

August 2015 Song of the Month from www.nancymusic.com

Take Me Out To The Ball Game

by Jack Norworth and Albert von Tilzer (1908)
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This is another one of those songs we take for granted children know, but in fact, it's disappearing from their song vocabulary. This is the first year I have found more children don't know this song than do. Why does it matter? Because the benefits of singing are too great to be ignored. But we can only sing together if we know the same songs. This would be a good time to send you over to my other website, www.SingWithOurKids.com. There you can learn more about the benefits of singing, get great free ideas for song extenders and printable books, and learn about my early learning pilot project! If your children or the children in your care don't know this iconic American song, please download and sing it with them so they can sing it with their children years from now! There are several wonderful picture books based on this song, like the one pictured here. They are widely available at libraries, so check one out and have some fun!

Take me out to the ball game,
Take me out with the crowd;
Just buy me some peanuts and Cracker Jack,
I don't care if I never get back.
Let me root, root, root for the home team,
If they don't win, it's a shame.
For it's one, two, three strikes, you're out,
At the old ball game.

Fun facts you may not know about this song:

Jack Norworth, who wrote the lyrics, didn't play baseball and had never attended a game. But he knew a song about baseball would be a hit, and it was!

This song originally had several verses about Kate Casey, whose date wanted to take her to a show. She asked to go to a baseball game instead.

