



Musical Rounds



As Arco's mom said, a round has harmony built right in. You just have to start the song at different times. Watch this video to see how it works.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2d_GLx4_bg

See what these girls added to make it even more fancy.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ITvyJniLMGY>

If you try singing a round with other people, you will have to **concentrate**

It is not as easy as it looks in the videos.

Arco got a little frustrated at first because he kept singing what his mom was singing instead of keeping with his own part.

Some tips for singing a round

- You might find it hard not to sing what another person is singing. You could try covering your ears a little so that you hear yourself better, and other people less
- If it is hard to start at the right time, ask someone to be the conductor. The conductor will point at each person when they should start singing

Arco and his mom kept practicing until they got really good at singing rounds. 💡

They practiced while they got ready for dinner, and they practiced in the car. **They both decided that concentrating on singing helped them feel more calm. It also made them turn off the news on the radio and that made Arco feel more calm, too.** 💡

Alba Crow and **Blanche Crow** are singing this round, called *White Sands and Gray Sands*:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sVEJVCo0oJY>

Now that you know the words, you could sing with the crows. Or, see how it sounds being sung by this young peoples' choir:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WK_PqxO3ngc

Musical Canons

There is a kind of music called a "canon." It is like a round because different instruments use the same melody at different times. Here is one of the most famous canons.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ptk_1Dc2iPY