# ENFIELD MUSIC SERVICE SUMMER SOUNDS 2020

## Welcome to the Summer Sounds 2020 Singing Festival!

Over the course of April and May we're sending out the resources to learn four songs.

Each set of resources includes:

- Performance example track
- Backing track
- Song lyrics
- Suggestions and extra activities to help you learn the song

The four songs are:

- *Today* (Traditional warm up round)
- *New Dawn* (Ballad by Rachel Pantin)
- Drill ye Tarriers Drill (American Folk song by Thomas F. Casey)
- Babethandaza (Traditional South African song in Zulu)

Today we're launching our fourth and final song, Babethandaza. You can download the resources for the first song, Today, <u>here</u>, for New Dawn <u>here</u> and for Drill ye Tarriers Drill <u>here</u>.

Follow us on social media and keep an eye out for #SummerSoundsEMS for updates on the festival and other news from Enfield Music Service.

We hope you enjoy sharing in our Summer Sounds 2020 singing festival!





### BABETHANDAZA

This is a traditional South African song in Zulu. It is a song of prayer and celebration with a strong uplifting rhythmic feel. Also included in the resources for this song is a second performance example track. This has a harmony part as well as the main tune - only use this once you have learnt the song using the first performance example track.

#### **Backing track downloads**

<u>Performance example track</u> <u>Performance example track 2 – harmony part</u> <u>Backing track</u>

#### Lyrics

Section 1

Sin jen jen jen ngemi thandazo Sin jen jen jen ngemi thandazo Ngemi thandazo Ngemi thandazo Ngemi thandazo Ngemi thandazo

#### Section 2

Oo mama bagudala babe thandaza Oo mama bagudala babe thandaza Babe thandaza, babe thandeza Babe thandaza, babe thandeza

#### Starting out

- Pretend to chew sticky toffee and have a good stretch and a yawn. Alternate a big open wide face and a small scrunched up face. Repeat. How silly can you look?!
- March on the spot. Stop suddenly and freeze for 5 seconds. Repeat with a jog and then a fast run.
- Make up your own physical rhythmic warm up e.g. roll shoulders back x 4, roll shoulders forwards x 4, raise shoulders to the ears x 4 etc. Use the Example track or a song of your choice as a backing.

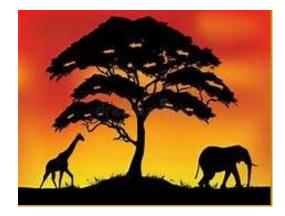
#### Learning the song

- Listen to Performance example track 1 first. This song is best learnt aurally (by listening to it)
  - Think about the style and character of the song.
  - Stand up and move side to side in time with the pulse (steady beat).
  - Listen out for the second section of the song which starts with *Oo mama*.
  - Where does the song suddenly get quiet?
  - How does the song end?



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- Learn the two sections separately.
- Chant the words slowly and rhythmically. Listen back to the track to check you are saying them correctly. (NOTE In section 1 it is *thandazo* and in section 2 it is *Babethandaza*)
- Put the words in your head and clap the rhythm of each phrase along with the track.
- Focus on the ending. Are you clapping in the correct place and are you gradually getting louder to a final strong finish?

#### Try this next

- Make up some specific simple movements to go with each section. Remember movements don't have to be complicated - just using your arms can be very effective. How can you use movement to emphasise the loud and quiet parts of the song (dynamics)
- Challenge yourself: Listen to *Performance example track 2.* You will hear there is a harmony part added after the tune has been sung through once. It is a bit higher than the tune but other than that it is exactly the same. Can you sing the main tune along with the track?
- If possible you could teach someone at home the song and you could sing the harmony part over the top!

#### What's next with Summer Sounds?

- You now have the complete resources for 4 songs.
- Organise a mini concert and perform the songs to other people in your house.
- Ideas for your concert:
  - Design a poster to advertise your concert.
  - Make tickets
  - Design a programme.
  - Dress up in your best clothes and prepare yourself!
  - Decide where you want your audience to sit.
  - Think about how to introduce each song. Will you give some information or will you just announce the title.
- Teach someone else at home the songs and have a sing together.
- Use the warm up activities from the last four weeks to make up a fun daily routine.



