

MRS. PICASSO'S POLLIWOG

A Mystery

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Oo la la! Can you recognize your friends and the members of your family with your eyes closed? I mean, by the sound of their voices?

You know MY voice, right?

The sound of your voice is UNIQUE!

Do you realize that everyone has a unique sound?

I know a family with LOTS of unique sounds.

I bet you're thinking of Mrs. Picasso and her pets. In the book MRS. PICASSO'S POLLIWOG.

I kept wondering when Mrs. Picasso would catch on to the new sound in her family. That's what makes the story so much fun.

I think George Ulrich, the author, is very imaginative.

Time for the story: Please read the book OR listen and read along on the (D.

What did you like imagining best?

I liked having my own sound. Ribid!

I can just imagine Mrs. Picasso laughing and laughing until her tears rolled down her cheeks when she finally caught on to your new sound.

It COULD happen...IN YOUR IMAGINATION.

(Pets talk the whole world around. That's for real.)

CHORUS

Pets talk the whole world 'round.

Pets use the very same sounds.

High da dee! Low da do!

They're the sounds that kids know.

Kids seem to understand, understand in every land the sound of the around-the-world band.

I'm Poochie the hound with the woof woof sound.

I bark the whole world around.

I'm Pickles the cat with the purring sound. I meow the world around. I'm Tweety the bird. Haven't you heard the sounds I chirp.

They're my words.

I'm Polliwog Polly who's too young for a sound, but I'll grow up to be Polly the frog, and you'll hear me Ribid the world 'round.

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High da dee! Low da do!

They're the sounds that kids know.

Kids seem to understand, understand in every land the sound of the around-the-world band, the sound of the around-the-world band. We can sing a round with all their sounds. (optional)

(A round is a fun kind of song. Ask your teacher or helper how it works.)

A Round for Mrs. Picasso's Polliwog ∧

(Not available on CD; Sung to the tune of Row Row Row Your Boat)

Poochie is my name. Woof woof is my sound.

Barking and barking and barking and barking.

Woof woof, I'm a hound.

Pickles is my name. Meow is my sound.

Purring and purring and purring.

I can climb around.

Tweety is my name. Tweet tweet is my sound.

Chirping and chirping and chirping and chirping.

I can fly around.

Polly is my name. I don't make a sound.

Humm...mmm...mmm...I just swim around.

See me grow and change. Ribid is my sound.

Croaking and croaking and croaking and croaking.

I can hop around.

Readers' Theater: Script available in Stories on Stage booklet of scripts.

CHOREOGRAPHY Note: Pets' Song Country Line Dance style

(Facing front of room, hands on hips, four knee bends in synch with 4-measure intro.)

Chorus:

Pets talk the whole world 'round. (right foot, heel toe, heel toe)

Pets use the very same sounds. (left foot, heel toe, heel toe)

Hi dee dee! Lo dee do! (knee bend with a lean to yright, then knee bend with a lean to left)

They're the sounds that kids know. (Jump and turn to the left, so you're facing the left wall.)

Kids seem to understand, (right foot, heel toe, heel toe) understand in every land (left foot, heel toe, heel toe) the sound of the around-the-world band (turn all the way around 360° in four counts, left hand on hip, right arm twirling around above head as if you have a lasso over your head)

I'm Poochy the Hound (knee bends, both elbows go up on counts 1 and 4) with a woof-woof sound. ("woof-woof")

I bark the whole world around. (Turn a circle to face the back wall.)

I'm Pickles the Cat (knee bends, both elbows go up on counts 1 and 4) with a purrin' sound

I meow the world around (Turn a circle to face the right wall, then "meow".)

I'm Tweety the Bird. (knee bends, both elbows go up on counts 1 and 4) Haven't you heard... (Whistle randomly.)

The sounds I chirp. They're my words. (Turn a circle to face the front.)

I'm Pollywog Polly (hands together, making little fish-like movements) who's too young for a sound (Add knee bends with the fish movements.)

but I'll grow up to be Polly the Frog and you'll hear me "ribid" the world 'round!

(CHORUS...same choreography as before.)
Tag:

The sound of the around-the-world (stop the 'lasso' turns, then...) band (right foot heel-toe step, left foot heel-toe step, right foot heel-toe step, hands on hips with knee bend to end.)

