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A Ram Sam Sam	Traditional	Morocco	Major	Duple	I-V	Game, canon	
All Night, All Day	Spiritual	USA	Major	Duple	I-V		
Alouette	Folk	France	Major	Duple	I-V	Foreign language	
Alphabet Song, The	Traditional	France	Major	Duple	I-IV-V	Baa, Baa, Black Sheep/ Twinkle Twinkle	
Amazing Grace	Hymn	USA	Major	Triple	I-IV-V	Historical, Pentatonic, Newton	
America The Beautiful	Patriotic	USA	Major	Duple	I-IV-V	Geography, historical, Bates	
Anchors Away	Patriotic	USA	Major	Duple	I-IV-V-vi	US Navy; Zimmerman/Miles	
Auld Lang Syne	Traditional	Scotland	Major	Duple	I-IV-V-vi	Seasonal, Burns	
Aura Lee	Folk	USA	Major	Duple	I-IV-V-vi	Adapted by Elvis Presley - Love Me Tender	
Battle Hymn of the Republic	Patriotic	USA	Major	Duple	I-IV-V	Civil War, dotted eighth and sixteenth, Steffe/Howe	
Big Rock Candy Mountain	Folk	USA	Major	Duple	I-V	Burl Ives	
Bingo	Traditional	USA	Major	Duple	I-IV-V	Subtraction song, spelling	
Buffalo Gals	Folk	USA	Major	Duple	I-V	Western expansion, Minstrel shows, NY	
Camptown Races	Minstrel	USA	Major	Duple	I-IV-V	Foster	
Canoe Song	Folk	Canada	Minor	Duple	i-v	Partner with Land of the Silver Birch, syncopation	
Cassions Go Rolling Along, The	Patriotic	USA	Major	Duple	I-IV-V	"The Army Goes Rolling Along"; Edmund Gruber	
Clementine	Folk	USA	Major	Triple	I-V	Western expansion, Ballade	
Danny Boy	Folk	Ireland	Major	Duple	I-ii-IV-V-vi	Frederic Weatherly	
De Colores	Folk	Spain	Major	Triple	I-IV-V	United Farm Workers Anthem, foreign language	
Deep in the Heart of Texas	Anthem	Texas	Major	Duple	I-V		
Dem Bones	Spiritual	USA	M-m	Duple	I-V		
Do Your Ears Hang Low?	Traditional	USA	Major	Duple	I-V	Camp song; Turkey in the Straw	
Do, Re, Mi	Theater	USA	Major	Duple	I-IV-V	WW II history; Rodgers/Hammerstein	
Don Gato	Ballade	Mexico	Minor	Duple			
Dona Nobis Pacem	Traditional	Europe	Major	Duple	I-V	Latin text; Round	
Down By The Bay	Folk	Unknown	Major	Duple	I-IV-V	Echo song	
Down By The Riverside	Spiritual	USA	Major	Duple	I-IV-V		
Down By The Station	Traditional	USA	Major	Duple	I-V	Similar to Alouette	
Erie Canal	Folk	USA	m-M	Duple		New York State History	
E-R-I-E is a Rising, The	Regional	USA	Major	Duple	I-IV-V	New York State History	
Ezekial Saw the Wheel	Spiritual	USA	Major	Duple	I-V		
Farmer in the Dell	Folk	USA	Major	Triple	I-V	Game, sequence	

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Follow the Drinking Gourd	Folk	USA	Minor	Duple	i-III-iv-v	African American, ELA connection, symbolism	
Frere Jacques	Folk	France	Major	Duple	I-V	Foreign language; Round	
Frog Went a Courtin'	Ballade	England	Major	Duple	I-IV-V	Ballade	
Fum Fum Fum	Seasonal	Spain	m-M	Duple	i-iv-V	Seasonal, Foreign language	
Funga Alafia	Folk	USA	Major	Duple	I-V		
Give My Regards to Broadway	Theater	USA	Major	Duple	V/V	New York History, Cohan	
Go Tell Aunt Rhody	Folk	USA	Major	Duple	I-V	Instrumental music connection	
God Bless America	Patriotic	USA	Major	Duple	I-IV-V-vi	Nationalism, Berlin	
Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes	Traditional	Unknown	Major	Duple	I-V		
He's Got the Whole World	Spiritual	USA	Major	Duple	I-V	Gospel	
Home on the Range	Anthem	Kansas	Major	Triple		Dotted rhythms, Kelley	
Hot Cross Buns	Seasonal	England	Major	Duple	I-V	Instrumental music connection	
Huron Carol, The	Seasonal	Canada	Minor	Duple		Native American	
I've Been Working on the Railroad	Folk	USA	Major	Duple	I-ii-IV-V	History	
I've Got Rhythm	Jazz	USA	Major	Duple	Rhythm Changes	Musical theatre, syncopation, Gershwin	
If You're Happy and You Know It	Traditional	USA	Major	Duple	I-IV-V		
Itsy Bisty Spider	Traditional	USA	Major	Triple	I-V	Fingerplay, ascending and descending	
Jingle Bells	Seasonal	USA	Major	Duple	I- IV-V		
Jump Josie	Traditional	USA	Major	Multimetric	I-IV-V	Play party	
Kookaburra	Folk	Australia	Major	Duple	I-V	Round, sixteenth notes	
Kum Bah Yah	Spiritual	USA	Major	Duple	I-IV-V	Camp song	
La Cucaracha	Folk	Mexico	Major	Duple	I-V	Foreign language	
Let There Be Peace on Earth	Hymn	USA	Major	Triple	V/V		
Lift Every Voice and Sing	Anthem	USA	Major	Triple		History	
Little Brown Jug	Folk	USA	Major	Duple	I-IV-V	American history, jazz, Miller	
Little Liza Jane	Traditional	USA	Major	Duple	I-V		
London Bridge	Traditional	England	Major	Duple	I-V	Game	
Make New Friends	Folk	USA	Major	Duple	I-V	Girl Scouts, round	
Marines' Hymn, The	Patriotic	USA	Major	Duple	I-IV-V	American history, military	
Mary Ann	Folk	Caribbean	Major	Duple	I-V		
Mary Had A Little Lamb	Traditional	USA	Major	Duple	I-V	Instrumental music connection	
Michael Row the Boat Ashore	Spiritual	USA	Major	Duple	I-IV-V	Civil War, African-American	

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Miss Mary Mack	Traditional	England	Major	Duple		Clapping song	
Mister Sun	Traditional	Unknown	Major	Duple			
Muffin Man, The	Traditional	England	Major	Duple			
My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean	Folk	Scotland	Major	Triple	I-IV-V-II	Verse/refrain	
New York, New York, Theme from	Theater	USA	Major	Triple		Kander/Ebb	
Oh Canada	Patriotic	Canada	M-m	Duple	V/V		
Oh Sinner Man	Spiritual	USA	Dorian	Duple			
Oh Susanna	Minstrel	USA	Major	Duple	I-IV-V	Foster	
Oklahoma	Theater	USA	Major	Duple		Rodgers/Hammerstein	
Old Dan Tucker	Minstrel	USA	Major	Duple	I-V		
Old Joe Clark	Folk	Tennessee	Mixolydian	Duple	I-VII	WW I	
Old McDonald	Traditional	England	Major	Duple	I-V		
Over the Rainbow	Theater	USA	Major	Duple			
Over the River	Folk	USA	Major	Triple	I-IV-V	Seasonal	
Over There	Patriotic	USA	Major	Duple		WW I	
Peace Like a River	Spiritual	USA	Major	Duple	I-IV-V		
Polly Wolly Doodle	Traditional	USA	Major	Duple	I-V-I	New York State History	
Pop Goes the Weasel	Traditional	England	Major	Triple	I-IV-V	Game	
Puff the Magic Dragon	Folk	USA	Major	Duple		Lipton/Yarrow	
Ring Around the Rosy	Traditional	England	Major	Triple	I-IV-V	Game	
Rocky Mountain	Traditional	USA	Major	Duple	I-V-I		
Roll On Columbia	Folk	USA	Major	Triple		Guthrie	
Row, Row, Row Your Boat	Minstrel	USA	Major	Triple	I-V	Round	
Scotland's Burning	Traditional	England	Major	Duple	I	Canon	
Seventy-Six Trombones	Theater	USA	Major	Duple		Good Night My Someone/ The Music Man	
She'll Be Comin' Round the Mtn.	Spiritual	USA	Major	Duple	I-IV-V		
Shenandoah	Traditional	USA	Major	Duple		Shanty	
Shoo Fly	Folk	USA	Major	Duple	I-V	Spanish -American War, Teddy Roosevelt	
Sidewalks of New York, The	Regional	USA	Major	Duple			
Simple Gifts	Folk	USA	Major	Duple	I-V (simplified)	NY History Appalachian Spring, Shaker, Copland	
Skip to My Lou	Folk	USA	Major	Duple	I-V	Play party	
Sometime I Feel...Motherless Chi	Spiritual	USA	Minor	Duple			

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Sourwood Mountain	Regional	USA	Major	Duple	I-IV-V	Bluegrass	
Star-Spangled Banner	Patriotic	USA	Major	Triple		American history	
Swanee River	Minstrel	USA	Major	Duple	I-IV-V	History	
Swing Low, Sweet Chariot	Spiritual	USA	Major	Duple	I-IV-V	Symbolism	
There Was an Old Lady	Traditional	USA	Major	triple	I-V	Sequence	
This Land is Your Land	Patriotic	USA	Major	Duple	I-IV-V	History, Guthrie	
This Little Light Of Mine	Spiritual	USA	Major	Duple	I-IV-V	Dixon	
This Old Man	Folk	USA	Major	Duple	I-V	Counting song	
Three Blind Mice	Traditional	England	Major	Triple	I-V	Sequence	
Twinkle Twinkle Little Star	Traditional	England	Major	Duple	I-V	Mozart; Alphabet Song/Baa, Baa	
USAF Song, Wild Blue Yonder	Patriotic	USA	Major	Duple	V/V		
Waltzing Matilda	Folk	Australia	Major	Duple	I-IV-V-vi		
Water is Wide, The	Folk	England	Major	Duple	I- IV-V		
We Shall Overcome	Anthem	USA	Major	Duple	V/V	American History, Civil Rights anthem	
Wheels on the Bus,The	Traditional	USA	Major	Duple	I-V		
When Johnny Comes Marching	Patriotic	USA	Minor	Triple	i-V-III	American History, Civil War, Gilmore	
Where is Thumbkin	Traditional	USA	Major	Duple	I-V	Fingerplay; same melody as Frere Jacques	
Yellow Rose of Texas	Minstrel	USA	Major	Duple	I-IV-V	Texas History	
You're a Grand Old Flag	Patriotic	USA	Major	Duple	V/V	Cohen	