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Mamba, Mamba, Jolie Mamba (traditional Creole)

Translation: Mama, mama, pretty mama! All hail mama!

Call: Mamba, mamba, jolie mamba!

Response: A-yeh, mamba

Call: Mamba, mamba, jolie mamba!

Response: A-yeh, mamba

Everyone:

Mamba-yeh, mambai-yoh, mamba-yeh

Call: Jolie mamba

Response: A-yeh, mamba

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Circle of the Sun (words and music by Sally Rogers)

Call: Babies are born in the circle of the sun!

Response: Circle of the sun on a birthin' day!

Call: Babies are born in the circle of the sun!

Response: Circle of the sun on a birthin' day!

Clouds to the East, Clouds to the West!

Wind and rain to the North and the South!

Call: Babies are born in the circle of the sun!

Response: Circle of the sun on a birthin' day!

Call: Children take their first step...

Response: ... walkin' day

Call: Children speak their first word...

Response: ... talkin' day

Call: I hope to be married...

Response: ... weddin' day

Call: I hope to die...Spread my ashes...

Response: ... Dyin' day

Call: Babies are born...

Response: Circle of the sun on a birthin' day!

I Am Part of My Community (words and music by MaryLee Sunseri, © 1998)

I wanted to know the names of the babies in my parent music classes, so I wrote this song.

I am part of my community

I have a place in the circle!

What is your name?

My name is _____

Hey, hey, _____

Hey, hey, _____

Hey, hey, _____

Hey, hey, _____

Fanga A La Fia (traditional Nigerian)

Call: Fanga——a la fi-a
Response: A-se, a-se

Call: Fanga a la fi-a
Response: A-se, a-se

Call: A-se, a-se
Response: A-se, a-se
Call: A-se, a-se
Everyone: A-se, a-se

We All Came To Welcome You (traditional Doula song from Colorado)

We all came to welcome you
We all came to your birth
We all came to welcome you
To welcome you to earth

And I was there to love you
I was there to love you
I was there to love you
And give my body for your quick and easy entrance here
From heaven's open door

We Come From The Mountain (traditional Jamaican)

We come from the mountain
Living in the mountain
Go back to the mountain
Turn the world around
We~~~
Come ~~~
From~~~
The mountain
Go back to the mountain
Turn the world around!

River
Ocean
Father
Mother

Hobby Horse May Song (traditional English May Day song)

Unite and unite and let us all unite
For summer is a'comin' today
And wither we are going
We will all unite in the merry morning of May

Where I Sit Is Holy (traditional Native American)

Where I sit is holy,
Holy is the ground.
Forest, mountain, river—
Listen to my sound!
Great spirit circling
All around me!
stand - dance - breathe
live - sing - sleep

Hey, Pretty Baby (Woody Guthrie)

Hey, hey pretty baby!
Hey hey, pretty baby's baby!
Ho, ho, pretty baby!
Ha, ha, pretty babe!

Who's my pretty baby? Who's my pretty baby's baby?
You my pretty baby! Hey, hey, pretty babe!

Who be my big man? Who be my nice lady?
Who be my rumple dumplin'? Hey, hey, pretty babe?
Who be my big man? Who be my nice lady?
Who be my apple dumplin'? Hey, hey, pretty babe!

Who's my pretty baby?
Who's gonna be my pretty little baby?
Who's gonna be my pretty little baby?
Hey, hey, pretty babe!

~ Mama's gone away now. Mama's gone away now.
Mama's gone away now. Ho, ho, pretty babe!
~ Daddy, he's gone, too! Daddy, he's gone, too!
Daddy, he's gone, too! Ho, ho, pretty babe!
~ Go to sleep my baby! Go to sleep my pretty little baby!
Go to sleep my pretty little baby!
Go to sleep my pretty little babe!

Kee Lay Lay (traditional Congolese)

Kee lay lay, kee lay lay
(Kee lay lay, kee lay lay)
ay-o, ayo, kee lay lay
(Ay-o, ayo, kee lay lay)
Kee lay lay, kee lay lay
(Kee lay lay, kee lay lay)
ay-o, ayo, kee lay lay
(Ay-o, ayo, kee lay lay)

Bengali Infant Massage Chant (traditional Bengalese)

A-mi, to-ma-ke, bal-lo bashi bebe
A-mi, to-ma-ke, bal-lo bashi bebe
A-mi, to-ma-ke, bal-lo bashi bebe
A-mi, to-ma-ke, bal-lo bashi bebe

There Is A Garden (traditional Norwegian)

I went to Devon, England to study overtone chant with Jill Purce. Ten days of singing word chants, and sound chants. It was an amazing experience! Near the end of our time of singing together, one beautiful voice sang out this simple song.

There is a garden
With beautiful peace
With flowers and trees
With lilacs and bees

There is a place
The most magnificent place
Where we can have space
Space...space...space