

## Grammar School Recitations 2020

### *Possible Solos in Green*

**Joyful, We Adore Thee** *Click here to listen [Joyful](#)*

**Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee, op'ning to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!**

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,  
Stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee! Joyful, joyful, we adore thee!

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,  
Wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine;  
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began;  
Love divine is reigning o'er us, binding all within its span.  
Ever singing march we onward, victors in the midst of strife.  
Joyful music leads us sunward, in the triumph song of life.

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee! Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,  
We adore thee, Lord of Love!

**Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel** *Click here to listen: [Daniel](#)*

\*\*We are changing the words from "why not every man" to "why not everyone".

REFRAIN: (Possible solo first time)

**Didn't my Lord deliver Daniel, deliver Daniel, deliver Daniel.  
Didn't my Lord deliver Daniel, then why not ev-e-ry one.** (Repeat)

He delivered Daniel from the lion's den, Jonah from the belly of the whale,  
And the Hebrew children from the fiery furnace, then why not ev-e-ry-one? REFRAIN

I set my foot on the Gospel ship, and the ship began to sail;  
It landed me over on Canaan's shore, and I'll never come back no more. REFRAIN

**Sing! Sing!** *Click here to listen: [Sing Sing](#)*

Sing, sing! Sing, sing, sing a new song, sing a new song all the earth!  
Let our voices resound with a heavenly sound. Sing a new song all the earth!  
Cantate Domino canticum novum. Amen. Cantate Domino canticum novum. Amen.  
Canticum novum, canticum novum, Cantate Domino.

**Send Us Forth** *Click here to listen: [Send Us](#)*

1. Let us walk in the light of the One who is Christ. Let us walk in the light of God's love.  
Let us shine, let us grow in the love God has shown. Let us walk in the light of God's love.  
2. Seek the star that will lead in the sky high above, seek the star that will lead us to hope.  
Glowing warm, glowing bright, shining star in the night, Seek the star that will lead us to hope.  
3. Send us forth to bring peace, earth and heaven will meet, send us forth to bring peace to the world.  
Open hearts, open hands, reaching out to all lands. Send us forth to bring peace to the world.  
Send us forth to bring peace to the world.

## Wizard of Oz Medley

**Please note that these recordings will not be EXACTLY how we are performing these pieces, but they will help the students learn the basics.**

### Follow the Yellow Brick Road

Follow the yellow brick road. Follow the yellow brick road. Follow, follow, follow, follow, follow the yellow brick road.  
Follow the rainbow over the stream; follow the fellow who follows a dream. Follow, follow, follow, follow, follow the yellow brick road.  
We're off to see the Wizard, the wonderful Wizard of Oz. We hear he is a whiz of a Wiz, if ever a Wiz there was.  
If ever, oh ever a Wiz there was, the Wizard of Oz is one because, because, because, because, because, because,  
Because of the wonderful things he does. We're off to see the Wizard, the wonderful Wizard of Oz.

### Merry Old Land of Oz

Ha-ha-ha! Ho-ho-ho! And a couple of tra-la-las. That's how we laugh the day away in the merry old land of Oz.  
Bzz, bzz, bzz, chirp, chirp, chirp, and a couple of lah-dee-dahs. That's how the crickets crick all day in the merry old land of Oz.  
We get up at twelve and start to work at one. Take an hour for lunch, and then at two we're done. Jolly good run!  
Ha-ha-ha! Ho-ho-ho! And a couple of tra-la-las, that's how we laugh the day away in the merry old land of Oz.

### If I Only Had a Brain

**I could while away the hours conferin' with the flowers, consultin' with the rain,  
And my head I'd be scratchin' while my thoughts were busy hatchin' if I only had a brain.**

I'd unravel every riddle, for any individle, in trouble or in pain,  
With the thoughts I'd be thinkin' I could be another Lincoln if I only had a brain.  
Oh I could tell you why the ocean's near the shore,  
I could think of things I never thunk before, and then I'd sit and think some more.  
I would not be just a nuffin', my head all full of stuffin', my heart all full of pain.  
And perhaps I'd deserve you and be even worthy erv you if I only had a brain.

### If I Only Had a Heart

**When a man's an empty kettle, he should be on his mettle, and yet I'm torn apart.  
Just because I'm presumin' that I could be kind-a human if I only had a heart.**

I'd be tender, I'd be gentle, and awful sentimental regarding love and art.  
I'd be friends with the sparrow and the boy that shoots the arrows if I only had a heart.  
Picture me a balcony, above a voice sings low, "Wherefore art thou Romeo?" I hear a beat. How sweet!  
Just to register emotion, jealousy, devotion, and really feel the part,  
I would stay young and chipper and I'd lock it with a zipper if I only had a heart.

### If I Only Had the Nerve

**Life is sad believe me, deary, when you're born to be all teary,\*\* without the vim and verve. (Words different than recording)  
But I could change my habits, never more be scared of rabbits if I only had the nerve.**

I'm afraid there's no denyin' I'm just a dandy lion, a fate I don't deserve.  
But I could show my prowess, be a lion not a mowess if I only had the nerve.  
Oh I'd be in my stride, a king down to the core. Oh I'd roar the way I never roared before,  
and then I'd rrooof, and roar some more.  
I would show the dinosaur who's king around the forest, a king they better serve.  
Why, with my regal beezer I could be another Caesar if I only had the nerve.

### Somewhere Over the Rainbow (This recording lets you hear the first three lines. We will not sing the rest like Doris Day.)

**When all the world is a hopeless jumble and the raindrops tumble all around, heaven opens a magic lane.  
When all the clouds darken up the skyway, there's a rainbow highway to be found, leading from your window pane,  
To a place behind the sun, Just a step beyond the rain.**

Somewhere over the rainbow, way up high, There's a land that I heard of once in a lullaby.  
Somewhere over the rainbow, skies are blue, And the dreams that you dare to dream really do come true.  
Someday I'll wish upon a star, and wake up where the clouds are far behind me,  
Where troubles melt like lemon drops, away above the chimney tops is where you'll find me.  
Somewhere over the rainbow, bluebirds fly. Birds fly over the rainbow, why, then, oh why can't I?  
If happy little bluebirds fly beyond the rainbow, why, oh why can't I?