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Reading Rainbow Theme Song

by: Steve Horelick, Dennis Kleinman and Janet Weir

Butterfly in the sky
I can go twice as high
Take a look
It's in a book
A Reading Rainbow

I can go anywhere
Friends to know
And ways to grow
A Reading Rainbow

I can be anything
Take a look
It's in a book
A Reading Rainbow
A Reading Rainbow

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Ancient Places, Sacred Lands

By Steve Horelick, Dennis Kleinman and Janet Weir
Program Title: The Gift of the Sacred Dog

Come sit beside me, and hear a story
Of long ago when the people lived free
And named the waters, and all the places
High and low

There was a plain they called Chicago
It meant a place where strong things grow
And Kentucky meant the land
Of green meadows

Refrain: Ancient Places, Sacred Lands
Names we know so well
But no one understands

Mississippi means big river
And Miami means great water
Arizona means a place where
Small springs flow

(Repeat Refrain to end)

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Living in America

by Steve Horelick

Program Title: The Lotus Seed

Many voices
One chorus
Many rhythms
One drum
Many notes
One melody
Many people
One world

Refrain: Many lives

Come together
Many faces
From many lands
Everyone
Part of a rainbow
Shining bright
Living in America

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Reach For Your Dreams

By Steve Horelick

Program Title: Knots on a Counting Rope

It's hard to be courageous
When what you want
Seems so far away
Still you imagine yourself a winner
Reaching the top someday
So you don't give up
And try even harder
Keeping your goals in sight
And every day
You get a little bit closer
'Cause you never give up the fight

Refrain: Reach for Your Dreams

And know in your heart
You can do anything that you want to
Reach for Your Dreams, and
Right from the start you'll find

They're not as far away as they seem, so
Reach for Your Dreams

You've got to believe
You're good enough
To be anything you want to be
Give it all that you've got
And soon you'll be heading toward victory
You don't give up
And you try even harder
Keeping your goals in sight
And every day
You're just a little bit closer
'Cause you never give up the fight

(Repeat Refrain to end)

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Desert Seasons

by Steve Horelick

Program Title: Desert Giant

Hot sun burning
In the desert sky
Heat waves rising
It's very dry, and it's
Hard to imagine that the
Desert changes seasons too, but in

Spring the cactus bloom
And flowers grow
In the summer it rains
The winter brings snow
A place filled with wonder, and it's
Changing the whole year through

Refrain: Up and down
To and fro
The season's come
Then around and around they go
Until they start all over again
When the winter
Turns to spring
Renewing life for everything
It's always beginning
Like a circle, it never ends

Refrain: Summer, Fall
Winter, Spring
Renewing life for everything
It's always beginning
Like a circle, it never ends

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In A Balloon

By Steve Horelick, Dennis Kleinman and Janet Weir

Program Title: Hot Air Henry

Nothing is holding me
I'm rising easily
Into the open air
Wherever the wind wants me to be

Refrain: I'm on top of the world today
Seeing it all in a brand new way
In a Balloon in the sky
Soon you may see me passing by

Look at the world below
Look at the people go
I wonder if they see me
Maybe I'll wave and say hello

(Refrain)

Oh, my
I feel like I can reach out
And touch everything I see
High above a world of wonder
Gliding gently, flying free
And from here I can see everything
And everything I see is fine with me

Refrain: In a Balloon in the sky
Soon you may see me passing by
In a Balloon in the sky
Soon you may see me passing by

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The Transcontinental Railroad

By Steve Horelick

Program Title: Kate Shelley and the Midnight Express

They started in the East layin' down the rails
And out in California, they were blazing out a trail
Toward the center they did strive
No one knew when they would arrive
Building 'The Transcontinental Railroad'

They cleared the way and blasted through the mountain side
And built big trestle bridges stretching over valleys wide.
And it's a fact they laid more than three-thousand miles of track

To build 'The Transcontinental Railroad'

It took six years, and in the Spring of 1869.
In Promontory Utah they connected the two lines.
And across this growing nation
Folks joined in the celebration
Of 'The Transcontinental Railroad'

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The Tugboat Captain's Song

By Steve Horelick, Dennis Kleinman and Janet Weir

Program Title: Mystery on the Docks

I see the seagulls flying
Over flags from every land
I see great ships from every port
They all look mighty grand

I am a Tugboat Captain
Here's the song I've always sung
My boat may be a small one
But it gets a big job done

Refrain: Away, haul away, haul away
Movin' all the mighty ships
In and out of the bay

Shiny ocean liners
Oil tankers, too
Cargo ships and barges
We've got to pull them through

I am a Tugboat Captain
Here's the song I've always sung
My boat may be a small one
But it gets a big job done

(Refrain)

(Repeat Refrain)

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WHEELS

By Steve Horelick and Susan Ring

Program Title: Bicycle Man

They've been moving us along for years
Going places without walking

Rolling tires and spinning gears
Don't you know we're talkin'
Talkin' 'bout

Refrain: (Wheels) They take you up in the air
(Wheels) They steer you 'cross the ocean
(Wheels) You can find them everywhere
(Wheels) Movin' in a circular motion

Up and down and along the ground
They take away the friction
They make it easier to get around
It's a fact not fiction

Refrain: (Wheels) You can ride them here to there
(Wheels) If you get the notion
(Wheels) Yeah, you can find them everywhere
(Wheels) Movin' in a circular motion

Turning by themselves or working in pairs
We're talkin' circles not squares!

(Repeat Refrain to end)

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Three Cheers for Eggs

Written by: Steve Horelick, Dennis Kleinman and Janet Weir

Program Title: Jimmy's Boa Ate the Wash

Intro: On the farm there's open space
And blue sky up above
There's cows and geese and ducks and pigs
And lots, and lots, and lots, of . . .

Eggs
Those roly-poly things
That only hens can lay
Eggs
They're everywhere you go
All the same in every way
Outside they're like a white football
Inside they're not like that at all
There's something special about those things
Called eggs

Refrain: They're in your souffles and mayonnaise
Don't you think it's time they got some praise?

Three Cheers for Eggs
They're really fun to eat
So you won't be surprised to hear
Eggs
Fifty billion eggs
Get eaten every year!

Some are scrambled, some are fried
Some wind up on their sunny side
You've never met anyone who hasn't tried
An egg

They don't mind if you mistreat 'em
You can crack and whip and beat 'em
But most of all, folks like to eat 'em

(Instrumental)

Some of those eggs
Will hatch into chicks
And grow up into hens
Those hens will start laying more eggs again!

(Repeat Refrain)

Let's hear it for eggs!
Hooray for eggs!
Three Cheers for Eggs!

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I'm Breakin' Out

By Steve Horelick, Dennis Kleinman and Janet Weir

Program Title: Chickens Aren't the Only Ones

Living in an egg's
Not all its cracked up to be
There's a whole wide world out there
I'd sure like to see
I'd like to spread my wings
Though I'm not sure
If chickens can fly
There are so many things
I'll never know I can do
Unless I give 'em a try

Refrain: I'm Breakin' Out
I'm Breakin' Out
It's hard to leave the old shell behind
But that's what growing's all about
I'm Breakin' Out
Without a doubt
Come what may - today's the day
I'm Breakin' Out

Verse: I may be a little chicken
But I'm not afraid
I've been waiting for this moment
Since the moment I was laid
I don't know what the world is like
But I bet its really swell
So make some room 'cause today's the day
I'm Breakin' out of my shell (Look out world!)

Refrain: I'm Breakin' Out

I'm Breakin' Out
I'll make lots of friends with future roosters and hens
There's no time to sit and pout
I'm Breakin' Out
Without a doubt
Come what may
Today's the day
I'm Breakin' Out

Come what may
Today's the day
I'm Breakin' Out

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Traveling in Time

By Steve Horelick, Dennis Kleinman and Janet Weir

Program Title: Ox-Cart Man

Where were you yesterday?
What were you doing?
Are you doing something different today?
While you are going
On your own way
Each day is flowing
Into another day

Refrain: Just by sitting where you are

You're Traveling in Time
You're a shooting star
Traveling in Time
Here you are today
Yesterday has passed
Soon you're in tomorrow
And even that won't last
You may not even feel it
But you're moving fast
Traveling in Time
Tra-avelling
Traveling in Time
Traveling in Time
Tra-avelling
Traveling in Time

Now if you close your eyes
Dream of tomorrow
Are you seeing things a different way?
Now you are going
On your own way
And each day is flowing
Into another day

(Repeat Refrain)

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Dream A Dream

by Steve Horelick and Janet Weir

Program Title: Sam the Sea Cow

Sunlight on the water
Reflections on the world below
The Manatee
So peacefully
Swimming in the shallows.

Refrain: Dream a dream
Of the way the world could be.
(Save the Manatee)
Dream a dream
Where everything lives free.

Darkness on the water
Casting shadows on the world below
The Manatee
So helplessly
Have no other place to go, let's

Refrain: Dream a dream
Of the way the world could be.
(Save the Manatee)
Dream a dream
Where everything lives free.

Graceful gentle giants
Side by side so peacefully
Can we learn to live together
We've just got to live together
It won't be easy, until we

Refrain: Dream a dream
Of the way the world could be.
(Save the Manatee)
Dream a dream
Where everything lives free.
(Let's make this reality)

(Repeat Refrain)

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Busy Bee

By Steve Horelick, Dennis Kleinman and Janet Weir

Program Title: The Honeybees

Refrain:

We're busy busy bees
We live in the hive
Working together is what keeps us alive
We got jobs to do
So excuse us please
We're busy, busy, busy, busy, bees

Verse:

We fly to the fields
In the early morning hours
To get pollen and nectar
From out of the flowers
We'll make honey from the nectar
That we've found
We'll take some of the pollen
And spread it around
Which will pollinate the flowers
And make more grow
Then with pollen 'n nectar
To the hive we'll go
We're busy, busy, busy, busy, bees

Back at the hive
Our home sweet home
We store the honey for later
In the honey comb
Let me introduce you to
Some royalty
It's a hard working lady
That's our Queen Bee
She lays eggs all day
She doesn't miss a beat
Other bees have to feed her
'Cause she has no time to eat
She's a busy, busy bee
A busy, busy, busy, busy, bee

The eggs hatch into larvae
And we feed them too
And we guard the entrance
There's so many jobs to do
We work real hard
And that's not jive
And that's the latest buzz
From inside the bee hive

(Repeat Refrain)

We're busy, busy, busy, busy, bees

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With the Whales

By Steve Horelick

Program Title: Humphrey, the Lost Whale

Underwater melodies
Drifting on currents
Rising up toward the sky
Whales singing so mysteriously
I want to sing along
But the words just pass me by

Refrain: Sail away

Sail the sea
With the whales
Is where I want to be

Dancers of the deep, dark sea
Dancing with the waves
Flying oh so high, in
Ocean choreography
I want to dance with you
But I feel a little shy, and I

Refrain: Sail Away

Sail the sea
With the whales
Is where I want to be, so I

Bridge: I wrote this little song for you

If you hear it
You can flash your tails, or
Sing along if you want to
It's just a simple song
A love song to the whales, and I

Refrain: Sail Away

Sail the sea
With the whales
Is where I want to be
Sail away, I'm
Sailing free
With the whales
Is where I want to be

(Repeat Refrain to end)

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A Family is Where You Find Love

by Steve Horelick and Janet Weir

Program Title: Through Moon and Stars and Night Sky

I hear a lot of talkin' 'bout families
Seems like everyone's telling me
How they're s'posed to be
Been doing a lot of lookin' and what I see
All different kinds of ways to be
Be a family

Bridge: It's all in the way
You care about each other
Whether your family's big or small
Day by day
Doin' things together
You know they're there for you, and most of all

Refrain: A Family is Where You Find Love
(The Ones Who Love You)
A Family is Where You Find Love
(The ones that you love too)
A Family is Where You Find Love
A Family is Where You Find Love, love, love. .

Moms and Dads and sisters 'n brothers too
Aunts 'n Uncles, cousins,
Just to name a few
Friends can be a part of your family
Anyone you want can be
You know it's up to you!

(repeat Bridge)

(repeat chorus to end)

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Hand To Hand, Heart To Heart

by Steve Horelick and Janet Weir

Program Title: Mrs. Katz and Tush

Hand to Hand
Heart to Heart

Everybody needs
Just a little head start
On and on
The circle goes
Sharing all the things you know
And growing together...
Hand to Hand
Heart to Heart

It feels so good to give
A little help from time to time
Giving is as easy as it seems
Try to find that special someone
To share your heart and mind
And guide them to their dreams

Hand to Hand
Heart to Heart
Everybody needs
Just a little head start
Round and round
The circle goes
Sharing all the things we know
And growing together...
Being together...
Always together...
Hand to Hand
Heart to Heart

(Growing together)
Being together...
(Being together)
Always together..
(Always together)
Hand to Hand
Heart to Heart

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Puddle Hopping

By Steve Horelick, Dennis Kleinman and Janet Weir

Program Title: Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain

Woke up this morning
I could see the wind was blowing and the
Rain was dropping
 No school today
Mom's working and my Daddy is
Going shopping

Refrain: What a day!
Don't get the blues
Put on your coat
And your rainy day shoes
And go Puddle Hopping
Puddle Hopping

On a day like today
All my friends stay in to play, but
I'm not stopping

Looking on the ground
All around till I've found me a
Puddle I can plop in

Refrain: What a way
To chase the blues
When there's nothing to do
You've got nothing to lose
Go Puddle Hopping
Puddle Hopping

It's raining
Don't stay inside
Get on your feet or get your bike and ride
Ya' ain't lived till you've tried
Puddle Hopping
Puddle Hopping

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The Flyers

by Steve Horelick

Program Title: Bored - Nothing to Do!

Many years ago near Kitty Hawk
There lived the Brothers Wright
They were working on a something called an airplane
Trying to be the first in flight
Well they worked real hard
And they put it all together
And soon they were flying
Just as light as a feather
And they flew right into history

If they handed out wings for bravery
Charlie Lindbergh would be the guy
'Cause across the Atlantic Ocean
Is where he aimed to fly

They thought he was crazy
Didn't think he had a chance
But they cheered him as he landed
In Paris, France, and
He flew right into history

Refrain: Let's cheer The Flyers
Challenging the sky
Hooray for The Flyers
Flying low and flying high
Let's here it for The Flyers
The men and women through the years
Who've become the aviation pioneers

Many years have passed
Since those early days
The planes have changed a lot
And the pilots who flew those early flights
Have made way for the astronauts
And they fly the shuttle fast, like it's in a race
They have to give it lots of gas to get to outer space
Then they soar right into history

Repeat Refrain

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You Mean the World to Us

By Meyer and Ashley

Program Title: And Still the Turtle Watched

Come you dreamers
Close your eyes
Dream a dream of cloudless skies
Dream of oceans pure and clean
Of the Earth alive and green
Dream of fields of morning dew
Of the world when it was new
Dream of how it might have been
Could it be that way again

Refrain: You mean the world to us
And we who call you Earth
Are holding to a dream
The dream of your rebirth
For all you give to us
What's left for us to do
But take you in our hands
And give life back to you

For all you give to us

What's left for us to do
But take you in our hands
And give back life to you

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