

# ***Song Leading and Song book***

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## Song Leading

### A Skill That Can Be Learned

Love to sing, but not sure how to start teaching others? Here are some great guidelines for the emerging song leader—no matter what age you are.

### Choosing Songs

- **Know the group that you will be working with.** How old are they? How many girls are there? What are their singing abilities? What are their song interests? How long is their attention span?
- **Begin with simple songs or songs that the girls know.** Choose songs that are simple, like short rounds, songs with tra-la-la choruses, repeat songs, or those that include repetition.
- **Know what you are doing.** Know the song words and the melody. Practice. Use note cards if you need them. Make a list of the songs you will sing, and know the order you will sing them in. Know something of the history of the song so you can share it with the girls.
- **If you are choosing songs for an evening program,** start out with the rowdy songs and end up with the quiet songs to set the tone for bedtime.

### Leading Songs

- **Be enthusiastic.**
- **Sing the song through for the group.** Introduce the song by telling where it is from. Sing the first verse and the chorus, so group members know how it sounds. Have those who know it sing with you.
- **Teach the song phrase by phrase.** Sing a phrase, and have the group sing back to you. Then join phrases and sing the verse and chorus. If long, teach a few verses, then repeat. Repeat once or twice.
- **Sing the song all together.** If singing a round, a song with parts, or a descant, make sure each group knows its part well before putting the parts together. If you are singing a song with parts, have a leader who knows each part. Use simple hand motions to keep the tempo.

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- **You give the starting note.** Hum the melody or use a musical instrument. If you get it wrong, stop and start over. Avoid pitching too high or too low for girls.
- **Make sure that girls follow your hand motions.** Let them know that hand motions are used to keep the group together in the right tempo, and the motions will help them know where you are in the song.
- **Choose a variety of songs.** Do songs that are fast and slow, songs that include hand motions, and songs that lend themselves to simple harmony, as well as funny songs. Avoid songs that might be offensive to religious or ethnic groups.

## Traditional Girl Scout Songs

<p><b>Make New Friends</b>          Make new friends but keep the old          One is silver and the other is gold</p> <p><i>(optional second verse)</i>          A circle is round, it has no end          That's how long I want to be your friend</p>	<p><b>When 'ere you make a Promise</b>          When 'ere you make a promise          Consider well it's importance          And when made          Engrave it upon your heart</p>
<p><b>Brownie Smile Song</b>          I have something in my pocket          It belongs across my face          I keep it very close at hand          In a most convenient place          I'm sure you couldn't guess it          If you guess a long, long while          So I'll take it out and put it on          It's a great big Brownie SMILE!!          (motions optional)</p>	<p><b>The Peppiest Girl</b>          The peppiest girl I ever saw          She never came a pokin'          If I was to tell you the pep she had          You'd think I was a jokin'          It's not the pep in the pepper pot          Or the pep in the popcorn popper          It's not the pep in the mustard jar          Or the pep in the vinegar stopper          It's good old fashioned <b>P- E-P</b>          A pep you cannot down          Girl Scout pep, Girl Scout pep          Peppiest girls around</p>

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### **Girl Scouts Together**

Girl Scouts together that is our song  
Winding the old trails, rocky and long  
Learning our motto, living our creed  
Girl Scouts together in every good deed

Girl Scouts together happy are we  
Friendly to neighbors, far o'er the sea  
Faithful to country, loyal to home  
Known as true Girl Scouts  
Where ever we roam

### **She Wears a "G"**

She wears a G for generosity.  
She wears an I for interest, too.  
She wears an R for real sportsmanship.  
She wears and L for loyalty, for loyalty!  
She wears an S for her sincerity.  
She wears a C for courtesy.  
She wears and O-U-T for outdoor life, outdoor life.  
And that Girl Scout is Me!

(Optional intro)

Hooray for Girl Scouts  
Hooray for Girl Scouts  
Someone in the crowd shouted  
HOORAY FOR GIRL SCOUTS!  
1-2-3-4 who you gonna yell for?  
Girl Scout that's US!

### **Girl Scout Grace**

In the beauty of this hour  
Bless O' Lord this we take  
Make our lives for the a tool  
Help us live the Girl Scout rule

### **On My Honor**

**Chorus:** On my honor, I will try  
There's a duty to be done and I say I  
There's a reason here for a reason  
above  
My honor is to try and my duty is to love

People don't need to know my name.  
If I do any harm, then I'm to blame  
When I help another then I help me  
If I've opened up my eyes to see

#### **Chorus**

I've tucked away a song or two  
If you're feeling low, there's one for you  
When you need a friend, then I will come  
There are many more where I come from

#### **Chorus**

Come with me where a fire burns bright  
We can even see better in a candle's light  
But we find more meaning in a campfire's glow  
Than we'd ever learn in a year or so

#### **Chorus**

We've made a promise to always keep  
And the day is done before we sleep  
We'll be Girl Scouts together and when we're gone  
We'll still be trying and singing this song.

#### **Chorus**

### **Taps**

Day is done, Gone the sun  
From the lakes, from the hills, from the sky  
All is well, safely rest, God is nigh

**(Optional intro)**

### **Green trees**

Green trees around us, Blue skies above  
Friends all around us, In a world filled with love  
Taps sounding softly, hearts beating true  
As we all say, Good night to you

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## Daisy Songs

<p><b>DAISY HAPPY FACE SONG</b> (Tune- Brownie Smile)</p> <p>I've something in my little hand that you just cannot see... It's very, very special and it's now a part of me. The Daisy Girl Scouts showed me how to put it into place... And when I clap my little hands you'll see my HAPPY FACE!</p> <p><b>Motions:</b> I'VE SOMETHING... Cup both hands together palms together, IT'S VERY... Bring cupped hands to chest over heart, DAISY... Open hands and cover face with open hands, CLAP "clap", and make a motion outward with palms up.</p>	<p><b>ALICE THE CAMEL</b></p> <p>Alice the Camel has five humps, Alice the Camel has five humps, Alice the Camel has five humps, so go Alice go, boom boom, boom. Count down. After last verse "no humps", sing: 'Cause Alice is a horse, of course.</p> <p><b>Movements:</b> everyone stands shoulder to shoulder when number is mentioned, bend knees and dip down on boom boom, boom, move hips back and forth to hit others</p>
<p><b>It's A Daisy World</b> (Tune: Bicycle Built for Two)</p> <p>Daisy, Daisy, you gave us Scouting true, You sure showed what one "turned on" girl can do With contagious ideas you bombarded; Just look at what you've started It's a Daisy World for every girl, It's a Daisy World today.</p>	<p><b>DAISY CLEAN UP SONG</b> (Tune: Jingle Bells)</p> <p>Daisy Scouts, Daisy Scouts. Let's tidy up the room. Daisy Scouts, Daisy Scouts. Time to go home soon</p> <p>Daisy Scouts, Daisy Scouts, We're picking up our things. Daisy Scouts, Daisy Scouts, Hear our voices sing</p>
<p><b>BUY SOME COOKIES</b> (Tune of "Pop Goes The Weasel")</p> <p>Up and down the neighborhood streets Girl Scouts sell their cookies Ringing doorbells, asking you please Please buy some cookies!</p>	<p><b>I'M A LITTLE DAISY</b> (Tune: I'm a Little Teapot)</p> <p>I'm a little Daisy, dressed in blue I am a Girl Scout, you are too When I go to meetings, I sing and shout I love being a Daisy Girl Scout!</p> <p><b>Actions:</b> I'm a little Daisy, - hands together, at side of face, head tilted Dressed in blue - hands pick up hem of uniform smock I am a Girl Scout, - make 3 fingered sign You are too - point to neighbor When I go to meetings, - hands out, palms up I sing and shout - hands cup around mouth I love being a - point to heart Daisy Girl Scout! - clap 3 times, once on each word</p>

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<p><b>Daisy, Daisy</b>  <b>(tune-Bicycle Built For Two)</b>  Daisy, Daisy Juliette Gordon Low  She founded the Girl Scouts, for every girl to know  The wonder of outdoor living  The fun it is in giving  It's great we shout to be a Scout  And whistle it as we go</p>	<p><b>Strut Miss Daisy</b>  Strut Miss Daisy  Strut Miss Daisy  Strut Miss Daisy all the day long  Here comes another one just like the other one  Here comes another one all the day long  <i>(form two lines-girls two at a time dance down the middle of the two lines-the funnier the better)</i></p>
<p><b>Daisy Scout Song</b>  <i>(Tune: Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star)</i>  Daisy Scouts are bright and happy  See us work and see us play  We can dance and we can sing  We can do anything  We have fun and help each day  Daisy Scouts are here to stay</p>	<p><b>Daisy Gathering Song</b>  Take my hand and form a chain  Down a magic Daisy lane  Smile a friendly smile and say  May I help someone today?</p>
<p><b>Daisy Troop Song</b>  I'm a Daisy,  You're a Daisy  She's a Daisy too  And if you want to be a Daisy  This is what you do...</p> <p>You come to a meeting  You have a lot of fun  You do arts and crafts  And you cleanup when you're done</p> <p>We learn a lot of new things  We make a lot of new friends  We love being Daisies,  And we're sad when it ends</p>	<p><b>Who's that Girl?</b>  Who is that girl they're all talking about?  Why, don't you know?  She's a Daisy Girl Scout!</p> <p>A Daisy is honest, she knows what is true;  She tries to be fair when she's playing with you  She helps when she is needed – she'll get the job done;</p> <p>She's happy and cheerful to everyone!  She's friendly and kind whenever she's out,  And acts like a sister to every Girl Scout</p> <p>She listens to parents and leaders as well  She tries not to be wasteful and that you can tell  She takes care of her world and gives back what it needs</p> <p>She shows others she cares through her words and her deeds  Now you don't have to wonder who that Daisy can be  You knew all along that Daisy is ME!</p>

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### Brownie Songs

<p><b>Brownie Smile Song</b>          I have something in my pocket          It belongs across my face          I keep it very close at hand          In a most convenient place          I'm sure you couldn't guess it          If you guess a long, long while          So I'll take it out and put it on          It's a great big Brownie SMILE!!          (motions optional)</p>	<p><b>GOODBYE BROWNIES</b>  <i>(Tune: Goodnight Ladies)</i></p> <p>Good bye Brownies, good bye brownies          Good bye Brownies, we're sad to see you go</p> <p><i>(Sing in <b>friendship circle</b>, hold hands right over left, turn out of circle)</i></p>
<p><b>I'M A GIRL SCOUT</b>  <i>(Tune- Frere Jacque)</i></p> <p>I'm a Girl Scout. I'm a Girl Scout.          Who are you? Who are you?          Can't you tell by looking? Can't you tell by looking?          I'm one too. I'm one too.</p>	<p><b>THE MORE WE GET TOGETHER</b></p> <p>The more we get together, together, together,          the more we get together, the happier we'll be.</p> <p>For your friends are my friends,          and my friends are your friends          the more we get together the happier we'll be</p>
<p><b>DOWN BY THE BANK</b>  <i>(A hand clapping game)</i></p> <p>Down by the banks of the hanky panky          where the bullfrogs jump from back-banky          with and Eee a poppa, O a poppa, I a poppa          POW!</p> <p><b>The Grand Old Duke of York</b>  <i>(Tune: "A-Hunting We Will Go")</i></p> <p>The Grand old Duke of York,          He had ten thousand men.          He marched them up the hill,  <i>Everyone stands up</i>          And marched them down again.  <i>Everyone sits down</i>          And when you're up, you're up;  <i>Everyone stands up</i>          And when you're down, you're down.  <i>Everyone sits down</i>          And when you're only halfway up,  <i>Everyone half-way up</i>          You're neither up nor down!</p>	<p><b>HE'S GOT THE WHOLE WORLD</b></p> <p><i>Chorus:</i> He's got the whole world, in his hands,          He's got the whole world, in his hands          He's got the whole world, in his hands          He's got the whole world in his hands.</p> <p><i>Replace "whole world" with:</i>          Darling Daisies          Half-Baked Brownies          Jazzy Juniors          Crazy Cadettes          Sassy Seniors          Awesome Ambassadors          Loudmouth Leaders</p>

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### **This Little Brownie Light of Mine**

This little Brownie light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine  
This little Brownie light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine  
This little Brownie light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine  
Let it shine, all the time, let it shine

Don't you (*poof*) my little light out, I'm gonna let it shine

Don't you (*poof*) my little light out, I'm gonna let it shine

Don't you (*poof*) my little light out, I'm gonna let it shine

Let it shine, all the time, let it shine

Hide it under a bush? Oh no! I'm gonna let it shine  
Hide it under a bush? Oh no! I'm gonna let it shine  
Hide it under a bush? Oh no! I'm gonna let it shine  
Let it shine, all the time, let it shine

Take my little light around the world, I'm gonna let it shine

Take my little light around the world, I'm gonna let it shine

Take my little light around the world, I'm gonna let it shine

Let it shine, all the time, let it shine

### **Daisy**

#### **Tune: Bicycle Built for Two**

Daisy, Daisy, we honor your memory true.  
We are Girl Scouts all because of you.  
We follow the path you started,  
And live the law you charted.  
We grow and grow, for Juliette Low,  
America's proud of you.

### **The Law**

(*tune: Home on the Range*)

I will do my best to be Honest and fair  
Friendly and Helpful too....  
Considerate and caring, Courageous and strong  
and responsible for what I say and do and to  
Respect myself and others; Respect authority  
too  
Use resources wisely; make the world a better  
place  
and be a sister to every Girl Scout!

### **Met a Bear**

(Repeat song)

The other day, (repeat)  
I met a bear (repeat)  
A great big bear (repeat)  
Away out there (repeat)  
***Sing the verse***

He looked at me, (repeat)  
I looked at him (repeat)  
He sized me up (repeat)  
I sized up him (repeat)  
***Sing the verse***

He said to me (repeat)  
Why don't you run? (repeat)  
'Cause I can see (repeat)  
You ain't got a gun (repeat)  
***Sing the verse***

And so I said (repeat)  
That's a good idea (repeat)  
So come on feet (repeat)  
Let's get out of here! (repeat)  
***Sing the verse***

The lowest branch (repeat)  
Was ten feet up (repeat)  
I'd have to jump (repeat)  
And trust my luck (repeat)  
***Sing the verse***

And so I jumped (repeat)  
Into the air, (repeat)  
But I missed that branch (repeat)  
Away up there (repeat)  
***Sing the verse***

But don't you fret (repeat)  
And don't you frown, (repeat)  
'Cause I caught that branch (repeat)  
On the way back down! (repeat)  
***Sing the verse***

That's all there is, (repeat)  
There ain't no more, (repeat)  
Until I meet (repeat)  
That bear once more (repeat)  
***Sing the verse***



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### Deep and Wide

**Deep and wide, deep and wide**  
**There's a fountain flowing deep and wide**  
**Deep and wide, deep and wide**  
**There's a fountain flowing deep and wide**

**Motions: Passing game-pass a rock or shoe while you sing the song. When the song ends the girl holding the object is out)**

### Do your ears hang low?

**Do your ears hang low?**  
**Do they wobble to and fro?**  
**Can you tie them in a knot?**  
**Can you tie them in a bow?**  
**Can you throw them over your shoulder**  
**Like a Continental Soldier?**  
**Do your ears hang low?**

### Chester

**Chester** (touch chest)  
**Have you** (point to someone)  
**Heard about Harry** (put hand on your hair)  
**Just got back** (touch your back)  
**From the Army** (stretch out arm, bend it back to touch your arm)  
**He knows** (touch your nose)  
**He needs** (touch your knee)  
**Not face** (touch your face)  
**Defeat** (touch your feet)  
**Hip hip** (touch your hip)  
**Hooray** (throw arms in the air)  
**For the Army** (do same motion from above)

### IF I WERE NOT A GIRL SCOUT

(Tune- I'm a Little Teapot)

If I were not a Girl Scout, I wonder what I'd be  
 If I were not a Girl Scout...  
 A bird watcher I'd be  
 Hark a lark, flying through the park, SPLAT!

- 2)** Plumber ...Plunge it, flush it, look out below!
- 3)** Carpenter...Two by four nail it to the floor!
- 4)** Teacher...Sit down, shut up, throw away your gum
- 5)** Flight attendant ...Coffee, tea, here's your little bag, BLEH!
- 6)** Farmer...Here's a cow, there's a cow, and here's another yuck!
- 7)** Doctor...Take a pill; pay my bill! I'm going golfing!
- 8)** Electrician...Positive, negative, buzz zap
- 9)** Politician...Raise the taxes and lower the pay, vote for me on Election Day!
- 10)** Pizza maker...30 minute, fast delivery!
- 11)** Preacher ...Well, well, you never can tell; you might go to heaven, or you might go to...
- 12)** Lifeguard...Save yourself, Man. I'm working on my tan!
- 13)** Lawyer...my client wasn't there
- 14)** Engineer...Push the button, push the button, kick the darn machine.
- 15)** Ranger...Get eaten by a bear, see if I care.
- 16)** Leader...Do this, do that, I'm gonna take a nap.

## Junior Songs

### SARASPONDA

Sarasponda, sarasponda, sarasponda ret set set  
 Sarasponda, sarasponda, sarasponda ret set set  
 A door a oh, a door a boom day oh  
 A door a boom day ret set set  
 Atsay patsay oh

### I LOVE THE MOUNTAINS

(Sing in a round)

I love the mountains  
 I love the rolling hills  
 I love the flowers  
 I love the daffodils  
 I love the fireside  
 When the lights are low  
 Boom-be-atta, boom-be-atta,  
 boom-be-atta, boom-be-atta.

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<p><b>The Austrian</b></p> <p>Once an Austrian went yodeling          On a mountain so high          When along came a turtle dove          Interrupting his cry          Oh lay Oh          Oh lee ah ka kee          Oh lee ah coo coo, coo coo          Oh lee ah ka kee          Oh lee ah coo coo, coo coo          Oh lee ah ka kee          Oh lee ah coo coo, coo coo          Oh lee ah ka kee ah...Oh</p> <p><b>Other verses</b></p> <p>Avalanche-swish, swish          Grizzly bear-grrr, grrr          Dairy cow-tsh, tsh          Two Girl Scouts-yak, yak</p>	<p><b>KOOKABURRA</b></p> <p>Kookaburra sits on the old gum tree          Merry, merry king of the bush is he          Laugh, Kookaburra, laugh, Kookaburra          Gay your life must be</p> <p>Kookaburra sits in the old gum tree          Eating all the gumdrops he can see          Stop, Kookaburra, stop, Kookaburra          Save some there for me.</p> <p>Kookaburra sits in the old gum tree,          Counting all the monkeys he can see,          Stop, kookaburra, stop, kookaburra,          That's not a monkey, that's me, ha, ha, ha!</p> <p>Kookaburra sits on a rusty nail          Gets a boo-boo in his tail          Cry, Kookaburra! Cry, kookaburra!          Oh how life can be!</p>
<p><b>I'm Proud to Be ME</b></p> <p>I'm proud to be me but I also so see          You're just as proud to be you.          We may look at things a bit differently          But lots of good people do.          It's just human nature          So why should I hate you          For being as human as I.          We'll live and let live and          We'll get as we give and          We'll all get along if we try.          I'm proud to be me, but I also see          You're just as proud to be you 'tis true!          You're just as proud to be YOU!</p>	<p><b>If You're a Girl Scout...</b></p> <p>If you're a Girl Scout and you know it          Clap your hands.          If you're a Girl Scout and you know it          Clap your hands.          If you're a Girl Scout and you know it          Then your life will surely show it          If you're a Girl Scout and you know it          Clap your hands.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Clap you hand</li> <li>2. Stomp you feet</li> <li>3. Nod your head</li> <li>4. Show your teeth</li> <li>5. Say I am</li> <li>6. Do them all...</li> </ol>
<p><b>Music Shall Live</b></p> <p>All things shall per from under the sky          Music alone shall live          Music alone shall live          Music alone shall live          Never to die          (sing as a round)</p>	<p><b>Simple Song</b></p> <p>I love to sing a simple song          A simple song          Cannot go wrong          Ping Pong          (sing as a round)</p>

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<p><b>Love Grows</b>          Love grows under the wide oak tree          Sugar flows like candy          Tops of the mountains          Shine like gold          Gotta keep your little fella sorta handy</p> <p>Dream, dream sweet dream          Under the wide oak tree Oh          Dream, dream sweet dream          All for you and me Oh</p>	<p><b>Sing</b>          Sing, sing, sing          Come my friends and sing with me          Round out your voices fill the air          With music free          If you like to hike and play          Help folks out along the way          Then you should come along my friends          And sing with me          (sing as a round)</p>
<p><b>Happiness Runs</b>          Happiness runs in a circular motion          Love is like a little boat upon the sea          Everybody is a part of everything anyway          You can be happy if you let yourself be          (sing in a round)</p> <p><b>Slap Bang</b>          Slap, bang, here we go again.          Here we go again,          Here we go again.          Slap, bang, here we go again.          Jolly good friends are we.</p> <p>We laugh, we sing.          We laugh *ha ha*          We sing *tra la*          Slap, Bang, here we go again.          Jolly good friends are we</p> <p>Bang, slap, here we go again          Here we go again          Here we go again          Bang, slap, here we go again          Jolly good friends are we</p> <p>We laugh, we sing          We laugh ha, ha          We sing tra la          Bang slap, here we go again          Jolly good friends are we</p> <p><i>Actions:</i>          SLAP: Clap          BANG: Bang elbows on table          LAUGH: Hold belly and laugh          SING: Opera singer style</p>	<p><b>Barges</b></p> <p>Out of my window looking through the night          I can see the barges' flickering light          Silently flows the river to the sea          And the barges they go silently...</p> <p>Barges I would like to go with you          I would like to sail the ocean blue          Barges have you treasure in your hold          Do you fight with pirates brave and bold</p> <p>Out of my window looking through the night          I can see the barges' flickering light          Starboard shines green and port is glowing red          You can see them flickering far ahead... Chorus</p> <p>One of these days and it will not be long          You will look for me and I'll be gone          Face to the wind far out upon the sea          Where the whales and dolphins sing to me...          Chorus</p> <p>So out of my window looking through the night          I can see the barges' flickering light          Silently flows the river to the sea          And the barges they go silently... Chorus</p>