

## Music Illustration

Senior (9-12 years)

### What we are going to do:

Use your imagination to create an illustration based on music notes/lyrics.

### What you will need:

- Cardstock or printer paper
- Paints (acrylic, tempera or watercolour)
- Computer printer
- pencil and eraser
- paintbrushes
- cup of water

### What you can also use:

- markers
- newspaper or drop cloth



## Music Illustrations



photo: left – *Chanson d'amour*, Jaroslav Seibert. right – *Blue Bird*, Lora Zombie

Music tells us a story through its notes and lyrics, so let's make an illustration to share that story. What is an illustration? An illustration is a picture or drawing that explains something, and can be accompanied by text. Comic books, newspapers and magazine articles usually have an illustration attached to the story that helps share the information.

Take a look at the examples above. The one on the left is a silhouette illustration that tells a story using flat forms in a solid black colour. On the right the bird is more realistic looking and playful with the text box of the bird saying "la la la".

Let's pick a music lyric from a nursery rhyme and create an illustration!

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## CHOOSE YOUR MUSIC SHEET

The first step is to choose what song you want to draw your illustration from. I did a quick google image search for **nursery rhyme music notes**. Nursery rhymes are easier to work with because everyone knows the songs. If you can't find a music note page you can still do an illustration of part of a nursery song on a regular piece of paper. I chose the songs, *Mary Had a Little Lamb* and *The Wheels on the Bus* to work with. If you have access to a computer and printer see what you can find. I've also included a couple music sheets at the end of this art lesson you could print off and use.

**Mary Had a Little Lamb**

3 2 1 2 3  
Ma - ry had a lit - tle lamb,

2 3 5  
lit - tle lamb, lit - tle lamb.

3 2 1 2 3  
Ma - ry had a lit - tle lamb, its

2 3 2 1  
fleece was white as snow.

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## The Wheels On The Bus

F  
The wheels on the bus go round and round,  
The doors on the bus go open and shut,  
The wipers on the bus go swish, swish, swish,  
The people on the bus go up and down,  
The babies on the bus go waah, waah, waah,  
The mommies on the bus go shhh, shhh, shhh,  
The daddies on the bus go I love you,

5 C<sup>7</sup> F C  
round and round, round and round. The  
open and shut, open and shut. The  
swish, swish, swish, swish, swish. The  
up and down, up and down. The  
waah, waah, waah, waah, waah. The  
shhh, shhh, shhh, shhh, shhh. The  
I love you, I love you, I love you.

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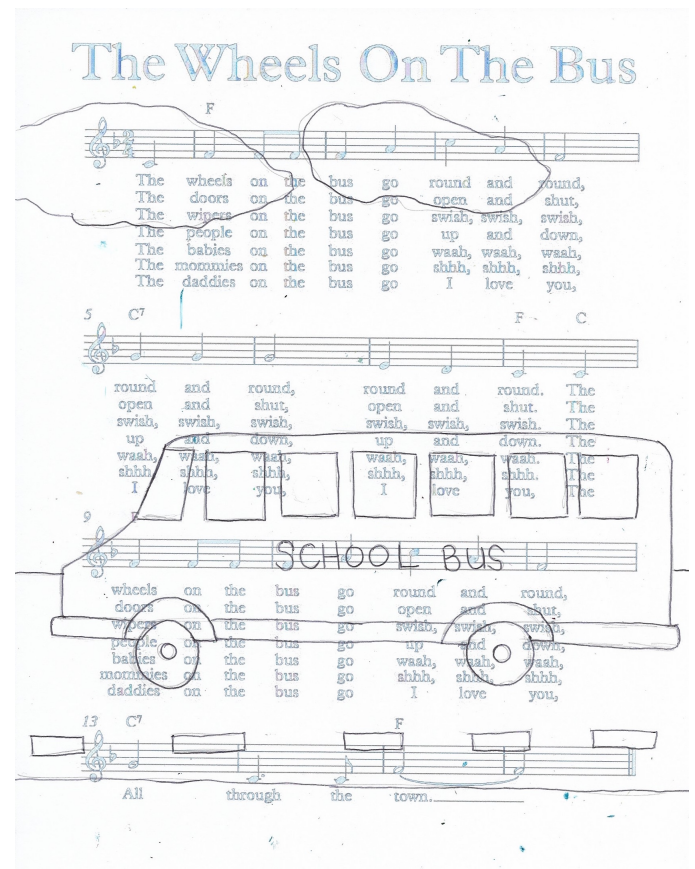
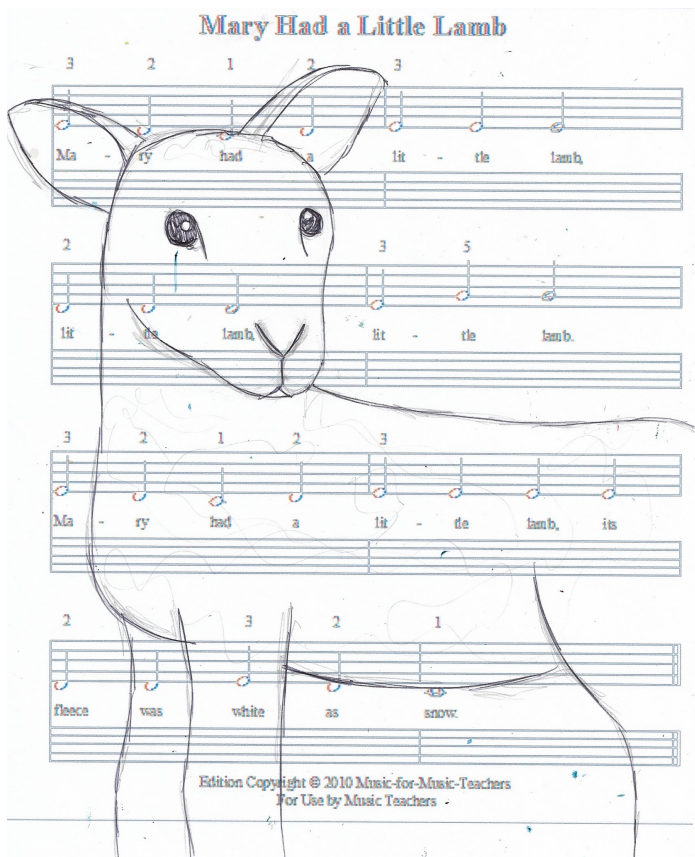
13 C<sup>7</sup> F  
All through the town.



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### DRAW THE DESIGN

Now for the fun part – choose a part of the song that you want to illustrate on your paper. I chose to draw just the white lamb in *Mary had a Little Lamb* and a School bus driving on the road in *The Wheels on the Bus*. You can pick any part of the song to draw, and you can also draw multiple parts of the song too. Use your pencil and eraser to create your illustrations.



## 3

### ADD COLOUR

It's time to add colour!

Use paint to add colour to your drawings, make your illustrations as colourful as you want. Or you could fill the forms in with solid colour to create a silhouette, just like the one example in the introduction with the girl holding a flower. Take a look at the examples below.



[illegible][illegible]



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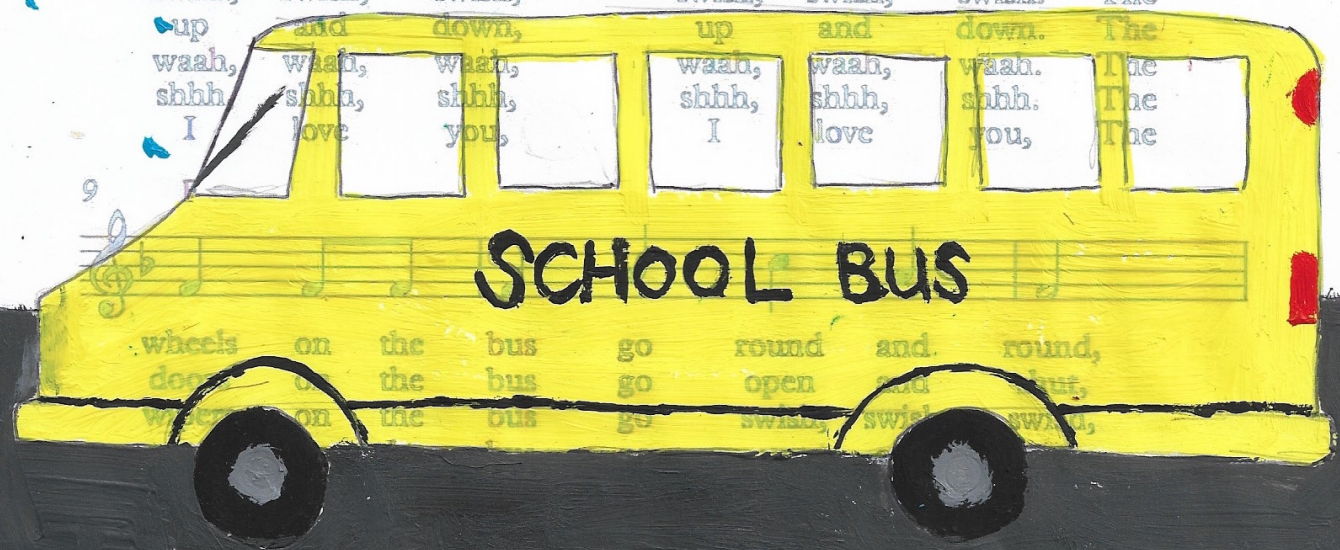
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SCHOOL BUS

wheels on the bus go round and round,  
doors on the bus go open and shut,  
wipers on the bus go swish, swish, swish,



All through the town.



LET'S PLAY MUSIC

# OLD MACDONALD HAD A FARM

Old Mac-Don - ald had a farm, Ee - I - Ee - I - O. And on that farm he

had some cows, Ee - I - Ee - I - O. With a moo - moo here, And a

moo - moo there, here a moo, there a moo, Ev - ery where a moo moo,

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# Itsy Bitsy Spider

## Popular Nursery Rhyme

<http://www.mammothgardens.com/melodybook>

Arranged by Gary Jugert

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Tune Ukulele High or Low G

Score  
♩ = 100

Melody

Ukulele

The it - sy bit - sy spi - der went up the wa - ter spout. Down came the

rain and washed the spi - der out. Out came the sun and dried up all the rain, and the

it - sy bit - sy spi - der went up the spout a - gain.

Chord diagrams: G, D7, G, G, D7, G, G, D7, G.

