

## Music for Life Lesson Plan

**Theme:** the Moon

**YouTube Playlist:** [https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLFTw3dKr7K0u7ZJoGaPzsw51YAOM\\_lpDR](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLFTw3dKr7K0u7ZJoGaPzsw51YAOM_lpDR)

**Greeting Song:** Sing to the tune of “You are My Sunshine”

Hello to \_\_\_\_\_, hello to \_\_\_\_\_, hello to \_\_\_\_\_, etc.

I’m glad to see you all today!

### Warm-up

*Fly Me to the Moon*

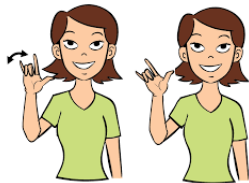
Try using some of this sign language for a fine motor warm up as you listen and sing this song.



To **sign moon**, make your thumb and index finger into a C-shape, while keeping your other fingers curled. Start with the C-shape around your eye level or forehead, and move it up and away from your body.



To **sign stars**, extend your two index fingers and hold them side by side, going up in turns, up above your head. Raise and lower your two fingers alternatively. The **signs** looks like you are pointing out lots of different **stars** in the sky.



To **sign I love you**, put up your thumb, index finger and pinkie finger, while keeping your ring finger and your middle finger down. Hold the hand out, palm facing away from **you** and move it back and forth slightly.

### Singing

Shine On, Harvest Moon

#### Discussion

This song was premiered in the early 1900s by vaudeville team Nora Bayes & Jack Norworth, who were a married team that were part of the Ziegfeld Follies. The song became a hit and was performed by many other musicians and is now a standard part of the song collection referred to as Tin Pan Alley because that was the area of New York where the music publishers were located in Manhattan. (see attached photos)

Name the music style/genre associated with these cities:

Nashville (country music)

New Orleans (jazz)

Chicago (blues)

Memphis (Rock & Roll)

Detroit (Motown)

Seattle (Grunge)

What type of music would you say Minneapolis is known for? Can you name some famous Minnesota musicians?

(Prince, Bob Dylan, Judy Garland, Andrews Sisters...)

### Blue Moon

#### *Discussion*

Though this song was written in 1934, it became a hit in 1949 when recorded by both Mel Tormé and Billy Eckstine. Now it holds a special place in music history because it is thought to be the first time the chord progression that became associated with the '50s and the doo-wop style was used. Other songs associated with this style include "Heart and Soul" and "Stand By Me".

When you think of '50s music, what images come to mind? (see attached images for discussion prompts)

### It's Only a Paper Moon

#### *Discussion*

These lyrics declare "...it wouldn't be make believe if you believed in me". Tell about a time when someone believed in you and encouraged you in your dreams, or tell about a time when you believed in yourself and triumphed in a situation.

### In The Evening in the Moonlight

#### *Discussion*

In this song the young people were singing and there was music making in the evening. What would you do for entertainment in the evenings when work was finished? Did you listen to the radio? Watch tv? Gather around the piano? How would you relax?

### Moon River

#### *Discussion*

Winning the Academy Award for Best Original Song, and the Grammy awards for both Record of the Year and Song of the Year, this song has secured its place on the charts, as well as in our hearts. However, it almost was cut from the movie "Breakfast at Tiffany's"! After a Hollywood preview, a Paramount Pictures executive suggested that the song be cut from the movie, but Audrey Hepburn was adamant that it stay declaring "Over my dead body!" (along with some other colorful language).

Was there ever a time when you had to stand up to others when you were working on a project? How did it turn out? Did you ever have an "Audrey Hepburn" moment when your decision/direction saved the day and helped create a success?

**Listening**

Moonlight Sonata by Beethoven

**Discussion**

Classical composer Ludwig von Beethoven wrote this piano student and dedicated to his student Countess Giulietta Guicciardi. At the time, it was simply titled “Sonata quasi una fantasia” which means “sonata in the manner of a fantasy” implying that it was meant to sound improvised. It wasn’t until after the death of Beethoven that a music critic said that the music reminded him of the moonlight shining on Lake Lucerne. This imagery stuck and it became known as the “Moonlight Sonata”.

Listen to the opening theme – what picture does the music paint for you?

**Moving:** Moonlight Serenade

Pass out paper plates to the participants to use as “moons” and do some gentle stretching reaching the moon up overhead, have it set and sink past the horizon, sway in the moonlight, etc.

**Watching** (See YouTube playlist)

Bill Monroe & the Bluegrass Boys – “Blue Moon of Kentucky”

Cat Stevens – “Moon Shadow”

Van Morrison plays “Moondance” on the Midnight Special

The Platters – “Moon Over Miami”

Lawrence Welk dancers, orchestra & stars – “Moon River”

**Closing Song**

Goodnight, Irene

## Buildings of Tin Pan Alley in 1910



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## Buildings of Tin Pan Alley in 2011



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## **Shine On Harvest Moon**

**Shine On, shine on harvest moon up in the sky  
I ain't had no lovin' since January, February,  
June or July**

**Snow time ain't no time to stay inside and spoon  
So shine on, shine on harvest moon  
For me and my gal**

## **In the Evening by the Moonlight**

**In the evening by the moonlight  
you could hear the young folks singing  
In the evening by the moonlight  
You could hear those banjos ringing  
How the old folks would enjoy it  
They would sit all night and listen  
As we sang in the evening by the moonlight**

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## **Blue Moon**

**Blue Moon, Blue Moon, Blue Moon  
Moon, moon, moon, Blue Moon  
Moon, moon, moon, Blue Moon**

**Blue Moon - You saw me standing alone  
Without a dream in my heart  
Without a love of my own**

**Blue Moon You knew just what I was there for  
You heard me saying a prayer  
Someone I really could care for**

**And then there suddenly appeared before me  
The only one my arms will ever hold  
I heard somebody whisper, "Please adore me."  
And when I looked, the moon had turned to gold, oh**

**Blue Moon Now I'm no longer alone  
Without a dream in my heart  
Without a love of my own**

**Moon, moon, moon, Blue Moon  
Moon, moon, moon, Blue Moon  
Moon, moon, moon, Blue Moon (repeat)**



## **It's Only a Paper Moon**

**I never feel a thing is real when I'm away from you  
Out of your embrace  
The world's a temporary parking place  
A bubble for a minute  
You smile, the bubble has a rainbow in it**

**Say, its only a paper moon  
Sailing over a cardboard sea  
But it wouldn't be make-believe  
If you believed in me**

**Yes, it's only a canvas sky  
Hanging over a muslin tree  
But it wouldn't be make-believe  
If you believed in me**

***(turn page)***

**Without your love**

**It's a honky-tonk parade without your love**

**It's a melody played in a penny arcade**

**It's a Barnum and Bailey world**

**Just as phony as it can be**

**But it wouldn't be make-believe**

**If you believed in me**

## **Moon River**

**Moon river, wider than a mile  
I'm crossing you in style some day  
Oh, dream maker, you heart breaker  
Wherever you're goin', I'm goin' your way**

**Two drifters, off to see the world  
There's such a lot of world to see  
We're after the same rainbow's end,  
    waitin' 'round the bend  
My huckleberry friend, moon river, and me**



## **Goodnight, Irene**

**Irene, goodnight, Irene, goodnight  
Goodnight Irene, goodnight Irene  
I'll see you in my dreams**

**Last Saturday night I got married,  
Me and my wife settled down  
Now me and my wife are parted,  
Gonna take another stroll downtown**

**Irene, goodnight, Irene, goodnight  
Goodnight Irene, goodnight Irene  
I'll see you in my dreams**

**Sometimes I live in the country,  
Sometimes I live in the town.  
Sometimes I have a great notion  
To jump into the river and drown.**

**Irene, goodnight, Irene, goodnight  
Goodnight Irene, goodnight Irene  
I'll see you in my dreams**

**Stop ramblin'! Stop your gamblin'!  
Stop stayin' out late at night  
Go home to your wife and family  
Stay there by the fireside bright**

**Irene, goodnight, Irene, goodnight  
Goodnight Irene, goodnight Irene  
I'll see you in my dreams**

**Sometimes Irene wears pajamas,  
Sometimes she wears a gown,  
But when they're both in the laundry,  
Irene's the talk of the town.**

**Irene, goodnight, Irene, goodnight  
Goodnight Irene, goodnight Irene  
I'll see you in my dreams**