

*Songs from*  
**Camp Hoffman**



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# Camp Hoffman Song



Through every wind and weather,  
the Lordly cedars rise,  
They watch us come together with gladness in our eyes  
For spring hath turned to summer  
and Hoffman calls a new

Hail, hail! To each comer,  
Hail to me and hail to you  
Hark the greetings of Hoffman; come ye camp-ward too

Through all the blue-bright hours,  
we work and learn and play  
In sun and wind and showers,  
with something new each day

With something learned of living  
and something given to  
So getting and giving,  
some for me and some for you  
Slowly, surely, dear Hoffman,  
proves us fit and true

The whippoorwills are crying, the moon has risen pale  
Our council fire is dying and ended is the tale  
But there is just beginning for us who hear the call  
The whole world for the winning,  
peace and strength and faith for all  
So may we have vision to follow, never fall

# Camp Hoffman



Some call it fun, but some may call it madness  
So come along with us and wipe away your sadness  
Happy Campers are we, having fun  
And when we are gone, you'll remember our song  
Cause we're from  
Camp, Camp Hoffman,  
Camp, Camp Hoffman,  
Camp, Camp Hoffman,  
Camp, Camp Hoffman, Camp!



# Hoffman Camp

Hoffman camp, the place of all my dreams  
Always in my memory it seems  
Down by Larkin Pond so blue  
It's a Girl Scout rendezvous  
And in the evening stars come out to shine  
While the Girl Scouts sing among the pines  
Voices ringing out so clear



# Baby Owlet

Baby owlet, purple owlet, singing as dawn shines above

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Won't you lend me your swift pinions,

Won't you lend me your swift pinions

Won't you lend me your swift pinions

That I may fly to my love, That I may fly to my love

[chorus]

Tetra kwa kwa kwa, Tetra kwa kwa kwa, Tetra kwa kwa kwa

Baby owlet, poor little owlet, He's tired from crying so

If I were a baby owlet, I would never fly away

If I were a baby owlet, I would never fly away

'Til my wings were strong and steady,

'Til my wings were strong and steady

'Til my wings were strong and steady



# WHIPPOORWILL

Gone to bed is the setting sun

Night is coming and day is done.

Whippoorwill, whippoorwill, has just begun

Whippoorwill, whippoorwill, has just begun



# BARGES

## **Chorus:**

*Barges, I would like to go with you,*

*I would like to sail the ocean blue.*

*Barges, are there treasures in your hold?*

*Do you fight with pirates brave and bold?*

Out of my window looking in the night,

I can see the barges flickering light.

Silently flows the river to the sea,

As the barges to go silently

## **Chorus**

*Barges, I would like to go with you,*

*I would like to sail the ocean blue.*

*Barges, are there treasures in your hold?*

*Do you fight with pirates brave and bold?*

Out of my window looking in the night,

I can see the barges flickering light.

Starboard shines green and port is glowing red,

I can see the barges far ahead



# The Brownie Smile Song

I've got 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 guessed a long, long while.

So I'll take it out and put it on,  
it's a Great Big Brownie Smile



# Make New Friends

Make new friends, but keep the old.

One is silver, the other is gold.

A circle is round, it has no end.

That's how long, I will be your friend.



# Chester

*Chester, have you heard about Harry?  
(pat chest, point, tug earlobe, pat head)*

*He just got back from the army.  
(thumb back, pat back, pat arm, pat chest)*

*I hear he knows how to wear a rose.  
(point to eye, tug earlobe, thumb back, touch nose, tuck  
an imaginary rose in your lapel)*



*Hip, hip hooray for the army.  
(slap left hip, slap right hip, raise fist to the sky, pat arm,  
pat chest)*

*Chester, have you heard about Harry?*

*He just got back from the army.*

*He knows he need not face defeat.*

*(thumb back, touch nose, thumb back, pat knee,  
pat feet)*



*Hip, hip hooray for the army.*

# The Aloha Song



Aloha my friend

We'll see you again

Around the campfire on land or at sea

Girl Scouts together we'll always be

And though we may part

Your friendship will live in my heart

May God go with you to guide your way

Aloha my friend



# Each Campfire Lights Anew

Each campfire lights anew,  
The flame of friendship true.  
The joy we've had in knowing you  
Will last the whole year through.  
And as the embers die away,  
We wish that we might ever stay,  
But since we cannot have our way,  
We'll come again some other day.  
And though our paths may part,  
We'll keep you in our hearts,  
And if we chance to meet again,  
God bless us all, Amen.

The campfire light will throw,  
A warm and friendly glow,  
A radiance never burning low,  
Wherever we may go



# Flicker



The flicker of a campfire, the wind in the pines

The moon in the heavens, the stars that shine

A place where people gather to make friends of all kinds

A place where all our troubles are always left behind

So give me the light of a campfire, warm and bright

And give me some friends to sing with; I'll be here all night

Love is for those who find it; I found mine right here

Just you and me and the campfire and songs we love to hear

Dum da da, da da da da da

So let the campfire flicker long into the night,

And let the dreams we cherish remain in sight.

Love is for those who find it, I've found mine right here.

Just you and me and the campfire and songs we like to hear.

Dum da da, da da da da da



# The Gift



I have a little present here for you  
Inside this tiny bottle, so very small and blue.  
Please do not uncork it, simply put it on away.  
For inside there lies a summer's day.  
Put it on away...



Now I'd be pleased if you didn't ask  
Why I'd give this gift to you  
I don't know myself, did it on a whim  
As the thought came running through  
Just want to make you happy in a summertime sort of way  
And I thought you might like your own summer's day.  
Put it on away...

Can you read the writing on this tiny bottle's wall  
I know it is quite small  
But I can read it all  
It says she who is a-reading me  
Is looking right at my side  
And might be sort of interested



In what lies inside There'll be one breath of a butterfly and one ray from the sun  
And lots and lots of laughter from little children's fun



# Milk Song

GIVE ME A BIG "M"! (M!) [make letter using arms]

GIVE ME A LITTLE "m"! (m!) [make sign language letter]

Don't give me no pop, no pop

Don't give me no juice, no juice

Just give me that milk, moo moo moo

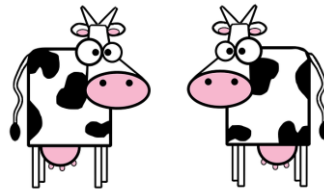
[one person pulls on another person's thumbs like cow utters]

Just give me that milk, moo moo moo

*[same thing as above, switching person who does each action]*

*(Repeat substituting the letters in the first and second line with:*

*!! i!, L! l!, K! k!, Chocolate! skim!)*



# Middies, Bloomers

Middy's bloomers,

Middy's bloomers all the time.

Dada-da Middy's bloomers,

Middy's bloomers all the time.

She wears them in the morning,

She wears them at noon,

She only takes them off by the light of the moon.

Whew! Middy's bloomers,

Middy's bloomers all the time. Dada-da

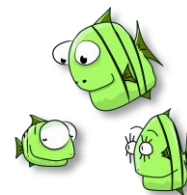
# MMM-ATT

Mmm-at went the little green froggy  
Mmm-at went the little green frog one day  
Mmm-at went the little green froggy  
And mm-mmm-at went the little green frog  
BUUUUTTT!



Little green froggies go (clap) sha-la-la-la-la  
(clap) sha-la-la-la-la (clap) sha-la-la-la-la  
Little green froggies go (clap) sha-la-la-la-la  
They don't go mm-mmm-at

Blub blub went the little green fishy  
Blub blub went the little green fish one day  
Blub blub went the little green fishy  
And blub blub blub went the little green fish  
BUUUUTTT!



Little green fishies go (clap) See you later dude  
(clap) see you later dude (clap) see you later dude  
Little green fishies go (clap) see you later dude  
They don't go blub blub blub

Swim swim went the little green turtle  
Swim swim went the little green turtle one day  
Swim swim went the little green turtle  
And swim swim swim went the little green turtle  
BUUUUTTT!

Little green turtles go (clap) Cowabunga dude!  
(clap) Cowabunga dude! (clap) Cowabunga dude!  
Little green turtles go (clap) Cowabunga dude  
They don't go swim swim swim



# Moon on the Meadow

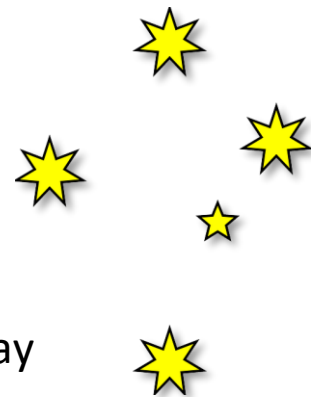


Moon on the Meadow, bugs in our ears  
Smoke in our eyes, wet wood and tears  
Up on the meadow water somewhere  
We were the only ones there.

Wild horse and slushy, dry lakes to peaks  
Finding the love there everyone seeks  
Hiking to rainbows, sunsets, and stars  
Just finding out who we are

We will return here one lucky day  
Our hearts will guide us they know the way  
People in cities don't understand  
Falling in love with the land

Moon on the meadow, bugs in our ears  
Smoke in our eyes, wet wood and tears  
Up on the meadow water somewhere



# THE MOOSE SONG

There was a great big moose (**repeat**) (*thumb on side of head like antlers*)

He liked to drink a lot of juice (**repeat**) (*make drinking motion*)

There was a great big moose (**repeat**)

He liked to drink a lot of juice (**repeat**)

Chorus:

Singin' oh way oh (**repeat**) (*wave arms to side above head*)

Way oh way oh way oh way oh (**repeat**) (*interweave fingers, move hands in wave motion*)

Way oh way oh (*clasp hands, move in circle in front of you*)

Way oh way oh, way oh, way oh (**repeat**) (*hands over head, open and close fingers*)

The moose's name was Fred (**repeat**) (*antlers, then sign language F across chest-form circle with thumb and index finger, other fingers straight*)

He liked to drink his juice in bed (**repeat**) (*drinking motion, then rest head on hands like a pillow*)

(Chorus)

He drank his juice with care (**repeat**) (*drinking motion*)

But he spilled it on his hair (**repeat**) (*run hands through hair*)

He drank his juice with care (**repeat**)

But he spilled it on his hair (**repeat**)

(Chorus)

Now he's a sticky moose (**repeat**) (*pinch clothes & pull away from body, then antlers*)

He's a moose full of juicccccccce (**repeat**) (*antlers,*



## The Frogs

Here the lively song,

Of the frogs in yonder pond,

Crick, crick, crickity crick,

Brrr – ump



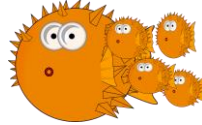
# Ocean Song

The Ocean is the beginning of the earth



The Ocean is the beginning of the earth

All things come from the sea



## Linger

Hmmm, I want to linger.

Hmmm, a little longer.

Hmmm, a little longer,

Here with you.

Hmmm, it's such a perfect night.

Hmmm, it doesn't seem quite right.

Hmmm, that this should be,

My last with you.

Hmmm, and come September,

Hmmm, I will remember,

Hmmm, our Scouting days,

Of friendships true.

Hmmm, and as the years go by,

Hmmm, I'll think of you and sigh.

Hmmm, this is good night

And not goodbye.

Hmmm, I want to linger.

Hmmm, a little longer.

Hmmm, a little longer,

Here with you.





# ON MY HONOR

On my honor, I will try.  
There's a duty to be done and I say aye.  
There's a reason to be 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've done any harm, then I'm to blame.  
If I've helped someone, then I've helped me.  
And 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.  
If you need a friend, then I will come.  
And there's many more where I come from.

## *Chorus*

Friendship is the strangest thing  
if you keep it to yourself, no reward will bring  
but you gave it away, you gave it to me  
and from now on great friends we'll be

## *Chorus*

Come with me where the fire burns bright,  
We can even see better by the candle's light.  
And we'll find more meaning in a campfire's glow,  
Than we've ever found in a year or so.

## *Chorus*

We've a promise to always keep.  
And to pray "Softly Falls" before we sleep.  
We are Girl Scouts together and when we're gone,  
We'll still be trying and singing this song.

## *Chorus*



# Peppiest Camp

The peppiest camp I ever saw  
It never was a'pokin  
If I was to tell you the pep they 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 'ol fashion P-E-P  
The pep you can not doubt!  
Hoffman, oh Hoffman  
The peppiest camp around!



# HILLBILLY WILL

When my Hillbilly Will comes a riding round the hill,  
I just can't get my shoes on fast enough, Yee haw!  
When he kisses my cheek, I don't wash for a week.  
How I love my Hillbilly Will, Hillbilly Will,  
Hillbilly Will' Hillbilly Will, Hillbilly Will,  
When he kisses my cheek, I don't wash for a week.  
How I love my Hillbilly Will. Yee Haw!

# THE PRINCESS PAT



The Princess Pat **(repeat)** *(Egyptian pose)*

...lived in a tree **(repeat)** *(lock hands overhead to form a tree)*

She sailed across **(repeat)** *(wave motion in front of body, with one hand)*

...the seven seas **(repeat)** *(hold up 7 fingers, then make a C with one hand)*

She sailed across **(repeat)** *(wave motion in front of body, with one hand)*

...the channel too **(repeat)** *(2 hands tracing a channel, then hold up 2 fingers)*

And took with her **(repeat)** *(throw sack over your shoulder)*

...a rig-a bamboo **(repeat)** *(trace a wavy figure in front of you going down squatting as you go)*

A rig-a bamboo **(repeat)** *(trace a wavy figure in front of you going down squatting as you go)*

...now what is that? **(repeat)** *(hold out one hand, then the other)*

It's something made **(repeat)** *(bang one fist on top of the other)*

...By the Princess Pat **(repeat)** *(Egyptian pose)*

It's red and gold **(repeat)** *(twirl one arm down by your hip)*

...and purple too **(repeat)** *(hold up 2 fingers)*

That's why it's called **(repeat)** *(cup hands in front of mouth and shout)*

...a rig-a bamboo **(repeat)**



Now Captain Jack **(repeat)** *(salute)*

...had a mighty fine crew **(repeat)** *(salute several times)*

They sailed across **(repeat)** *(wave motion in front of body, with one hand)*

... the channel too **(repeat)** *(2 hands tracing a channel, then hold up 2 fingers)*

But his ship sank **(repeat)** *(hold nose with 1 hand, other hand waving over head, squat)*

...and yours will too **(repeat)** *(point to others in group)*

If you forget **(repeat)** *(tap forehead with index finger, then wave it away)*

... a rig-a bamboo **(repeat)** *(trace a wavy figure in front of you, going down, squatting as you go)*

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# Rare Bog

There was a bog; a rare bog;  
was a great bog; and a rattlin' bog  
'Twas down in the valley-o

[Chorus]  
Ho-ro, the rattlin' bog,  
the bog down in the valley-o  
Ho-ro, the rattlin' bog,  
the bog down in the valley-o



In that bog there was a hole;  
a rare hole and a rattlin' hole  
Hole in the bog  
and the bog down in the valley-o

[Chorus]  
Ho-ro, the rattlin' bog, the bog down in the valley-o  
Ho-ro, the rattlin' bog, the bog down in the valley-o

Now in that hole there was a tree;  
a rare tree and a rattlin' tree  
Tree in the hole;  
hole in the bog and the bog down the valley-o



## Rose, Rose

Rose, Rose, Rose, Rose  
Will I ever see thee wed?  
I will marry at thy will, sire,  
At thy will.

Peace, peace, peace, peace.  
War will end and war will cease.  
We will learn to live together.  
Peace, peace, peace.



## Music Alone Shall Live

All things shall perish from under the sky.  
Music alone shall live,  
Music alone shall live,  
Music alone shall live,  
Never to die.



## Rise Up O Flame

*Rise up, O Flame by thy light glowing,  
Show to us beauty, vision and joy*



# ***Thunderation***

Thunder, thunder, thunderation  
We're the Girl Scout Association,  
When we sing with determination,  
We can create a sensation  
*(keep repeating-louder each time)*



## ***Reach Up to The Sky***

Reach up to the skies and open up your eyes.  
And let your troubles fade away.  
Dream those dreams today and melt your cares away.  
And open up your heart and sing.  
Live your life for every day  
Old ones gone, so don't let this one slip away  
Just  
Reach up to the skies and open up your eyes.  
And let your troubles fade away.  
Dream those dreams today and melt your cares away.  
And open up your heart and sing.

# Ash Grove



Down yonder green valley where streamlets meander,

When twilight is fading I pensively roam.

Or at the bright noontide in solitude wander

Amid the dark shades of the lonely ash grove.

'Tis there where the blackbird is cheerfully singing,

Each warbler enchants with its notes from a tree.

Ah, then little think I of sorrow or sadness

The ash grove enchanting spells beauty to me.

The ash grove how graceful, how plainly 'tis speaking

The wind through it playing has language for me.

Whenever the light through its branches is breaking,

A host of kind faces is gazing on me.

The friends from my childhood again are before me

Each step brings a memory as freely I roam.

With soft whispers laden the leaves rustle o'er me

The ash grove, the ash grove alone is my home.

# Prayer Bugle

Father, we pray thee,  
o'er us thy watch to keep.  
Guard and protect us,  
thy children as we sleep.  
Make pure our hearts.  
Make us reverent unto thee.  
Help us be worthy  
of all we have from thee.



*Marie Gaudette ("Big Chief") wrote many songs during her days at Camp Hoffman. She was the Executive Director of the Rhode Island Girl Scouts in the 1930s. She left Rhode Island for New York and the national office of the Girl Scouts of the United States of America. She was the Nature Advisor. She wrote songs, nature guides, and contributed to Girl Scout handbooks.*

*During her Camp Hoffman days, she wrote "Prayer Bugle". This was written because some girls told her that it was hard to say prayers before Taps; the other girls were talking and being noisy. "Prayer Bugle" was the answer. At the end of evening programs, "Prayer Bugle" was sung just before Taps. A little later, the bugler played both songs as the camp went to sleep for the night.*



# Girl Scouts Together

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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 wherever we roam.

Girl Scouts together onward we go  
Joining as sisters stronger we grow  
Mothers and lawyers, women in space  
We know no boundaries, the future's our place

## We're All Together Again

We're all together again,

We're here, we're here.

We're all together again,

We're here, we're here.

And who knows when, we'll be all together again.

But we're all together again,

We're here.

# Peace I Ask of Thee



Peace I ask of thee, oh river  
Peace, peace, peace  
When I learn to live serenely  
Cares will cease

From the hills I gather courage  
Visions of the days to be  
Strength to lead and faith to follow  
All are given unto me.

Peace I ask of thee, oh river  
Peace, peace, peace

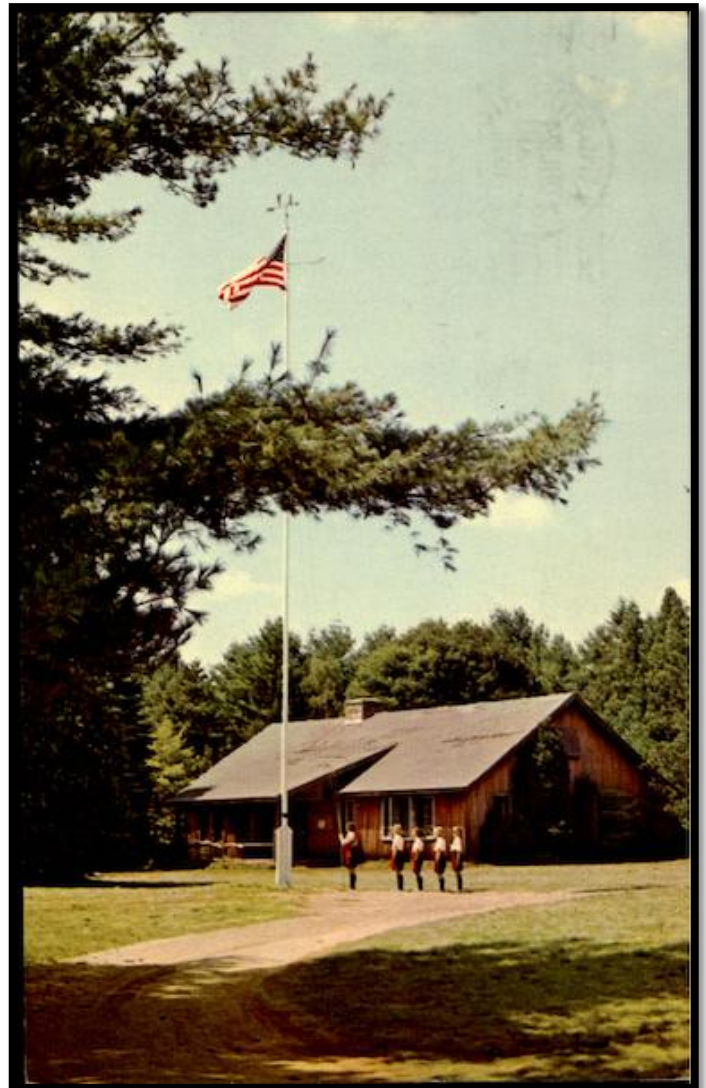


## TAPS

Day is done, gone the sun  
From the lake from the hill  
From the sky  
All is well, safely rest  
God is nigh.



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camping has been a  
cornerstone of the  
Girl Scout experience.  
The organization remains  
committed to ensuring  
that girls have  
opportunities to take part  
in everything camp has to  
offer in a safe and  
nurturing space.**



**This special place has brought girls together to learn new skills, to make new friends, to sing, and to cherish this community bound by the values of the Girl Scout Promise and Law over ten decades**