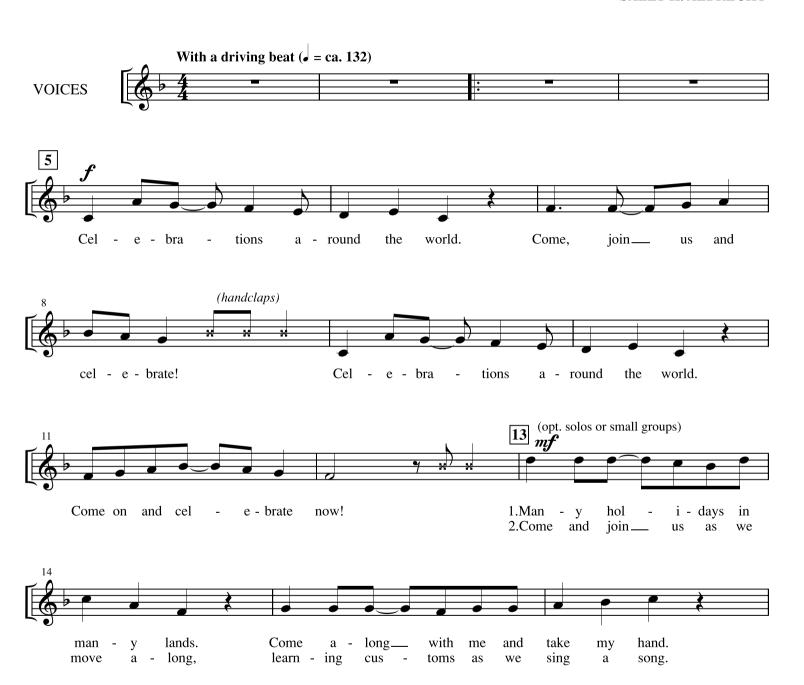
TITLE SONG

# 1. CELEBRATIONS AROUND THE WORLD!\*

Words and Music by SALLY K, ALBRECHT



<sup>\*</sup>Use this title song as an opener or closer if assembling a program.

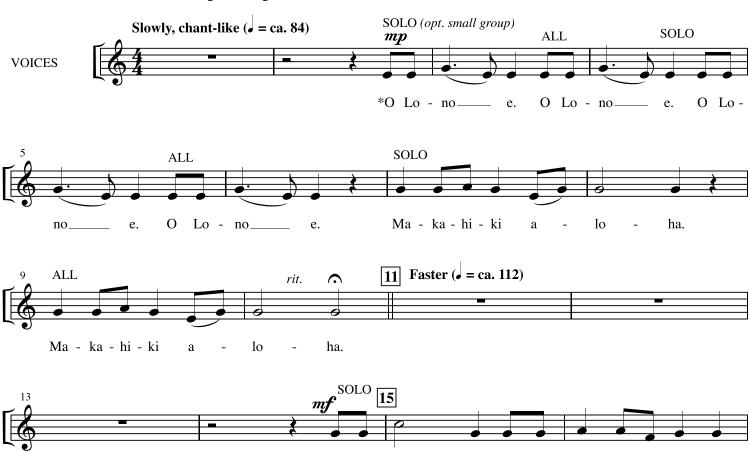
## 2. MAKAHIKI (Season of Harvest)

Based on a Hawaiian harvest chant Additional Words and Music by SALLY K. ALBRECHT

we give thanks for the har - vest.

#### About this Holiday...

Long ago, on the Hawaiian Islands, the harvest time was known as the season of *Makahiki* (Mah-kah-hee-kee). The god, Lono, was honored with the fruits of the harvest. During the four-month harvest time, a *kapu* (kah-poo) or taboo was put on any fighting or war. The people were to focus completely on this festive occasion. Tribute was paid to the chief, bestowing food and gifts upon him. In return, blessings were given.





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\*Oh Loh-noh eh. Mah-kah-hee-kee ah-loh-hah. (Lono - a god of harvest.) To Lono, yes, welcome the harvest.

## 6. INDEPENDENCE DAY

Words and music by LOIS BROWNSEY and MARTI LUNN LANTZ

About this Holiday...

Many countries celebrate an *Independence Day*. In Venezuela, the Spanish had conquered the native peoples and established the first Spanish settlement in 1521. Europeans dominated Venezuela until 1821, when they were finally defeated by the young Simón Bolívar, known locally as "El Liberatador." Bolívar had already brought independence to Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, and Bolivia. His dream of a united state of "Gran Columbia" which unified Columbia, Venezuela, and Ecuador only lasted until his death in 1830. *Independence Day* actually marks Venezuela's break away from "Gran Columbia" on April 19, 1830.



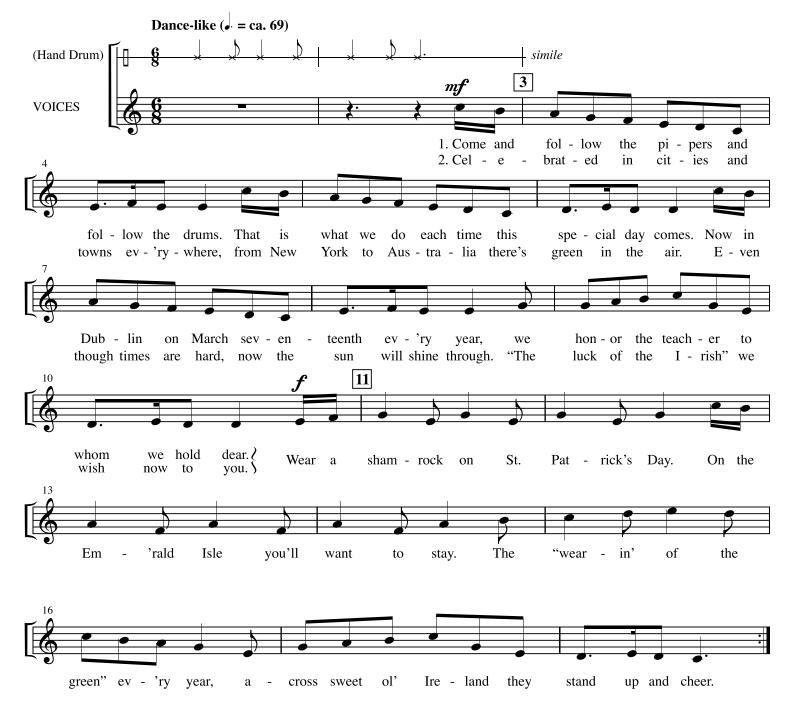
\*NOTE - Each phrase may be sung by a different soloist/small group.

### 7. ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Irish Folk Song Arranged, with new words, by SALLY K. ALBRECHT

#### **About this Holiday...**

St. Patrick was a teacher who took the time to instruct many Irish people how to read and write. After he died, on March 17th in the 5th Century, he was named the patron saint of Ireland. It is also believed that he brought the first shamrock to Ireland. The first *St. Patrick's Day* parade actually took place in New York City in 1762, celebrated by all the Irish immigrants in the city.



## 11. HOLI\*

Words and Music by LOIS BROWNSEY and MARTI LUNN LANTZ

#### **About this Holiday...**

Holi, celebrated in India, is an exuberant spring harvest festival which commemorates the destruction of the mythological evil King Hiranyakasipu (Hee-rahn-yah-kah-see-poo) and his sister Holika (Hoh-lee-kah). It symbolizes truth over falsehood and light over darkness. Holi occurs on the day after the full moon in early March each year with people throwing colored water and powder on their friends and relatives, saying, "Bura na mano, Holi hai" (Boo-ra nah mah-noh, Hoh-lee hi), meaning "Don't feel offended, it's Holi!"



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