

12-STEP PROGRAM TO LEARN MUSIC WITH CDS

The success of this program depends on the effective **listening skills** of the learner much more than upon her musical background or ability to read music.

Any of the 12 steps may be repeated before continuing on to the next step, but, remember... **EACH** step is important to the overall successful results of learning **ALL** the right notes, words and timing of the new song. ***DO NOT eliminate any of the steps because they may appear to be insignificant to you.***

#1 - **Listen** to the music on the master cd while you close your eyes (this will familiarize you with the song's notes, timing and general flavor).

#2 - **Watch** the **notes** on your music while you **listen** to the cd.
DO NOT SING YET!

#3 - Again, **watch** the **notes** on your music while you **listen** to the cd.
DO NOT SING YET!

#4 - **Watch** the **words** on your music while you **listen** to the cd.
Please...no singing yet!

#5 - On a separate piece of paper, **write** down all the lyrics to the new song that you can remember (you can refer to your music to complete this step if you need to). Now, **watch** your own paper while you **listen** to the cd. **No, not yet...don't sing, please!**

#6 - **Watch** the **notes** again while you **listen** to the cd. **Remember... no singing!**

#7 - Watch the words on your music while you **listen** to the cd. **Be careful...not a sound!**

#8 - Try to write down all the words again on a separate piece of paper without looking at your printed music. If you have trouble, **listen** to the cd again while you **watch the words**. Then try writing it again without looking. Stay on this step until you have all the right words written without looking back at the printed music. Now proceed to Step #9.

#9 - Hurray! Finally, you can add YOUR voice! Now **watch the notes** on your music while you **hum** along with the cd. **Hum...Hum...Hum...**
SINGING IS NEXT!

#10 - Watch the words on your music while you **SING** along with the cd. **CAN YOU BELIEVE THIS, YOU ARE REALLY GOING TO SING THIS SONG FOR THE VERY FIRST TIME!** However, if you have any difficulty, **circle** the spot on your music as you go all the way through. Then, go back and **listen (don't sing)** those parts again.
Happy singing!

#11 - Use your recorder to SING the new part all the way through **WITHOUT** looking at your music. Bet you can hardly wait to hear this step!

#12 - THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT STEP - YOU ARE ABOUT TO GRADUATE! **Watch** your music and **listen** to your own recording to see if you are correct. You should be **WONDERFUL!** But, should you have any doubt, go back and check your part again on the master cd. **Concentrate on LISTENING** to the parts you circled earlier to be sure you have made the corrections.

Summary of the steps

1. **listen** with **eyes closed**
2. listen while watching the **notes**
3. listen while watching the **notes**
4. listen while watching the **words**
5. **write** down the words, then listen while **following your own copy**
6. listen while watching the **notes**
7. listen while watching the **words**
8. try to **write** all the words, repeat as necessary until you have all the words correct
9. listen and **hum** along as you watch the **notes**
10. watch the **words** while you **SING** along with the cd
11. **sing and record** yourself without the music
12. **watch the music for accuracy as you listen to your tape**

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