

TITLE SONG

1. CELEBRATIONS AROUND THE WORLD!*

Words and Music by
SALLY K. ALBRECHT

VOICES

With a driving beat (♩ = ca. 132)

5 *f*

Cel - e - bra - tions a - round the world. Come, join___ us and

8 (handclaps)

cel - e - brate! Cel - e - bra - tions a - round the world.

11 13 (opt. solos or small groups) *mf*

Come on and cel - e - brate now! 1. Man - y hol - i - days in
2. Come and join___ us as we

14

man - y lands. Come a - long___ with me and take my hand.
move a - long, learn - ing cus - toms as we sing a song.

*Use this title song as an opener or closer if assembling a program.

JAPAN

11. SAKURA

(Cherry Blossom Festival)

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About this Holiday...

In Japan, *matsuri* (maht-soo-ree) or festivals occur year-round, as the Japanese people remember the past and celebrate the future. Held in April, *Sakura* (sah-koo-rah), though not a legal holiday, is a popular day, announcing the coming of spring. Families arrange their schedules so that they can enjoy the beautiful outdoors as the flowers bloom. Sakura, the cherry blossom, is the national flower of Japan.

Delicately (♩ = ca. 88) 3 *mp*

VOICES

Sa - ku - ra,* Sa - ku - ra,

4
Cher - ry Blossom Fes - ti - val; Ha - ru ga ki - ta,*

6 *rit. last time* *Fine* 8 *mf*
spring has come, spring has come. — 1. Now is the time, smell the
2. See cher - ry blos - som in

9
fra - grance if you please. Cap - ture the beau - ty of
park or coun - try - side. Tak - ing the time to be

11
flow - ers, birds, and trees. (whistle, hum or "oo")
there when spring ar - rives. (repeat twice)

*Sah-koo-rah, Hah-roo gah kee-tah

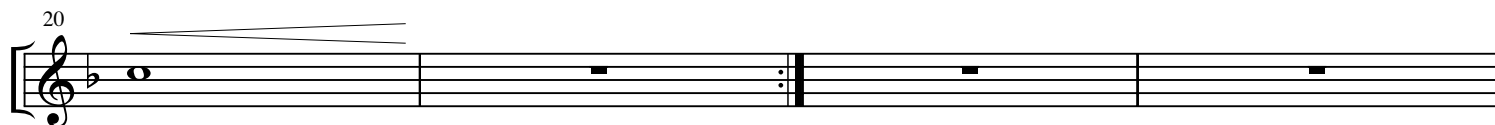
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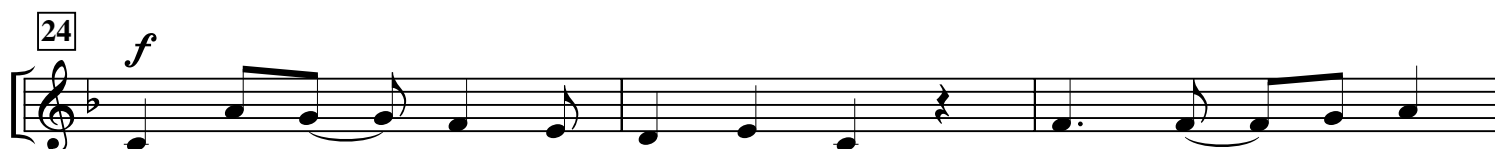


Trav - el 'round the earth to dif - f'rent worlds.
New tra - di - tions we can cel - e - brate.

See the flags un -
We can hard - ly

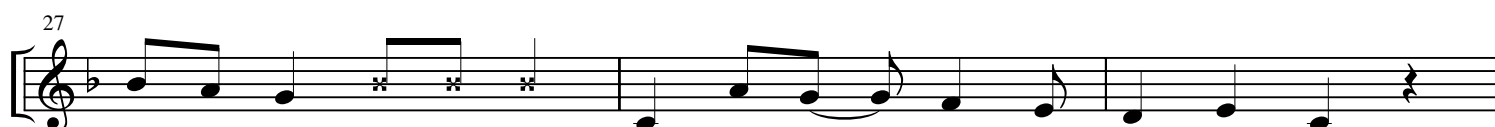


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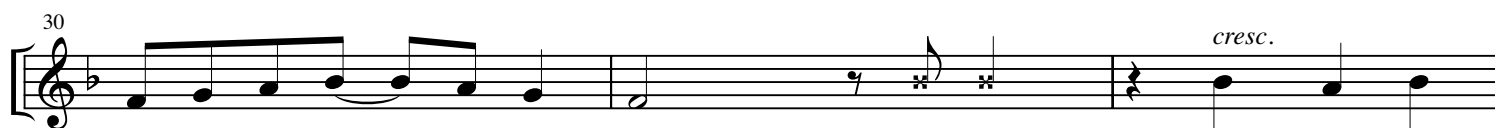
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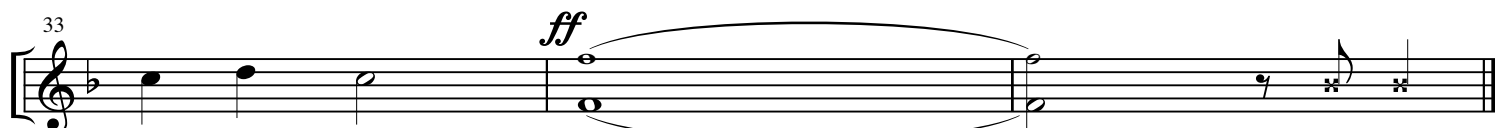
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Come on and cel - e - brate now!

Come on and



cel - e - brate

now! _____

BRAZIL

5. CARNIVAL

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About this Holiday...

In Brazil, six weeks before Easter is *Carnival*, a time for parties and parades. Also celebrated in France, Haiti, Italy, Trinidad and the United States (where it's known as Mardi Gras), the festivities include eating rich foods. This precedes the Christian season of Lent, when many people fast or give up certain foods.

Lively samba (♩ = ca. 80) 3 *mf*

VOICES

1. It's the big - gest par - ty,
2. You can do the Sam - ba,

5
what a fes - ti - val! — In Ri - o de Ja - nei - ro, they
drum - mers play the beat. — Just wear your fan - cy cos - tume while

9 11
real - ly have a ball. — All the pret - ty cos - tumes that
danc - ing down the street. — Bands and floats com - pet - ing, the

13
ev - 'ry - one en - joys. — No, it's not just for grown -
crowds will cheer them on. — Now ev - 'ry - bod - y join —

16 *f* 19
- ups, it's for all the girls and boys. { Car - ni - val, —
— in, ev - 'ry - bod - y come a - long. }

20
Car - ni - val. — You can call it — Fat Tues - day, — or

25 27
call it Mar - di Gras. Car - ni - val, — Car - ni - val. —

30 *D.C.*
It's the wild - est, — mer - ri - est, — hap - pi - est fes - ti - val. —

7. FIESTA DEL GRILLE*

(Cricket Festival)

Based on Italian Folk Song
Arranged, with new words and music, by
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About this Holiday...

The city of Florence, Italy, has a festival like none other to celebrate the arrival of spring. It's called *Fiesta del Grille* or *The Cricket Festival*. Children hunt for chirping crickets, a sign of spring and good luck, and place them in small wicker cages the night before the festival. On the *Fiesta del Grille*, families bring picnics—and their crickets—to the town square. At the end of the day, the singing crickets are set free, bringing good luck to all!

With a lilt (♩ = ca. 60)
(ad. lib. finger snaps to sound like crickets)

VOICE

mf

1. Join me
2. Mam - ma

maes - tro,* _____ come to Flor - ence, sing - ing crick - ets _____ tell of
mi - a, _____ come to see - a all the crick - ets, _____ luck comes

spring - time. Get your cag - es, _____ bring a pic - nic and your
with them. Day is o - ver, _____ sun is set - ting, crick - ets

f

crick - et; _____ Now it's spring - time! Fi - es - ta del
fret - ting; _____ We must free them! Fi - es - ta del

finger snaps

Gril - le, Fi - es - ta del Gril - le. Join me
Gril - le, Fi - es - ta del Gril - le. Mam - ma

maes - tro, _____ come to Flor - ence for Fi - es - ta del Gril - le.
mi - a, _____ come to see - a the Fi - es - ta del Gril - le.

*Fee-eh-stah dehl Gree-leh (Festival of the Cricket), My-stroh (master - a name children call their teacher)

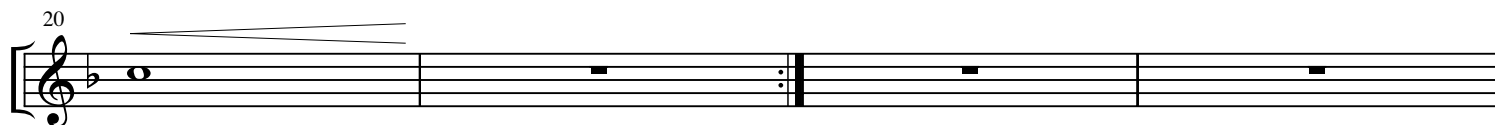
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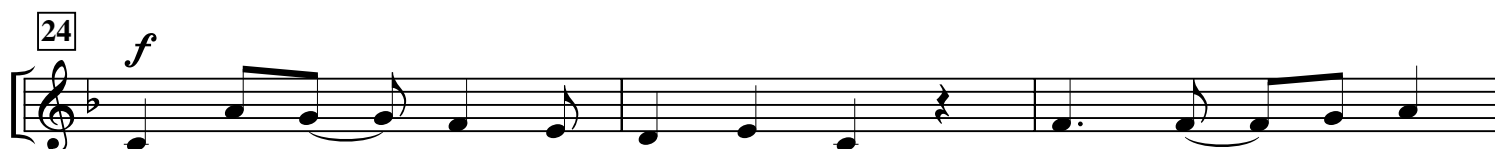


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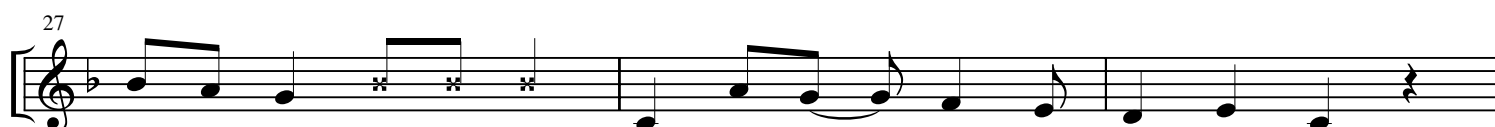


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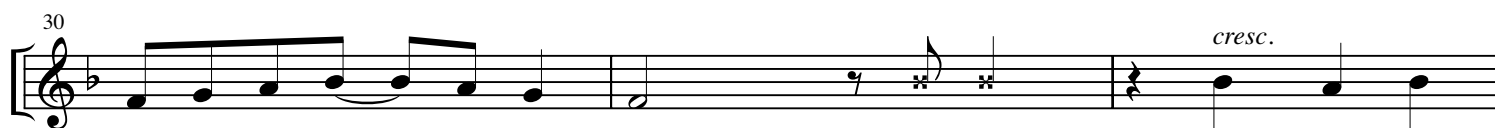
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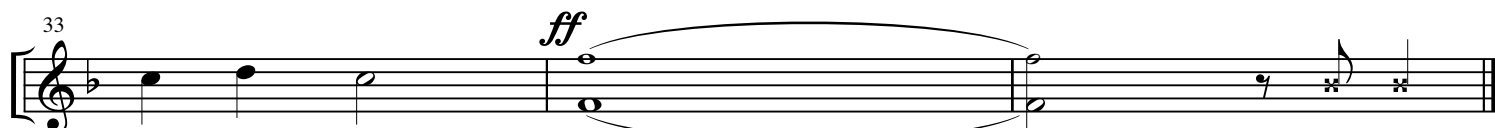
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