

## PREFACE

This set of twenty-five songs was originally composed for a cluster of small primary schools in east Devon as part of a year's arts project on 'Planet Earth'. The Sea songs are aimed at years 1 and 2, the Earth songs at years 3 and 4 and the Sky songs for years 5 and 6. The whole set stands as a complete school project or you could dip in and out as in a conventional songbook.

The songs are arranged progressively in the book both in the lyrics and the music. Simple part-singing is introduced in section 2 and developed in section 3, but for the less confident is of course optional. When teaching simple part-songs, it can be a good idea to let one half hum their part quietly, helping the others learning the new bit to keep in time and give them a sense of key. You may find pupils who would like to sing a solo verse or sing in a small group. Do encourage them to do this – it is great for confidence, and often very effective for a first verse.

Always warm up voices and faces before a singing session (see *The Show Must Go On!*) and encourage the pupils to experiment with different voice qualities and dynamics to make the songs really come alive.

'Planet Earth' was a wonderful commission to work on – the scope for creating different atmospheres through lyrics and musical style was exciting and challenging. You will find here lyrical, humorous, stately and mysterious songs – even a hornpipe and a blues. Do have fun adding movement or dramatizing them and don't feel too bound by the suggested age ranges. Enjoy!

Lin Marsh, May 2004

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# Mountain air



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**MELODY** *Allegro* *mf*

We're all off for some

**PIANO/KEYBOARD** *mf*

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moun - tain air, yo - de - lo - de - lay, yo - de - lo - de - lee,

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come and join us — if you dare, yo - de - lo - de - lay, yo - de - lee.

11 *mp*

1: On the lift or ca - ble car - what a love - ly sight,  
 2: I can see for miles a - round - hous - es, lakes and trees,  
 3: See the pret - ty moun - tain flowers, hear the cow - bells ring,

*mp*

# Earth, sea and sky



Andante

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MELODY

PIANO/  
KEYBOARD

5 *mp*

1: Have you ev - er danced a - cross a mead - ow on a warm and sun - ny sum - mer's  
 2: Have you watched a per - fect lit - tle snow - flake as it floats so soft - ly down to  
 3: Have you ev - er list - ened to a black - bird as he sings his song for all to

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day? Or list - ened to the rus - tle as the wind flies by, or  
 land? Or tried to catch a sun - beam as it falls to earth, or  
 hear? Or watched the break - ers rush - ing to the san - dy shore, or

11 *mf*

smelt the scent of new - mown hay?  
 held a sea - shell in your hand? Take a mo - ment,  
 count - ed stars as they ap - pear?