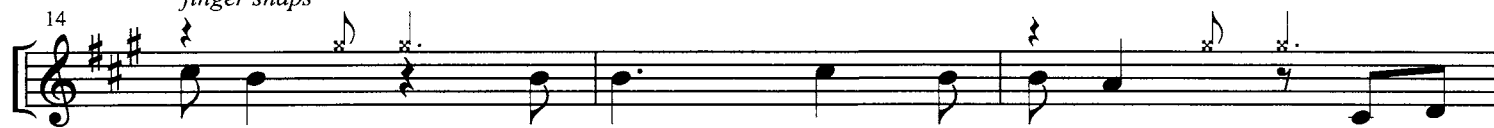


spring - time. Get your cag - es, _____ bring a pic - nic and your
with them. Day is o - ver, _____ sun is set - ting, crick - ets



crick - et; _____ Now it's spring - time! Fi - es - ta del
fret - ting; _____ We must free them! Fi - es - ta del

finger snaps



Gril - le, Fi - es - ta del Gril - le. Join me
Gril - le, Fi - es - ta del Gril - le. Mam - ma



maes - tro, _____ come to Flor-ence for Fi - es - ta del Gril - le.
mi - a, _____ come to see - a the Fi - es - ta del Gril - le.

*Fee-eh-stah dehl Gree-leh (Festival of the Cricket), My-stroh (master - a name children call their teacher)

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JAPAN

11. SAKURA

(Cherry Blossom Festival)

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About this Holiday...

In Japan, *matsuri* (maht-soo-ree) or festivals occur year-round, as the Japanese people remember the past and celebrate the future. Held in April, *Sakura* (sah-koo-rah), though not a legal holiday, is a popular day, announcing the coming of spring. Families arrange their schedules so that they can enjoy the beautiful outdoors as the flowers bloom. Sakura, the cherry blossom, is the national flower of Japan.

Delicately (♩ = ca. 88) 3 *mp*

VOICES

Sa - ku - ra,* Sa - ku - ra,

4
Cher - ry Blossom Fes - ti - val; Ha - ru ga ki - ta,*

6 *rit. last time Fine* 8 *mf*
spring has come, spring has come. — 1. Now is the time, smell the
2. See cher - ry blos - som in

9
fra - grance if you please. Cap - ture the beau - ty of
park or coun - try - side. Tak - ing the time to be

11
flow - ers, birds, and trees. (whistle, hum or "oo")
there when spring ar - rives. (repeat twice)

*Sah-koo-rah, Hah-roo gah kee-tah

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