

Materials for Language Teaching at Steiner Waldorf Schools edited by Christoph Jaffke and Peter Morris in cooperation with the Paedagogische Forschungsstelle beim Bund der Freien Waldorfschulen

Materials for Teachers

- **Elisabeth Lebet: [Pentatonic Songs](#) for Nursery, Kindergarten and Grades 1 and 2 – Revised edition 2020**

Elisabeth Lebet komponierte eine Fülle von pentatonischen Liedern „für Kindergarten und die Klassen 1 und 2“ für verschiedene Anlässe: Aktivitäten, Feste, Jahreszeiten, Geburtstage ... Die Sammlung erschien erstmals 1971, und Elisabeths Wunsch, dass „dieses Büchlein seinen Weg in die weltweite Waldorfbewegung finden möge“, wurde inzwischen mehr als erfüllt. Wir erwarten, dass diese neu gesetzte und sehr attraktive zweite Auflage in der gleichen Tradition ihren Weg finden wird.

https://www.waldorfbuch.de/buch/pentatonic-songs-9783939374770/?page_id=63

- **Peter Oram: A Change in the Year: Pentatonic Children’s Songs**

While Rhythms, Rhymes, Games and Songs contains quite a number of the more traditional children’s songs, the importance of pentatonic songs for at least the first two years of the Lower School can hardly be overestimated. Among other things, they often have a therapeutic effect in that they can help to calm and harmonize the children. These two collections offer a considerable variety of songs.

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- **Rhythms, Rhymes, Games and Songs for the Lower School (Cl. 1 – 4)**

Material accumulated over the decades within the Waldorf School movement. For use in the first three (four) classes. Appendix with examples of especially suitable stories. Index of first lines. More than 70 finger plays, mostly accompanied by instructions, 35 classroom games, almost 30 singing-games, about 50 traditional English and American children’s songs, numerous action rhymes and poems.

https://www.waldorfbuch.de/buch/rhythms-rhymes-games-and-songs-for-the-lower-school-9783927286511/?page_id=1

- **Tongue Twisters and Speech Exercises (Cl. 4 – 12)**

Large selection, grouped by sound values. Useful for teachers from Class 4 onwards.

https://www.waldorfbuch.de/buch/tongue-twisters-and-speech-exercises-1001/?page_id=0

- **Poems for the Middle and Upper School (Cl. 4 – 12)**

”Waldorf Anthology” of 560 poems and several prose passages. Carefully selected, grouped and made easily accessible by an index of authors as well as by an index of first lines. As an additional help, this second index also indicates classes for which each poem can be considered suitable.

https://www.waldorfbuch.de/buch/poems-for-the-middle-and-upper-school-1004/?page_id=0

- **Plays for the Lower and Middle School**

The standard collection consisting of fifty plays from Fairy Tales and Ballads, from Folk Tales, Fables and Stories, as well as Seasonal Plays and Plays from Myth and History.

https://www.waldorfbuch.de/buch/plays-for-the-lower-and-middle-school-9783949267116/?page_id=0

- **More Plays for the Lower and Middle School**

A second collection of plays about various subjects: Folk Tales and Fables, Legends and Ballads, Seasonal Plays, Work and Occupations, Myth and History, and Literature.

https://www.waldorfbuch.de/buch/more-plays-for-the-lower-and-middle-school-1000/?page_id=0

- **Riddles (from Cl. 2)**

More than 150 riddles, from very easy ones for the Lower School to more difficult ones, ancient and modern, as well as conundrums, words to construe and an appendix containing an extract from *The Merry Book of Riddles* (1629).

https://www.waldorfbuch.de/buch/riddles-1002/?page_id=0

- **Proverbs and Sayings (from Cl. 5)**

A collection of the most widely used proverbs and familiar sayings. For the teachers' use in classes 5 to 12.

https://www.waldorfbuch.de/buch/proverbs-and-sayings-1003/?page_id=0

- **Six Romantic Poets – Additional Material for Teachers (Cl. 10)**

A bibliography, and relevant passages from Kaethe Wolf-Gumpold's book about William Blake, from Owen Barfield's "Romanticism Comes of Age" and from "Poetry and the Art of Speech" by Rudolf Steiner and Marie Steiner-von Sivers.

https://www.waldorfbuch.de/buch/six-romantic-poets-additional-material-for-teachers-1005/?page_id=0

- **The First Four Years of English: A Hands-On Approach to the Waldorf Way (2021)**

Christoph Jaffke, founder of the series *Materials for Language Teaching at Steiner Waldorf Schools*, has written a manual for the language teachers of the lower school. Although the book is in English, the theoretical insights offered by the author, and his methodical advice - based on more than 50 years in Waldorf education - will prove helpful for the teachers of the other foreign languages as well.

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Songbooks

- [Early One Morning](#) – Folk Songs – Rounds – Ballads – Shanties – Spirituals and Plantation Songs – Madrigals

English Songs for Advent and Christmas. Well-known carols as well as hymns and rounds, some of them contributed by Waldorf Schools in Britain and hardly known on the Continent. It is intended that each student should have his/her own copy of this collection as a companion throughout the Christmas seasons from the fifth grade to the twelfth – and beyond.

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- [We Wish You a Merry Christmas](#) – Carols, Hymns, Songs and Rounds

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