

# Write Your Own Song!

There are lots and lots of songs about wildlife. You can write your OWN songs about nature. Think of the tune to a simple song you know, like "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star." Now think about your favorite animal. How does it move? Does it have fur or feathers? Does it have ears? Does it look for food in the day time or at night? Write some words that tell about your favorite animal's behavior, home or adaptations. Here are some songs we've written to show you how this works. Try singing them with your friends and family!

## Feathers, Beaks, Hollow Bones and Claws

By Ginger Murphy

Tune: Heads, Shoulders, Knees and Toes

Feathers, beaks, hollow bones and claws  
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Warm blood, nests and eggs with shells so hard,  
Feathers, beaks, hollow bones and claws!

## Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

By Ginger Murphy

Tune: Chicago Fire

Late one night when we were all in bed  
Old Lady Leary took her trash can to the shed  
(Your name) kicked it over and this is what (he/she) said  
You can't throw that good stuff away.

**REDUCE! REUSE! RECYCLE! NOW!**

Divide into 3 groups to yell out the 3 R's at the end)

## Old MacDonald Recycles

By Ginger Murphy

Tune: Old Macdonald Had a Farm

Old Macdonald had some trash  
And he recycled it all.  
In that trash he had some cans;  
He recycled it all.  
With a crunch, crunch here and a crunch, crunch  
there,  
Here a crunch, there a crunch, everywhere a crunch,  
crunch  
Old Macdonald had some trash  
And he recycled it all.

Glass.....crash, crash (hold ears)  
Paper.....crinkle, crinkle  
Food.....phew! phew! (hold nose!)

## Babies in the Pond

By Ginger Murphy

TUNE: B-I-N-G-O

The beaver has a wide flat tail, she uses it to swim.  
Her babies learn to chew up bark; they mostly  
chew it after dark  
B-A-B-I-E-S, there's babies in the pond-o!

Snapping turtles lay their eggs in holes deep in the  
sand  
The babies crack shells open wide, they find the  
pond and then they hide  
B-A-B-I-E-S, there's babies in the pond-o!

Red-winged blackbirds make their nests in cattails  
thick and tall  
They catch bug that bite your skin and feed them  
to their little kin  
B-A-B-I-E-S, there's babies in the pond-o!

Salamanders, frogs and toads all lay their eggs in  
ponds.  
Stuck on plangs they can be found, they're wrapped  
in jelly all around  
B-A-B-I-E-S, there's babies in the pond-o!

Geese and ducks have lots of young they're fuzzy  
and they're cute!  
They paddle after mom and pop; some get eaten  
some grow up  
B-A-B-I-E-S, there's babies in the pond-o!

Babies, babies in the pond, everywhere you look.  
Spring they're born and summer they grow; in fall  
they get ready for winter snow  
B-A-B-I-E-S, there's babies in the pond-o!

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