

Lyrics

Gather

Music and Stories by Susan Reed



RAIN

The sky is getting heavy, it's dark, hot, and sweaty
The clouds roll in, they're big, fat, and gray
I look up and wonder as the thunder rumbles through
Like a horseman bringing news, there's a storm on the way

The rain comes down, rushing through the streams
Back to the ocean and up to the sky
The rain comes down, it makes our planet squeaky clean
Then the sun shines bright from on high
You can run, you can hide, or hold your face up to the sky
You can try and jump the puddles or splash right in
You can duck, you can dive, or laugh out loud and just get wet
You can try and hold Mother Nature back, but you'll never win

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Did you ever wonder where those raindrops traveled from?
Did they float here from Alaska or come up the coast of Spain?
Did they rise from the Nile or sail round from Bangladesh
Or are they all mixed together- it's the whole world's rain?

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CAROUSEL

Circle left around the Merry Go Round
Circle right, watch the horses go up and down
Star right, as you reach for that ring
Star left, feel the music, it makes you want to sing

One's do-si-do around the Tilt-a Whirl
Then swing in the middle 'til the whole world's a blur
Take your friends by the hand in a line of four
Back up, shoot the Moon, send the two's right through that door
(that's it, there is no more.)

SUMMER BERRIES

Summer berries, it's hot, hot, hot
Summer berries help mark the spot
In the year, in the season, summer berries are the reason
We all love the summertime

June brings strawberries
Red, ripe, growing wild in the field
Children eat their fill, they drop a few in a cup
They charge a penny a berry 'til their all eaten up

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July brings raspberries
Frosty branches twist all along the path
Each berry's sweeter than the one before
It's worth reaching through the pricklers to get yourself some more

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August brings blueberries
Those bushes lined up like desks in a row

Warm berries from the heat of the sun
It won't be long before school's begun\

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BUTTERFLY

A round in three parts:

From an egg to a caterpillar
Into a chrysalis, a cocoon
Listen to the rhythm of the sun and the moon

Stretch your wings, break free
You can ride the wind
The time has come for your next journey to begin

Butterfly in the blue sky
Butterfly in the rain
Butterfly lay your eggs, life begins again

FRIENDS

This is a silly song about friends, because friends and silly go together...

I love making friends, it's easy
We all make new friends everyday
"Hi, my name's Susan. What's yours? Wanna play?"
It's that simple. It's all you have to say

But keeping friends, now that's much harder
You've got to share, take turns, and stay in touch
You need to ask, "How was your day? What's new, how are you?"
Even if the answer is "Not much."

Friends make the world go round
They pick you up when you are down
They share in your wildest dreams
Through the laughter and tears, friends last for years and years
Friends make the world go round

Taking care of your friends takes time. It takes a little bit of time, all the time. It's sort of like... taking care of your houseplants. Yeah, friends are like houseplants! So you should...

Water your friends and stick them in a pot
Bring them out in the sunshine when it's hot
Water your friends, squish dirt between their toes
And every now and then spray them down with a garden hose

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Friends need lots of attention, you know... like a pet. Yeah! Friends are kind of like having a new dog!

Play fetch with your friends, throw them a stick or a bone

Be sure to praise them when they bring it home
Play fetch with your friends until you wear them out
Then scratch them on the belly, behind their ears, and on their snout

Friends make the world go round
They pick you up when you are down
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If you take care of your friends everyday, well, that's the best. Then it's almost like... brushing your teeth! Yeah, friends are like brushing your teeth. So you should...

Brush your friends, with toothpaste twice a day
Brush them hard to keep those cavities at bay
Brush your friends, and don't forget to floss
Then it's rinse, spit, repeat, with the mouthwash

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When you're with your friends it's good to take turns. Don't always HOG the line...
You want to be a gracious host. So....

Let your friend go first when it's time for a shot
Tell the doctor your friend can take your spot
Let your friend go first when it's spinach pie for dinner
The first one done clears the plates- your friend can be the winner

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They pick you up when you are down
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Friends make the world go round
This silly song is almost over
With so many ways to be a friend
I'd better stop this text, who knows what I'll think up next?
So with that, goodbye, this is the end

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Friends are the best!

HOME

Soon you'll go out into the world
Taking steps you only imagined before
Like a bird on the wing- a songbird about to sing
You are reaching, reaching for more

But no matter where you are, no matter where you go
No matter if you're far or near
No matter where you've been I want you to know
You'll always have a home here

For many years we've watched you grow
You were born with all you needed we just pointed the way

Like a seed in the sun, your journey's long begun
It's your time to claim your days

But no matter where you are, no matter where you go
No matter if you're far or near
No matter where you've been I want you to know
You'll always have a home here

You will fail, you will succeed
You'll feel pain, yet you'll feel joy
You'll have frustration then clarity
You'll feel loneliness, you'll feel surrounded by love

But no matter where you are, no matter where you go
No matter if you're far or near
No matter where you've been I want you to know
You'll always have a home here

You have gifts to offer this troubled world
Gifts from your hands, your imagination, gifts of the heart
Like the stars in the night we've seen you shine just as bright
We believe in you, we look forward to your part

And no matter where you are, no matter where you go
No matter if you're far or near
No matter where you've been I want you to know
You'll always have a home here

MIDNIGHT SUN

With the stars shining bright the hunter rode the night
To the land of the Midnight Sun
Headed north on his steed it was a woman he did seek
To finish what he'd begun
To the Midnight Sun, the Midnight Sun
Headed north on his steed it was a woman he did seek
To finish what he'd begun

Midsummer Night by the lake the hunter did awake
Sprang to the ready, and drew his bow
Spoke a woman so fair, emerald gown, flowing hair
"I am the Wind, I am where'er you go
I'm from the Midnight Sun, The Midnight Sun"
Spoke a woman so fair, emerald gown, flowing hair
"I am the Wind, I am where'er you go"

Bow down he did stand, the hunter reached for her hand
She warned him, "Listen what I say
I am a woman in this light, with the Sun and Moon at night
But I am the Wind, I'll be gone by day
Back to the Midnight Sun, the Midnight Sun
I am a woman in this light, with the Sun and Moon at night
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LOOKING GLASS

Part 1

Through the looking glass, I see the future, heed the past
Through the looking glass, only the moment can last

Part 2

Each moment leads to another, then another on and on
Each moment leads to another, that's my song

CONTINENTS

Come travel round this world of ours
Spin round, blue and green
From the highest mountain peaks down to the sea
Come travel round this world
On each continent you'll see
It's home to you and me

There's North America and just below
South America, here we go...

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Spin round, blue and green
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There's North America and just below
South America, here we go...
Let's cross the ocean to Africa
Up above there's much more land
Europe touches Asia reaching round where we began...

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South America, here we go...
Let's cross the ocean to Africa
Up above there's much more land
Europe touches Asia reaching round where we began...
But we'll head down, down under, to Australia
Further south, like a bowl of ice... Antarctica

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Come travel round this world
On each continent you'll see
It's home to you and me

North America, South America
Africa, Europe and Asia
Australia, Antarctica
It's home to you and me
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CIRCLE THE SUN

Right hand round the Galaxy
Left hand back, come on and dance with me
Give two hands, turn your partner round the floor
Do-si-do through the Universe, twist and twirl

Circle the sun, one time round makes a year
Circle the sun and bring good cheer
Circle the sun, one time round makes a year
Circle the sun and bring good cheer

LISTEN TO YOUR DREAMS

When I grow up, what will I do?
Many grownups ask that same question too
How will I know what to be, will there be room enough for me
Will I fit in, what will I do?

Listen to your dreams, they'll tell you who you are
Know what you love and that will take you far
Just be sure to leave this world a better place than how you found it
It's the wish and not the star

It's good to know what makes you thirst for more
What is it that makes your spirit soar?
Put some joy in each day as you travel on your way
Love takes a lifetime to explore

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Just be sure to leave this world a better place than how you found it
It's the wish and not the star

You need to speak your individuality
Your take on life can lead our world community
We must all work together help each other through life's weather
We're all part of one humanity

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GATHER

We gather here but once a year
Drawn together by what we all share
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Drawn together by what we all share

It's the stories that bind us, the stories remind us
The stories will bring us together again

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Drawn together by what we all share
We gather here but once a year

Drawn together by what we all share
It's the music that bind us the music reminds us
The music will bring us together again

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It's the laughter that binds us, the laughter reminds us
The laughter will bring us together again

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It's the friendship that binds us the friendship reminds us
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