



5 Minute Global Enrichment

April 2025

Learning Opportunity for
Volunteers & Girls

The World Song



What is a '5 Minute Global Enrichment'?

This is a short learning opportunity concentrating on global. Each is unique, and will add a global aspect to your Girl Scout programming.

So be sure to share with other Girl Scout volunteers and girls.



Does your troop sing a song at opening or closing? How about at Service Unit events? Take a quick poll – which song(s) do you normally sing for openings? For closing? Did 'Make New Friends' make the #1 spot? How about 'Taps' or 'Linger' for a closing song?

But did you know that World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) has an official song? The World Song highlights the principles and spirit of the WAGGGS movement. The song is normally sung at openings where Girl Guides and/or Girl Scouts gather together. Almost all Girl Guides from around the world know The World Song and sing it at opening for meetings and events, but few Girl Scouts know this song.

History of the WAGGGS World Song

In 1950, delegates to the 13th WAGGGS World Conference, held in Oxford, United Kingdom, voted that Jean Sibelius (1865-1957) be asked to adapt his March Opus 91b to create a WAGGGS World Song. Jean Sibelius was a noted Finnish composer at the time, and had originally composed his 'Scout Marsch' (as it also was known) for one of Finland's oldest Scout companies during World War I.

The World Song was first published with English words in 1952, by Gavin Ewart and in French by Francine Cockenpot. A Spanish version was created by WAGGGS Headquarters later reflecting the global nature of the WAGGGS movement.

Lyrics

Our way is clear as we march on,
And see! Our flag on high,
Is never furled throughout the world,
For hope shall never die!
We must unite for what is right,
In friendship true and strong,
Until the earth, in its rebirth,
Shall sing our song! Shall sing our song.

All those who love the true and good,
Whose promises were kept,
With humble mind, whose acts were kind,
Whose honor never slept;
These were the free! And we must be,
Prepared like them to live,
To give to all, both great and small,
All we can give. All we can give.

Additional Songs of Interest

Share The Light: Another song of interest for Girl Guides and Girl Scouts worldwide is Share the Light (www.youtube.com/watch?v=GfLdfX_2Fnc). This song is designed to make us to feel more connected with each other, our movement, and our collective power to change the world. The song was co-written by 15 people from 10 countries across all five WAGGGS Regions and songwriter, Melinda Carroll.

World Center Songs: Just as WAGGGS has a song to reflect the spirit of the WAGGGS movement, each World Center has their own song.

- Pax Lodge Song: PAX Lodge Song (www.youtube.com/watch?v=ohBbLdQTkbw)
- Our Chalet: Our Chalet Song (www.youtube.com/watch?v=YWgkR5G_e7o)
- Our Cabanã: Our Cabanã Song (www.youtube.com/watch?v=8c8lbfBgimk)
- Sangam: Come into Sangam (www.youtube.com/watch?v=b_Y9QB86Y-g)
- Kusafiri: Karibu Kusafiri (www.youtube.com/watch?v=P-j0R-nrJI8)

For more information visit:

- **The World Song with no lyrics**, sang by Girl Guides and great introduction to *The World Song When We Shine Foundation*: www.youtube.com/watch?v=klOXaSvTAAo
- **The World Song with lyrics:**
Melinda Carroll Music: www.youtube.com/watch?v=1gKXt2s5pNw
onmyHonour: www.youtube.com/watch?v=2_aHL-6Tb0k
Guide Channel: www.youtube.com/watch?v=AGyqdDEvejw
Jesella Montalto: www.youtube.com/watch?v=NxtRhFD1fjo
- **Share the Light Song with no lyrics**, sang by Girl Guides and great introduction to the *Share the Light song: When We Shine Foundation*: www.youtube.com/watch?v=GfLdfX_2Fnc
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Melinda Carroll Music: www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mev1SJjHhTE

Looking Ahead

May's 5 Minute Global Enrichment will be on World Environment Day.

Questions?

Have questions on The World Song or how to incorporate Global in your Girl Scout Programming? Or need additional resources? Reach out to GSCO Girl Experience at girlsexperience@gscolorado.org and they can put you in touch with a member of GSCO's Global Action Team.