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Your friend at *Ladybug*,
Amy

Psst, grown-ups: Ask your
child their favorite song
and sing it with them.

BANG!

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Purrrr!



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I Spy

art by
Stu Stripes

Tippety-tap! Can you trace a path through the drum maze? What other animals can you spy playing along with the tiger?



Answer on page 49.

Look for us as we roll through the magazine.



Max and Kate

art by Brita Granström
story by Mick Manning



Max and Kate watch a drum band march by.
“I want to do that!” says Max.



At home, Max finds some pans and spoons.
Kate pours some dried peas into an empty
plastic bottle.



Then they march around the house. **Bang! Bang!**
Crash! Crash!



“Can you two keep it down?” asks Max’s daddy.
Suddenly, they hear even more noise coming
from the kitchen.

Charlie has joined the band!



Tap Charlie's drum *softly*, then **LOUDLY**.
What else do you see that makes noise?

Making a Mess?



Mommy

by Karen M. Leet
art by Terri Murphy

“Amber,”  called down the hall.

“Are you making a mess?”

“No, ,

 Amber called back.

*Bang, bang, bang. Boom, boom,
boom. Rattle, rattle, rattle.*

“Amber?”  called. “What’s all that
noise? Are you sure you are not making
a mess?”

“No, , No mess,” Amber called.

Bang, boom, rattle, bam, wham.

Play Time



Ready for a game?
Grown-ups, point out
the labels in the big
illustrations before reading,
then ask your child to say
the word each time you
see a picture in the story.
Invite your child to repeat
the sound words—*bang,
boom, rattle!*

“Well,”  called, “if you’re not making a mess, what are you doing?”

“I’m making music,” Amber told . “Come and see.”

 left the laundry she was folding to go and see.

Amber sat at the kitchen table with a big wooden  in one hand. In the other hand, she held a plastic .

“Listen,” Amber said.

She tapped the  on an upside-down metal , ***bang, bang, bang.*** Then she hit a wooden recipe box with her , ***wham, bam, bam.***

She shook a box of dry pasta, ***rattle, rattle, rattle.***

Then she tapped the back of a  with her , ***boom, boom, boom.***



“See, 🧒 ,” Amber said with a huge grin.

“I’m not making a mess. I’m making wonderful music with all my musical instruments.”

🧒 smiled.



Amber asked, “Do you want to make music with me?” She handed 🧒 her 🥄 .

🧒 took the 🥄 and sat beside Amber. Together they made music—wonderful, special music.

Boom, boom, bang, rattle, wham, bam.

“See, 🧒,” Amber said. “We’re making music, not messes.”

Then 🧒 and Amber made up

a song. They sang, “We’re not making messes, messes, messes.” *Boom, boom!* “We’re not making messes.”

Rattle, rattle! “Music’s what we make!” *Bang, bang!*

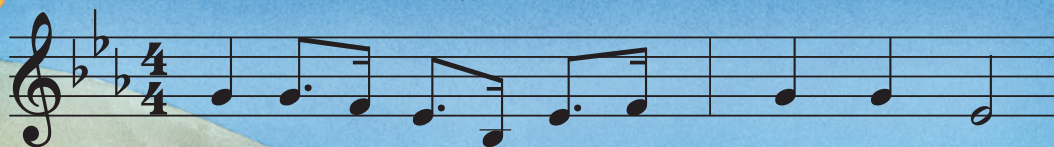
“Yes, music’s what we make!”

After they finished making music, Amber helped 🧑🏾 fold the laundry. They told knock-knock jokes and laughed a lot. When 🧑🏾 came home, they taught him their song and showed him their new musical instruments. 🧑🏾 laughed, played a 🥄 on a pot 🍲, and sang along. And at the end, 🧑🏾 clashed two pot 🍲 s together, *clang, clang, clang!*



Baby Beluga

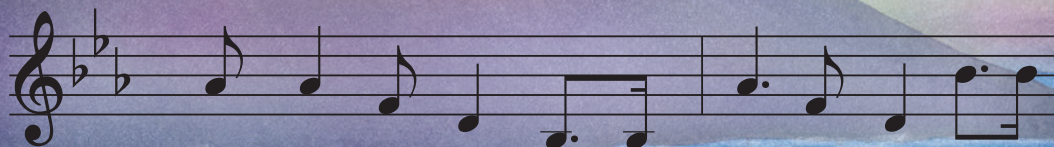
lyrics by Raffi and D. Pike  music by Raffi
art by Bonnie Leick



Ba - by be - lu - ga in the deep blue sea,



Swim so wild and you swim so free.



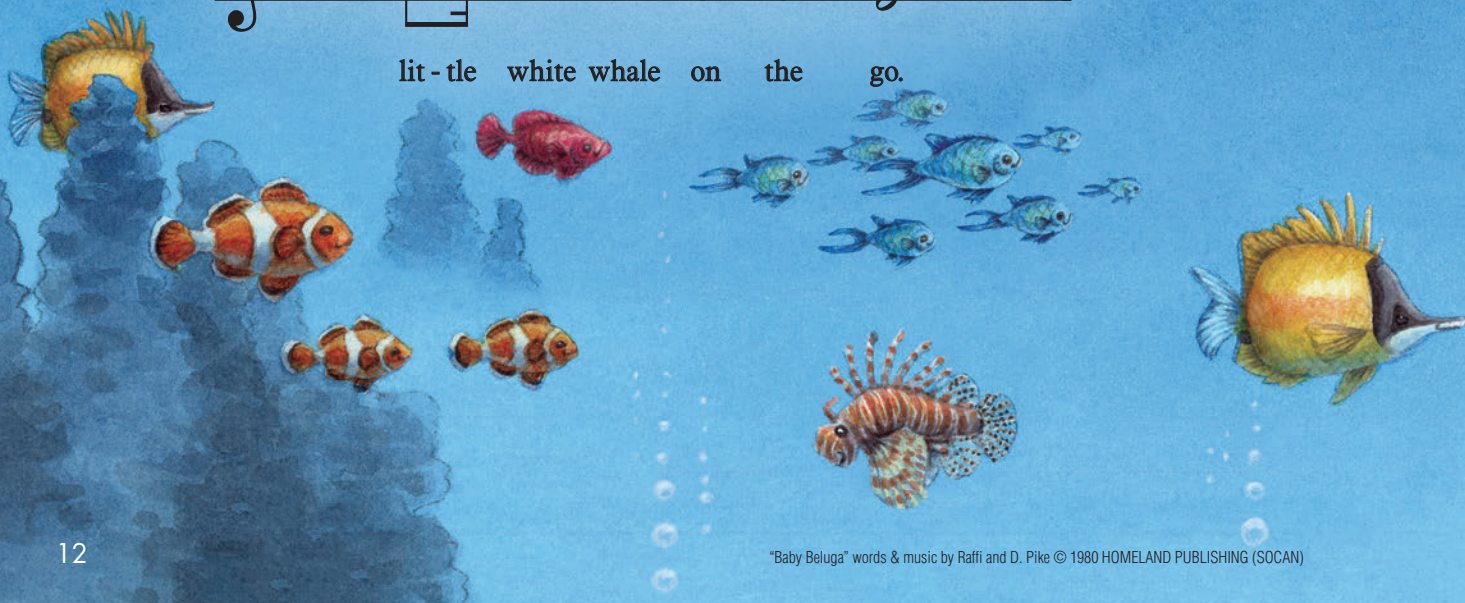
Heav - en a - bove and the sea be - low, And a



lit - tle white whale on the go. You're just a



lit - tle white whale on the go.



How many striped fish can you find?



SING LIKE

Did you sing the “Baby Beluga” song? Whales sing too. Try singing these whale sounds. Then use your finger to follow the path from each sound to learn about the whale making it.

aw, aw, aw, aw



k-k-k-k-k-k



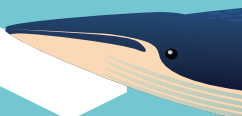
oo-eeeeeee



ooo-aaa-woo-woo

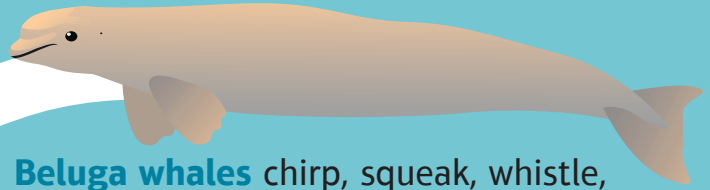


d-d-d-woom

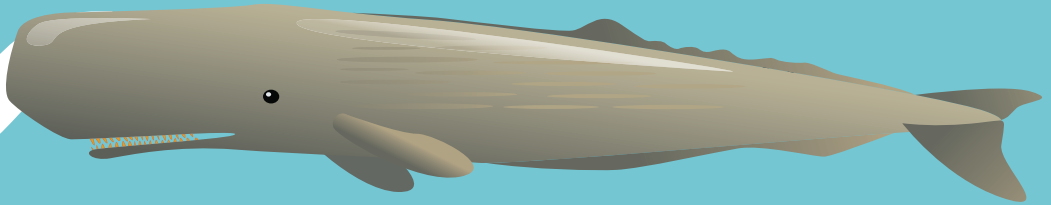


A WHALE!

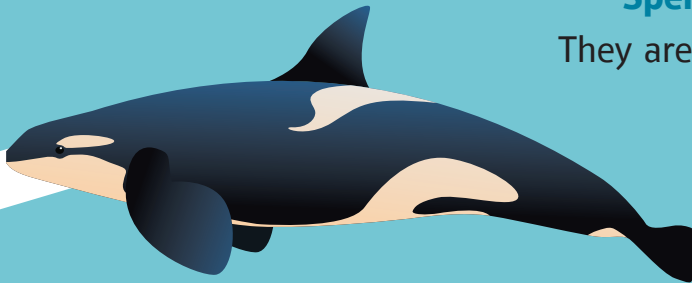
by E. Normous



Beluga whales chirp, squeak, whistle, click, and even growl. Some people call them the canaries of the sea.



Sperm whales make clicking sounds. They are the loudest animals on earth.



Orca whales live together in groups called pods. Each pod makes different sounds. Scientists can tell which pod an orca is from just by its sound.



Humpback whales sing the longest songs. One song can last 20 minutes and be repeated for hours!

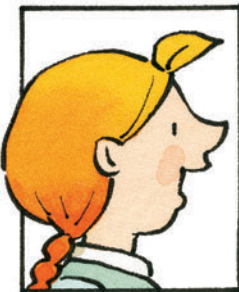


Like most whales, **minke whales** make more than one sound. One unusual sound they make is “boing.”



A visit to the orchestra? I'll be there with bells on!

Click & the Kids



Amy



Martin



Liz
(the sitter)



musical
instruments



by Betsy Page Brown

Maybe the violin—because it sounds SO romantic!

Would you like to try playing it? You just slide the bow across the strings.



SQUAWK! SCREECH! SCRATCH!

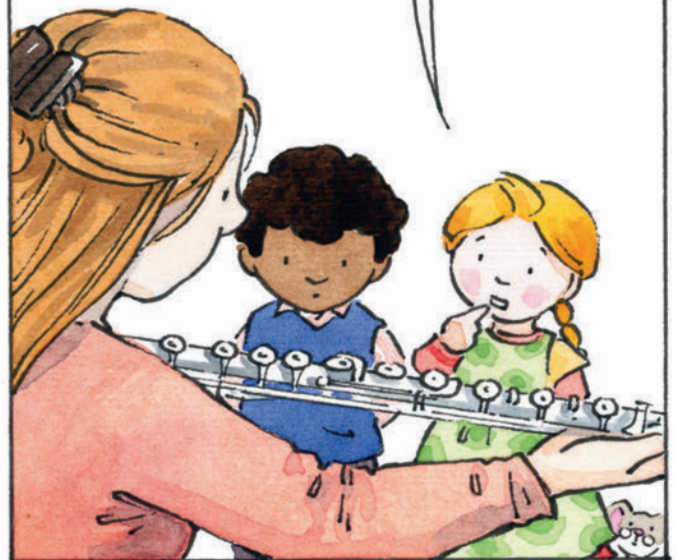
Gosh, that doesn't sound quite right . . .



Probably it was out of tune. I'm more interested in the instruments with all the shiny buttons, anyway.



Only there may be more buttons than I have fingers.



What about these instruments, Amy? Look! Only three buttons.

That's true, Martin. But see how hard they have to blow. I wouldn't want my cheeks to pop!



I'd play the drums. I'm good at them already.

Boom, Boom, Boomity Boom!



And the triangle is easy, but it only makes one sound.





Their xylophone looks a little more complicated than the one I have at home.

They forgot to paint it rainbow colors so you know what notes to play.



Don't be silly, Martin. The notes they need to play are all right here. See?

Hmm. Playing an instrument in the orchestra may not be so easy.



I can't wait to hear how all the instruments sound together.

Maybe they'll play "Three Blind Mice."

I know how I could be in the orchestra and not have to make a sound.



Which instrument do you want to play? Pretend to play it!



Fiddle and move to the rhyme!

Grasshoppers Three

Anonymous
art by Laura Zarrin

Grasshoppers three
a-fiddling went,
Hey, ho, never be still.

They paid no money
toward their rent,

But all day long with
elbows bent,



They fiddled a tune called "Rilloby, rilloby,"
Fiddled a tune called "Rilloby, rill."

Bubble Band

Today I'm in a bubble band,
Parading on the hot white sand.

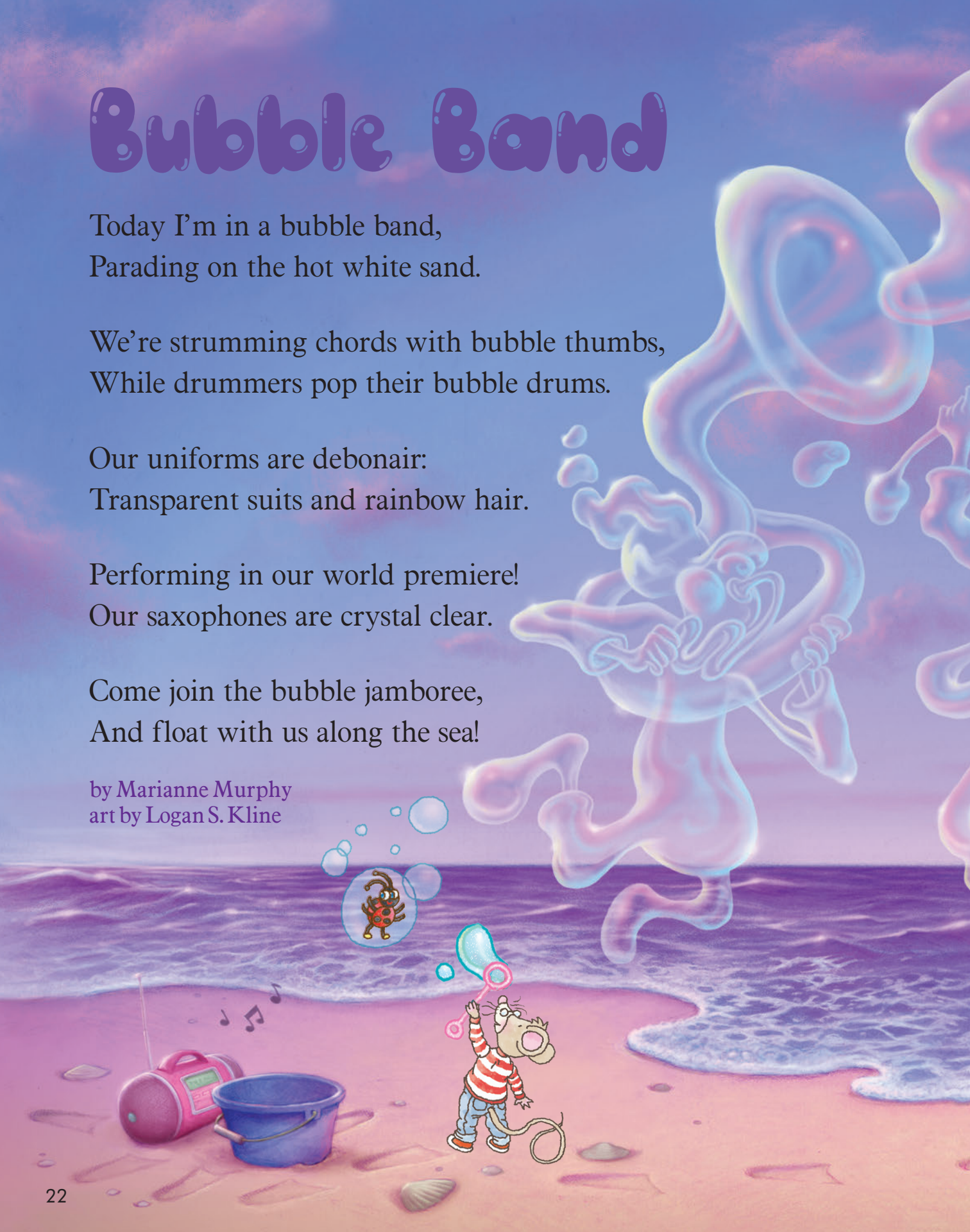
We're strumming chords with bubble thumbs,
While drummers pop their bubble drums.

Our uniforms are debonair:
Transparent suits and rainbow hair.

Performing in our world premiere!
Our saxophones are crystal clear.

Come join the bubble jamboree,
And float with us along the sea!

by Marianne Murphy
art by Logan S. Kline





Pat the bubble
instruments. What
sounds would each
one make?



Making Music

by A. T. Zhao ✂ art by Patrick Girouard

You can play musical instruments in different ways.



I strum
a guitar.



I shake a
tambourine.



I blow into a
recorder.



I beat a
drum.



But the sounds they make—like
all sounds—are made by vibrations.

When something vibrates, it moves back and forth very fast. Stretch rubber bands of different widths around an empty box or bowl. Pluck one. Do you see it vibrate?



The vibrating rubber band makes the air around it vibrate too. You can't see the vibrations in the air, but they travel to your ears in the form of sound waves.

The waves spread out in every direction until they run out of energy.

If they reach your ears, you hear a sound.

If you could see sound waves, they would look a bit like the rings of ripples that a pebble dropped into a pond makes.



Pluck the widest rubber band. Now pluck the skinniest one. Can you hear the difference in the sound each makes?

It can be hard to see, but the thin rubber band vibrates faster than the wide one. The faster something vibrates, the closer together its sound waves are and the higher its pitch.

Listen to what happens when I pull the rubber band tighter while I pluck it.



It sounds higher. Tightening the rubber band made it vibrate faster.



If you loosen the rubber band, it will vibrate more slowly and sound lower.



Something needs to
vibrate on every musical
instrument.

Tie beads to the rim
of a paper plate and
shake! The beads
vibrate.



Cover a large
mixing bowl
tightly with plastic
wrap. Sprinkle
a little raw rice
on top.

When I hold
this pot near the
rice and bang it like
a drum, I make it
vibrate. And look,
the rice hops.

The sound waves
you made when you
hit the pot traveled
and made the plastic
wrap and the rice
vibrate too!



Wow! You're really making the beans in your jar vibrate.

I can feel them shake.
It's so cool!
Want to try?



Feel the music yourself!
Which instrument will you make?





BEATRICE

Black Bear

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by John Grandits

art by Brian Floca



It's Too Quiet!

art by Laura Watson

Nobody can hear this silly band! The instruments are missing. You can help. Write the number of each instrument next to the musician who is ready to play it.



1. guitar



2. recorder



Drummin'
on my
tummy!



3. drum set



4. violin



5. maracas



6. accordion



7. piano



Mop & Family

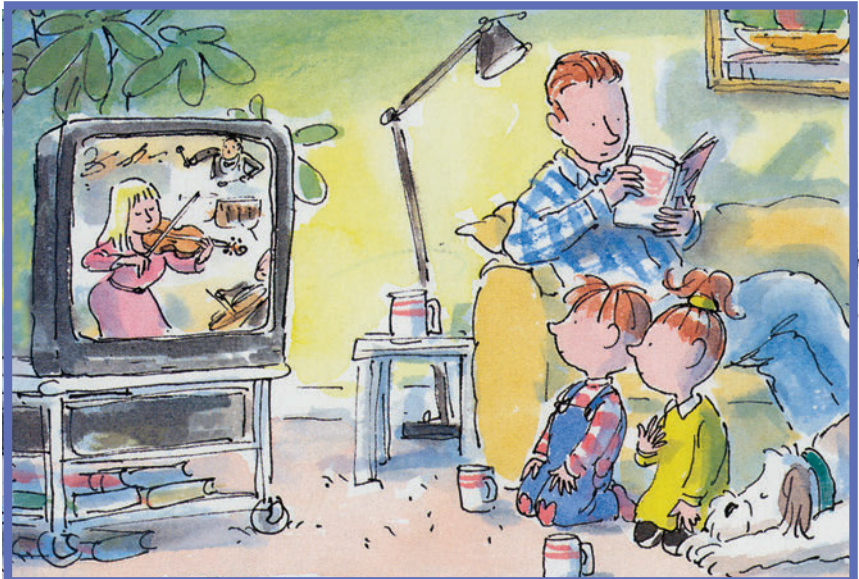


Justin

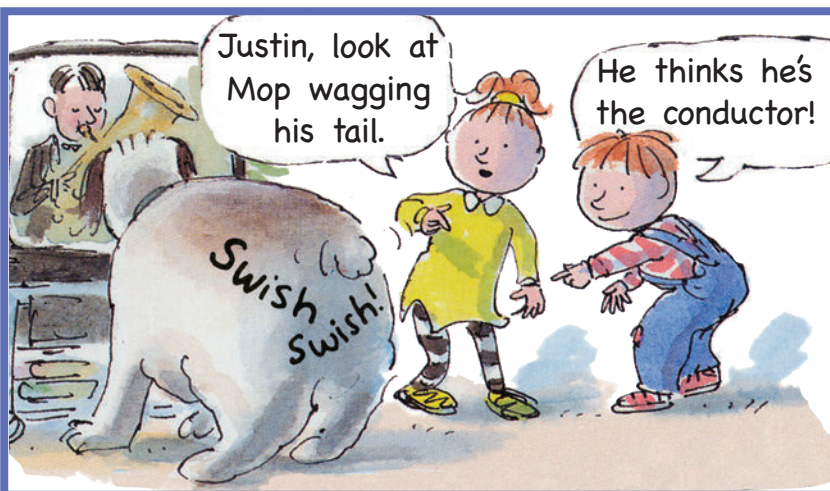
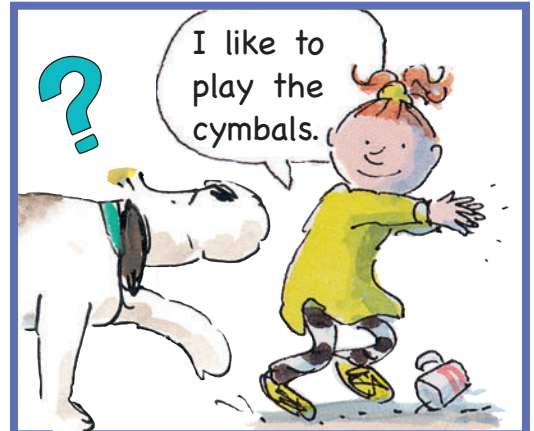
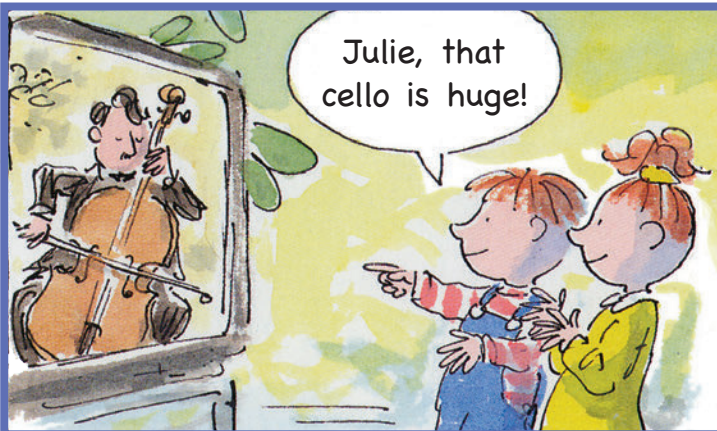


Julie

The Concert



Justin, Julie, and Mop are watching a concert on television.



Justin and Julie head for the kitchen.



The amount of water in each glass changes the sound.





RHINO RUMBA

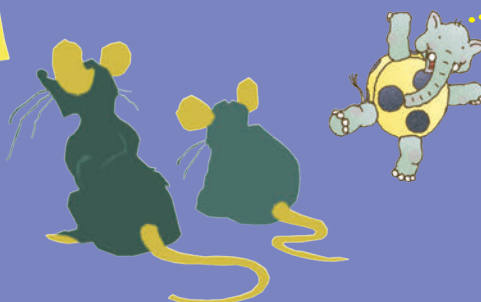
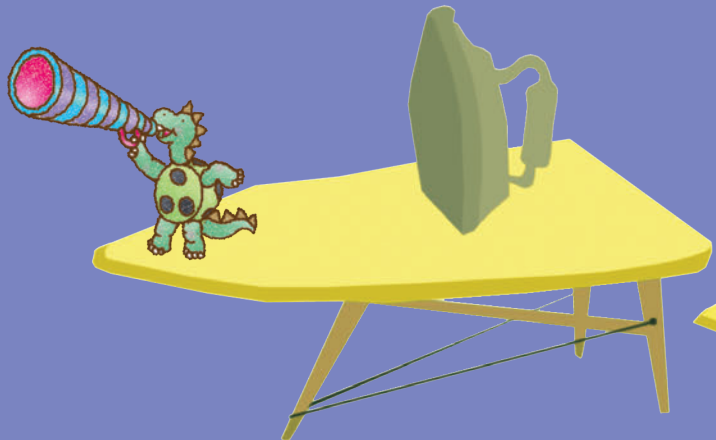
by Judith Sanders  art by Steve Lomazzo

*Rhino rumba tonight, tonight,
Rhino rumba tonight!*

The word spreads through the herd, from snout to ear to snout,
“Tonight’s the dance—grab the chance! Rhinos, head on out!”

They drop what they are doing, they charge straight out the door.
Their big feet itch to rumba on a smooth dance floor.

They’re trampling down the grasses, they’re paddling inland seas,
Sliding down the hillsides, stampeding through the trees.



Will you dance
with me?



*Rhino rumba tonight, tonight,
Rhino rumba tonight!*

The drummer **bops** the bongos, the bassist **slaps** her strings,
The singer belts, "Let's rumba!" and the rhinos start to swing.

"Glide it to the east and slide it to the west,
Give a **tickle** to the rhino that you love best!"



“Don’t swat me with your tail, don’t poke me with your knee,
Don’t go snorting in my ear if you want to dance with me!”

“Two steps to the north and a **wiggle** to the south,
Catch this jelly doughnut in your great big grinning mouth!”

“Ooh ooh how I love you, from your tail tip to your horn,
You’re the **cutest little rhino** who ever got born!”



*Rhino rumba tonight, tonight,
Rhino rumba tonight!*

They've rumba'd through the sunset, they've rumba'd
through the dawn,
They've rumba'd-rumba'd-rumba'd all night long . . .

Suddenly they're tired, they *fa* down in a heap,
Snoring on the dance floor, three rhinos deep.

*Rhino rumba tonight, tonight,
Rhino rumba tonight!*



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Learn the Chicken Dance



Dance and
bawk along
with us to
the "Chicken
Dance" song!

art by Mark Hicks



1. Open and close "chicken beaks" with your hands.



2. Flap your wings.



3. Wiggle your tail feathers.



4. Clap your hands.



5. Join hands and skip in a circle.

Listen

lyrics and music by Kurt Metzler ✨ art by Laura Huliska-Beith



Lis - ten to the mur - mur of the riv - er. Lis - ten to the wind tip - toe.

Lis - ten to the cat - er - pil - lar crawl - ing. Lis - ten to the can - dle glow.



Lis - ten to the cric - ket in the mead - ow. Lis - ten to the green grass grow.

Lis - ten to the feath - er on your pil - low. Lis - ten to the green grass grow.

What is the quietest
sound you can hear?





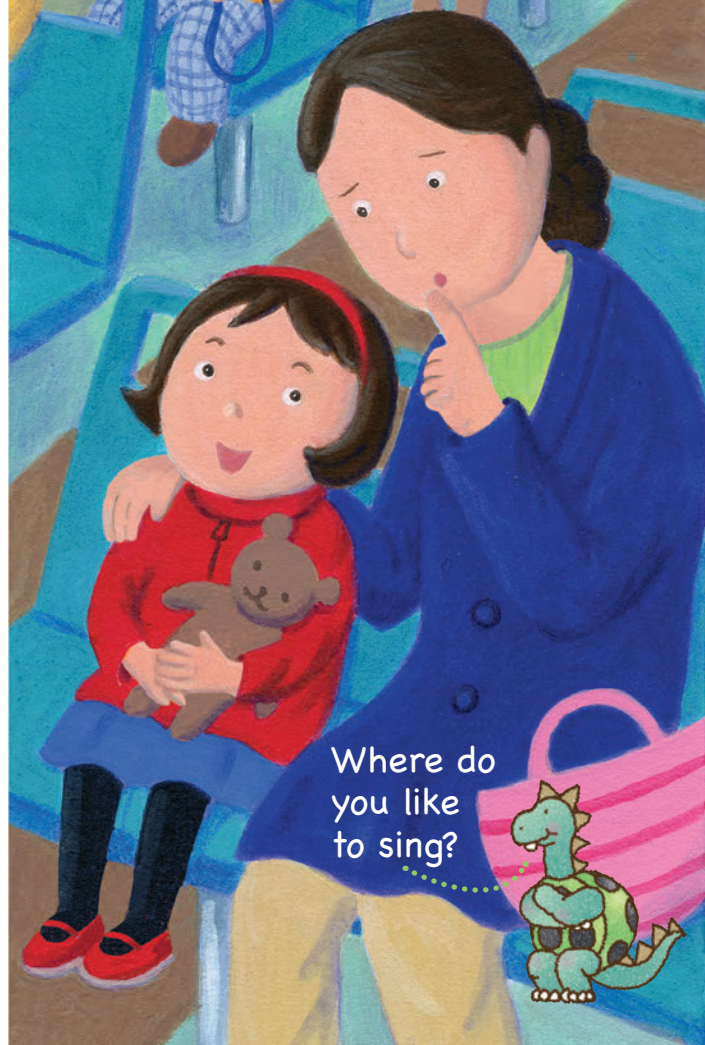


Sing Softer, Maggie

Maggie loved to sing. She sang when she rode the bus. All the passengers would smile, except Mrs. Ellis, who worked all night at a café. She would sigh. Then Maggie's mother would say, "Sing softer, Maggie."

Maggie sang in the supermarket. All the shoppers would smile, except Ned the produce man. He would just roll his eyes. Then Maggie's mother would say, "Sing softer, Maggie."

Maggie sang in the library. All the readers would smile—but not Mr. Baldwin, the librarian. He would shush her. Then Maggie's mother would say, "Sing softer, Maggie."



Where do
you like
to sing?

by Carolyn Short
art by Hideko Takahashi

One day, Mother brought Maggie to the nursing home to visit Great-Grandma. They walked into a big, bright room filled with other great-grandmas and great-grandpas. Maggie looked for her great-grandma. When she saw her, she skipped across the room and hugged her.

After Maggie's mother hugged Great-Grandma, Maggie asked, "May I sing her a song?" Maggie's mother nodded.

Softly, very softly, Maggie sang a song.

Great-Grandma leaned forward. She cupped her hand behind her ear. She frowned, shook her head, and tapped Maggie on the shoulder.

Maggie stopped singing. Great-Grandma murmured something, but Maggie couldn't hear her. Maggie leaned in closer, so Great-Grandma could whisper in her ear.





Then Maggie stood tall, took a deep breath, and opened her mouth. Her song burst out. It flew and floated and soared. And when the last note landed, everyone clapped and cheered. Mother and Great-Grandma clapped the loudest. Maggie grinned and took a bow. 🐞

What do you think Great-Grandma whispered in Maggie's ear?

Hey, grown-ups!

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Move

with the Music!

by Harmony Walker



Fast music makes
me want to **spin**.
Spin-spin-spin
with me!



Slow music makes me
want to **STOP** and take
a deep, quiet breath.
How slowly can you
breathe in and out?



The big beat of
a drum makes
me want to
march. Left,
right, left, right!



Happy music
makes me want to
skip and dance.
And **sing**!

How does music
make YOU feel
and move?

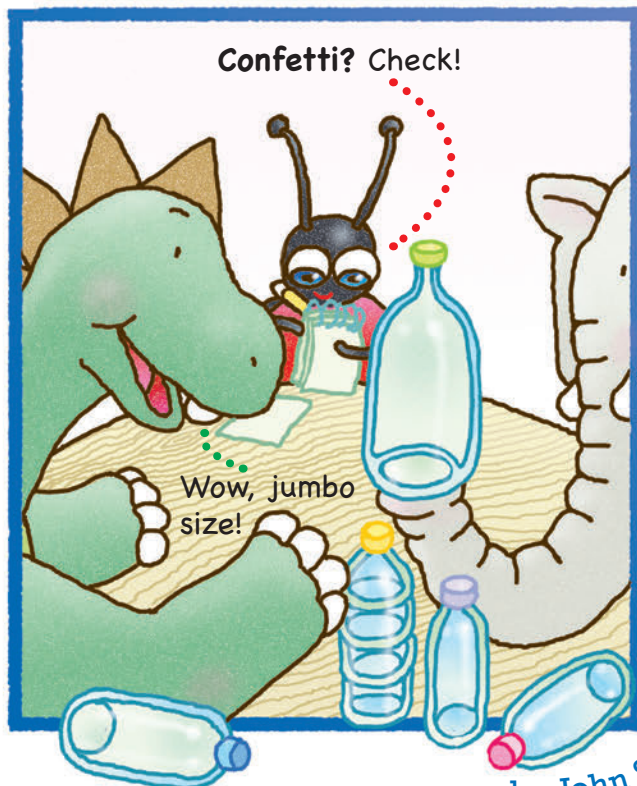
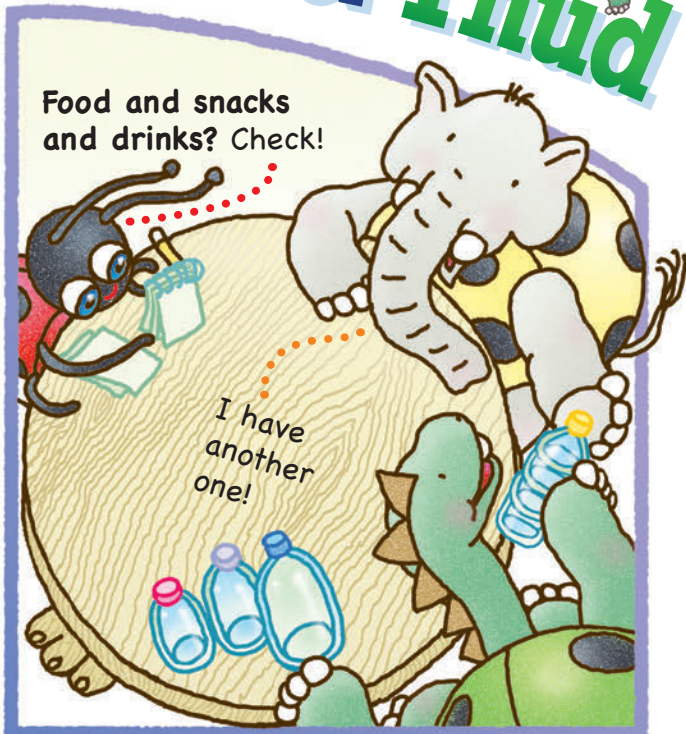


The Fourth of July,
hip-hip-hooray!

Let's make a lot of noise now.

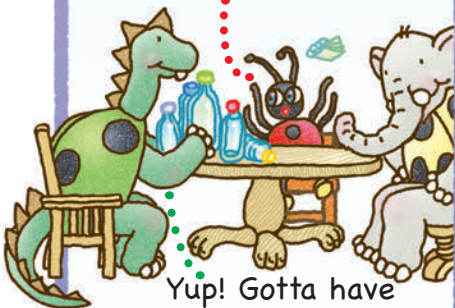
It's our country's birthday!

Ladybug, Muddle & Thud



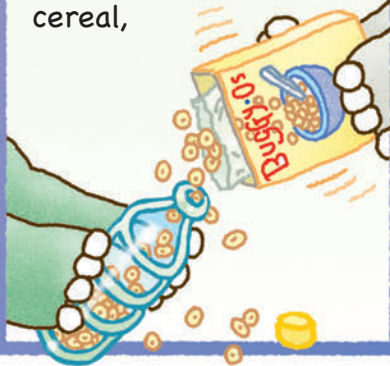
by John Sandford

Is THAT what you two have been doing?



Yup! Gotta have noisemakers.

Let's put things in the plastic bottles! Maybe cereal,



or popcorn,



or coins. Thanks, Muddle!



WAIT!

Ooh, or macaroni!



Put the tops back on and decorate them!

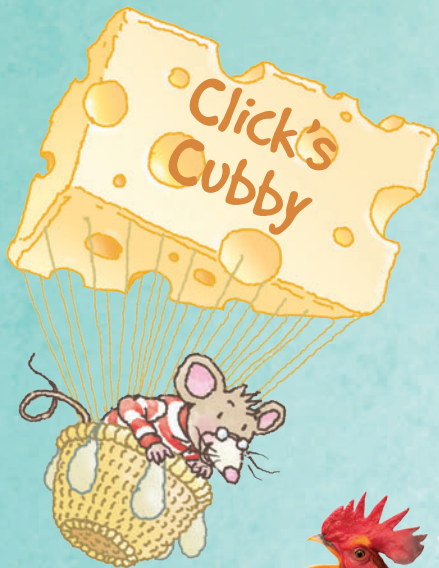


Just make sure the macaroni isn't cooked. I tried using mac and cheese, and it became a sticky lump.

When you shake the bottles, they make different sounds!

We are a rip-roaring, plastic-bottle-shaking marching band!





Crow, Roar, Purr!

Have you ever heard the saying "as quiet as a mouse"? Well, I'm not quiet all the time.



When I feel happy, I sing and crow like a rooster. **Cock-a-doodle-do!**

When I feel calm and peaceful, I hum and purr like a kitten. **Prrrrr.**



When I feel mad, I growl and roar like a lion. **Grrraauu!**



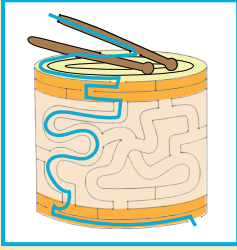
When I feel silly, I bark and hoot and croak and buzz and chirp all at once!
Woof-woo-ribbit-bzz-cheep!



What sounds do you make?



Did you find all these answers?



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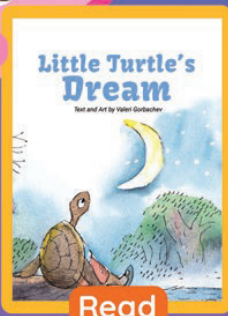
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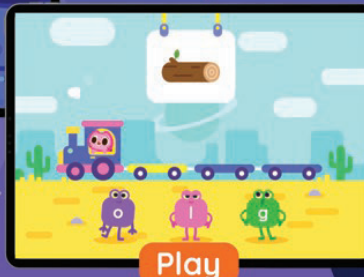


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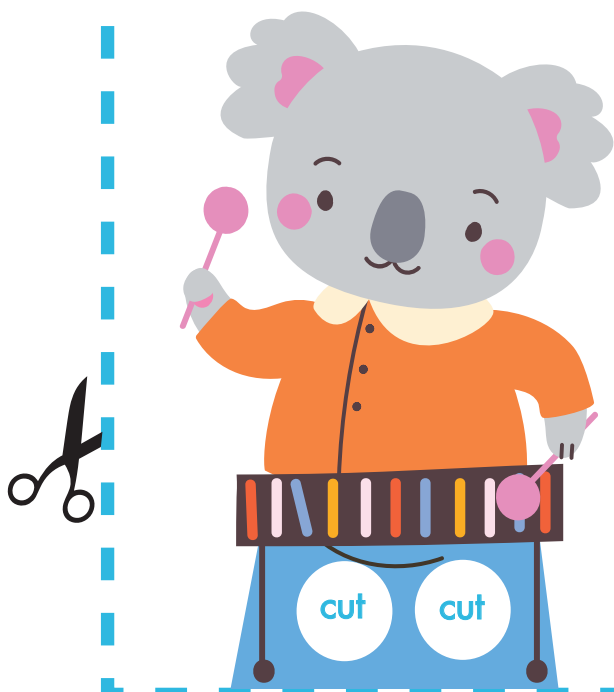


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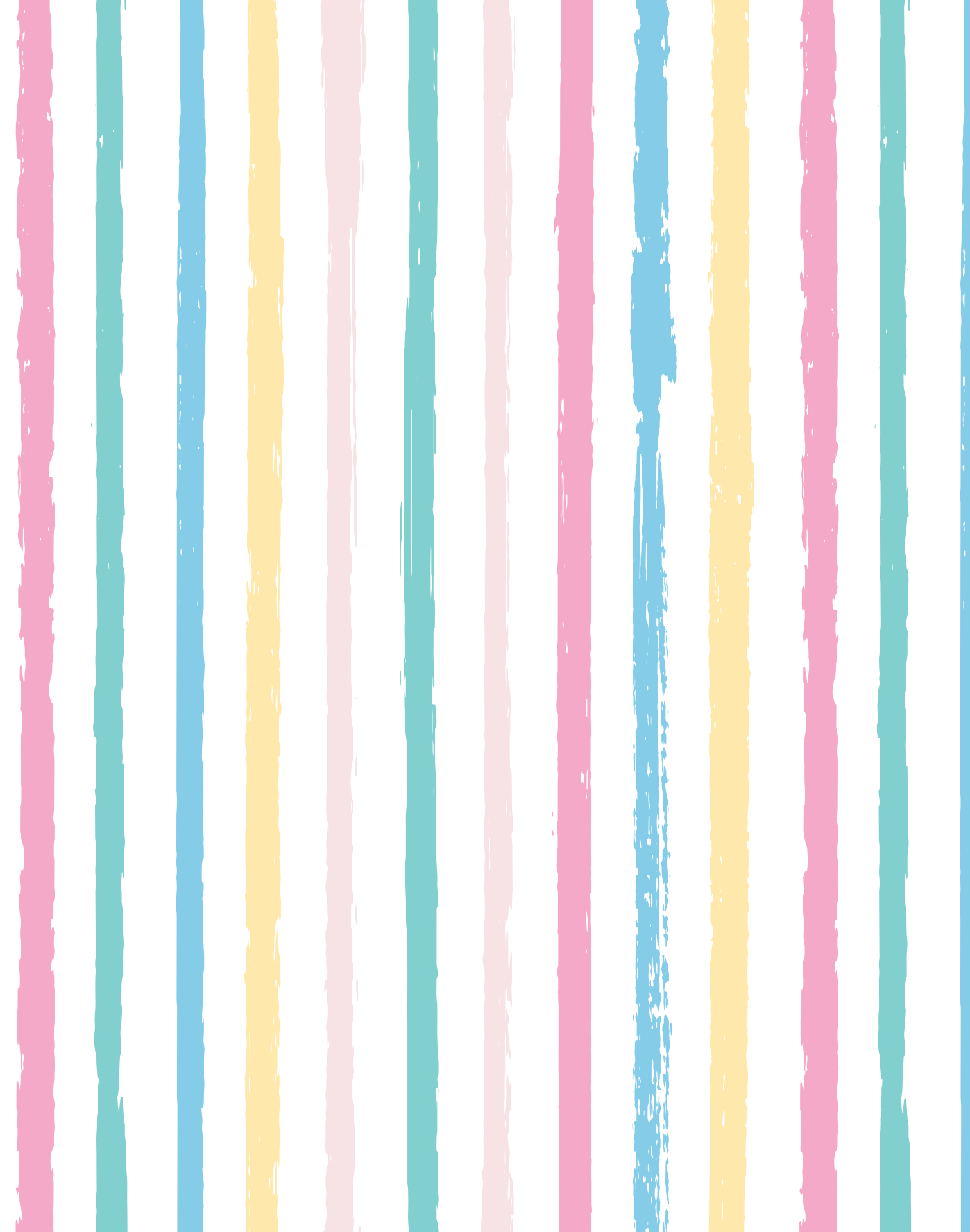
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