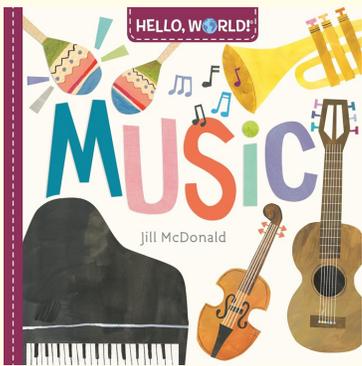


# Let's Make Music

**Book to add to your child's library:** *Hello World! Music*  
by Jill McDonald



## BABY GAMES & LANGUAGE

### Sound Imitation Game

Make a simple sound (clap, hum, "ba-ba-ba") and pause to see if baby responds.

### Name That Sound

Introduce one sound at a time and label it:

Shake-shake sound!  
Tap-tap sound!

### Body Drum

Gently tap baby's legs, tummy, or arms in rhythm while smiling and narrating.

### Sounds all Around

Listen to the sounds around you and explain the sounds to your child (Ex. "Do you hear the horn?") Sounds are everywhere - car horns, birds singing, babies crying, etc.)

## EXPLORATION

### Introduce Your Child to Different Music

Listen to a different genre of music with your child than you normally listen to. Tribal tunes are great for hearing different drum beats, cymbals, and other instrumental sounds.

### Household Music

Tap wooden spoons on pots (softly!) or crinkle paper to explore different tones.

### Squeak Toys and Rattles

Play with an assortment of squeak toys and rattles. Show your child how to shake the rattles to different beats, how to shake softly, loudly, fast, and slowly.

## MUSIC & MOVEMENT

### Two Little Feet

Two little feet go tap, tap, tap  
(tap baby's feet)

Two little hands go clap, clap, clap  
(clap baby's hands)

One little body, twirls around.

One quiet body sits back down.

### Open Them, Shut Them

Open them, shut them,  
open them, shut them.

Give a little clap, clap, clap (clap).

Open them, shut them, open them,  
shut them, lay them in your lap.

### Where is Thumbkin?

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(Hide hands behind back)

Here I am! Here I am!

(Show left thumb, then right thumb)

How are you today, sir?

(Wiggle left thumb)

Very well, I thank you.

(Wiggle right thumb)

Run away, run away.

(Hide left hand behind back, then right hand)

## RELATIONSHIP BUILDING / BONDING

### Face to Face Interaction:

Whistle for your baby. Sit him on your lap and whistle a tune that he is already familiar with (e.g. Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star). He will watch your mouth in amazement.

### Music & Dance

Play music and dance (or bounce babies) and freeze when the music stops.

### Music Face Time

Sing directly to baby, exaggerating facial expressions and watching their reactions

### Quiet Wind-Down Song

End with a slow, soothing song to signal calm and closeness.