

Theme: Flowers

YouTube Playlist: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLFTw3dKr7K0v-ecpOEK4K8WxdRnAH-Tj7>

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

Hello to _____, hello to _____, hello to _____, hello to _____
I’m glad to see you, and be together. Let’s make some music together today!

Warm-up: I Love the Mountains

Sing and use actions to mirror lyrics

Mountains – touch fingers, arms in front making an upside down “V” in front of body

Rolling hills – figure 8 motions with hands

Flower – reach out to pick flower

Daffodil – bring flower to nose

Fireside – rub hands together

Lights are low – lower hands.

Boom-de-adass – play “air string bass”

Singing

My Wild Irish Rose

Discussion

- Roses can be tricky flowers to grow! What a few things that roses need
 - Pruning, food to keep pests away, water frequently, dig deeply when planting
- Each color rose has a different meaning - can you guess the color that goes with these meanings?
 - Love (red)
 - Thank you (dark pink)
 - Sympathy (pale pink)
 - Purity/innocence (white)
 - Fascination or adoration (purple) Fun fact: lavender roses indicate love at first sight
 - Friendship (yellow)
 - Enthusiasm & passion (orange)
 - Rebirth/tranquility (green)

Edelweiss

Discussion

- This song was made famous in the musical “Sound of Music”. What is Edelweiss? (source:Wikipedia)
 - Edelweiss is a flower that grows in high altitudes (see attached photo). It is related to the sunflower and daisy.
 - In traditional medicine, the flower can be used to treat abdominal or respiratory illnesses.
 - It can be found in Austria, Germany, Switzerland, Italy, Poland, and Serbia

- Traditionally the flower was given as a symbol of devotion
- In the Swiss army the flower symbolized the highest ranks. In WWI, it was given to German troops as a sign of bravery. It was also the symbol a group called the “Edelweiss Pirates” who were a youth anti-Nazi group.
- The flower is found on the Austrian two-cent coin since 2002 (see attached photo)
- What are some other symbols for bravery or devotion?
- Tell me about a story about bravery or devotion.

When You Wore a Tulip

Discussion

- Name some occasions when flowers are worn. (see photos of women wearing corsages)
- Did you wear a corsage or boutonniere? What flower was it? Who gave it to you? What was the occasion?

Red Roses for a Blue Lady

Discussion

- When you are feeling blue what things help you feel better?

Moving

Listen to “Waltz of the Flowers” from the Nutcracker by Tchaikovsky.

Try using silk flowers or scarves as props and create your own dance moves, or use them to conduct!

Discussion

- Pytor Tchaikovsky was a Russian composer who lived from 1840-1893. (See attached photo) He is an important composer of the Romantic Era of music, and was one of the first Russian composers to receive international acclaim. He was honored by Tsar Alexander III and made a great impact although he died at just 53, reportedly of cholera.
- The Nutcracker ballet premiered on December 18, 1892 along with his opera Iolanta, and was not a very notable success.
- In 1934, it was performed for the first time outside of Russia in England. Then in 1940 it was premiered in New York. Since then it has become a holiday tradition.
- Have you seen the Nutcracker? Was it ever part of your holiday tradition?

Watching (See YouTube playlist)

John Denver “The Flower that Shattered the Stone”

Time Lapse: Watch Flowers Bloom Before Your Eyes

Flower of Scotland (Unofficial Scottish National Anthem)

Wildwood Flower performed by Carter Family

Honeysuckle Rose performed by Ella Fitzgerald & Count Basie

Dennis Morgan - My Wild Irish Rose (1947) (song is toward the end of the clip)

George Balanchine’s the Nutcracker - Waltz of the Flowers

Goodbye

“Goodnight Sweetheart” - If you’re comfortable with the melody, substitute in the words:

“Goodbye (name), well it’s time to go.

Goodbye (name), well it’s time to go.

I hate to leave you, but I really can’t stay – Goodbye (name) goodbye.”

Edelweiss Flower



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Austrian 2-cent coin



Ladies with Corsages, New Jersey 1947

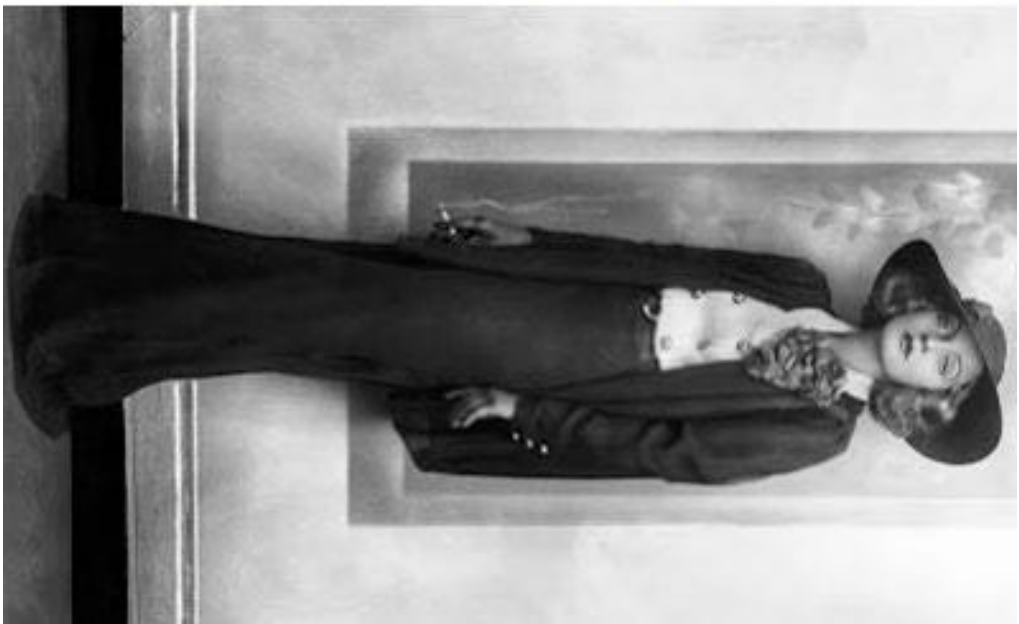


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Pytor Ilryich Tchaikovsky

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Dew Drop, George Balanchine's The Nutcracker. Photo © Paul Kolnik.





<https://images.app.goo.gl/gDpYxuixbpAzFKH8>

My Wild Irish Rose

**My wild Irish Rose
The sweetest flower that grows
You may search everywhere
But none can compare with my wild Irish Rose**

**My wild Irish Rose
The dearest flower that grows
And some day for my sake
She may let me take
 the bloom from my wild Irish Rose**

Edelweiss

**Edelweiss, edelweiss,
Ev'ry morning you greet me.
Small and white, clean and bright,
You look happy to meet me.**

**Blossom of snow,
 may you bloom and grow,
Bloom and grow forever.
Edelweiss, edelweiss,
Bless my homeland forever.**

When You Wore a Tulip

When you wore a tulip,
A sweet yellow tulip,
And I wore a big red rose.

When you caressed me,
'Twas then heaven blessed me.
What a blessing, no one knows.

You made life cheery
When you called me dearie,
'Twas down where the blue grass grows.

Your lips were sweeter than julep
When you wore that tulip
And I wore a big red rose.

Red Roses for a Blue Lady

**I want some red roses for a blue lady.
Mister florist, take my order, please.
We had a silly quarrel the other day.
Hope these pretty flowers chase her
blues away.**

**Wrap up some red roses for a blue lady.
Send them to the sweetest gal in town.
And if they do the trick,
I'll hurry back to pick
Your best white orchid
for her wedding gown.**

Goodnight Sweetheart

Goodnight, sweetheart, well it's time to go
Goodnight, sweetheart, well it's time to go
I hate to leave you, but I really must say
Goodnight, sweetheart, goodnight

Goodnight, sweetheart, well it's time to go
Goodnight, sweetheart, well it's time to go
I hate to leave you, but I really must say
Goodnight, sweetheart, goodnight

Well, it's three o'clock in the morning
Baby, I just can't treat you right
Well, I hate to leave you, baby
Don't mean maybe, because I love you so

Goodnight, sweetheart, well it's time to go
I hate to leave you, but I really must say
Goodnight, sweetheart, goodnight

Goodnight, sweetheart, well it's time to go
Goodnight, sweetheart, well it's time to go
I hate to leave you, but I really must say
Goodnight, sweetheart, goodnight

Now, my mother and my father
Might hear if I stay here too long

**One kiss and we'll part and you'll be going
You know I hate to see you go**