One of the most flourishing areas of recording in Canada is children’s materials. A good proportion of these albums have a definite folk music focus, and a number of them draw heavily from Canadian folk music traditions. We have rounded up as many of these as we could, but we have missed some. Please help us out if you know of an album we should include.

The entries in this section are arranged alphabetically by the performer’s last name (or the group name, if appropriate).

**Rick Avery and Judy Greenhill: Land of the Silver Birch**

Contains delightful versions of a number of Canadian traditional tunes interpreted for children. Some of the songs included are Jack Was Every Inch a Sailor, Rattle on the Stovepipe and Life in a Prairie Shack.

*Stock number: JR583  
Cost: $10.00  
Member’s price: $8.00*

Rick and Judy have an album listed in the Traditional Song: Geographical section (Harbour Grace).

**Heather Bishop: Belly Button**

Composed songs for children performed with vigour and very interesting arrangements. The album has a very nice feel to it and is good listening.

*Stock number: MP003  
Cost: $10.00  
Member’s price: $8.00*

Heather Bishop has three other albums listed in the New Songs section.

**Breakfast with Brandywine**

A collection of songs for kids done up by Brandywine who are Dave and Andy Spalding from Edmonton. The album includes a song-activity book and songs such as Gingerbread Man, Ain’t It Great to be Crazy, a medley of skipping songs and Parade of the Tin Soldiers.

*Stock number: FRY1  
Cost: $10.00  
Member’s price: $8.00*

**David Campbell: Through the Eyes of a Child**

David Campbell has been a frequent guest on Mr. Dress-up and demonstrated his flair for composing and performing for children of all ages. This is a children’s album, but certainly has lots for grown-ups too. Includes Ride your Little Donkey, One Wish and Waitin’ In the Doctor’s Office.

*Stock number: N8  
Cost: $12.00  
Member’s price: $10.00*

David also has an album in the New Song section (pg. 22).
Children’s Recordings

Cathy Fink, Duck Donald and Peter Paul Van Camp: I’m Gonna Tell

A fine album of people having — and giving — a good time. Includes children’s favourites such as Melinda, Little Orphant Annie, The Rummy Dummy Line and Charmin’ Betsy. Cathy’s new children’s album, Grandma slid Down the Mountain (Stock number R8010) is also available through the Mail Order Service.

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Cathy and Duck also have an album listed in the Traditional Songs: Western Canada section.

Friendly Giant: Concert of Concerts

“Look up, way up” for this album of instrumental tunes from one of Canada’s longest-running TV shows. Friendly, Rusty and Jerome play a number of different medleys on various instruments (e.g. vibes, recorder, cello, celiste). There are sets of tunes dealing with railroads, seafood, pretty things and lots more.

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Pat Carfra (The Lullaby Lady): Lullabies and Laughter

Pat Carfra began singing to babies as a nurse in Montreal. Since then she has become known as the “Lullaby Lady,” performing on TV and in nurseries. This album contains 33 lullabys and play songs for babies and small children as well as a lyric sheet. It has been described as a “valuable contribution to the important field of children’s music particularly because it lends itself to the active involvement of parents.” This is fine album in its encouragement of an important tradition in folk music.

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Pat Carfra (The Lullaby Lady): Songs for Sleepyheads and Out-of-Beds

This is the “Lullaby Lady’s” second album. It contains 41 easy-to-sing lullabys and play songs for very young children. A Lyric sheet and some tips on using the songs is also included. “Sing to your child,” says Pat. “Something special will happen.”

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Jim and Rosalie: Listen to Me

Jim and Rosalie are a Toronto-based duo who compose songs for children. Their albums include booklets which suggest activities to go along with the songs.

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Jim and Rosalie: At the Music Factory

A second volume of kids’ songs.

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Jim and Rosalie: Songs in Action

This third album is aimed specifically at children from ages 3 to 9 and includes some French language material as well as a Newfoundland medley.

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Matt: Comment ca va?

French songs performed for children by this fine Canadian artist. There is a song sheet included. Some of the songs on the album are: Rock and Roll Frere Jacques, Comment y aller?, Bonjour Monsieur.

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Mariposa in the Schools: Going Bananas

A potpourri of childrens’ songs performed by the MITS artists. Includes A la volette, Haul Away Joe, Frere Jacques and lots more.

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Mariposa in the Schools: Banana Split

Features a variety of MITS performers with an interesting selection of songs from their school programming. Includes Down in the Valley, J'entend le moulin, La Bastringue and many more.

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Sandy Offenheim: If Snowflakes Fell in Flavours

Songs written by this talented children’s performer including Eye to Tummy, Peanut Butter and I Am Ready to Eat Spaghetti.

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Sandy Offenheim and Family: Are We There Yet?

A second album featuring songs by Sandy such as Allison’s Elephant Fell on the Floor, Starship, and Faces Faces Names and Places.

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Sandy Offenheim and Family: Nicknames

Lots more fine kid’s songs including Hug Me, How Do You Count Your Birthdays and Hide and Seek.

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Eric Nagler: Fiddle Up a Tune

A variety of tunes especially for children. Includes a booklet that contains all you need to know to build and play the musical saw, bleach bottle banjo, jew’s harp, washtub bass, tin can bongos, spoons, combs, cornstalk fiddle, slide whistle and glass bottle carillon.

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Children’s Recordings

Fred Penner: The Cat Came Back

Fred Penner is one of Canada’s finest children’s performers. This is his first album which contains a variety of tunes including I Had a Rooster, Teagan’s Lullaby and the Story of Blunder. It is recommended for ages 3 through 10 years.

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Fred Penner: The Polka Dot Pony

This is Fred’s second album (1981) and contains lots of great material such as L’il Liza Jane, Poco, Never Smile at a Crocodile and Julie Gerond and the Polka Dot Pony. Includes an insert with lyrics.

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Fred Penner: Special Delivery

More songs for kids. This album, Fred’s third, was recorded in 1983 and contains quite a bit of traditional material (e.g. Polly Wolly Doodle, Old Sow Song, This Old Man, The Fox, En roulant and Bon soir, mes amis).

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Francine Pilon, Mario Lioselle and Pierre Pilon: Train-train de chansons

A delightful cassette-book set of songs for young people. The book, which contains the lyrics of these French-language songs, is beautifully presented. The cassette is very well recorded with highly interesting arrangements for children. Many of the tunes are from traditional sources, but the lyrics are newer. It is an excellent resource for young children learning to speak French.

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Raffi: Singable Songs for the Very Young

This album started one of the most amazing stories in the Canadian music history. In the early ’70s Raffi started performing for kids, drawing his material from a number of sources, including traditional folk music. Slowly his reputation grew and before long (in 1976) he recorded this first album. This was the signal for an incredibly vibrant industry to begin to flourish. The time was right, and Raffi had an effective approach, to offer parents a kind of music for their kids that had not been available. This album contains lots of traditional songs (e.g. Down By the Bay, Five Little Pumpkins) as well as some songs composed especially for children (e.g. I Wonder If I’m Growing?, Spider on the Floor). A booklet with words and descriptive notes is also enclosed.

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Raffi: More Singable Songs

This second album was made in 1977 in response to the phenomenal success of the first one. It includes traditional material such as Workin’ On the Railroad and Les petites marionettes as well as some newer material (e.g. Junior Ragtime, If I Had a Dinosaur). Includes an insert with the song lyrics.

Stock number: TR0004
Cost: $10.00
Member’s price: $8.00

Raffi: The Corner Grocery Store

This is the third album in the series (1979). There is continued contact with traditional music (e.g. Frere Jacques, Sur le pont d’Avignon) as well as some composed American material (e.g. Pick a Bale O’Cotton, Jig Along Home) and more recently written material (e.g. My Way Home, Popcorn). An insert with the lyrics is included.

Stock number: TR0007
Cost: $10.00
Member’s price: $8.00

Raffi: Baby Beluga

This is Raffi’s fourth album (1980) of songs for children and the young at heart. As with the others there is a fine variety of material from diverse sources.

Stock number: TR0010
Cost: $10.00
Member’s price: $8.00

Raffi: Rise and Shine

This album was released in 1982 as a fifth in the series. As with the others, there is lots of traditional material (e.g. Five Little Ducks, Tete epaules) and some newer songs as well (e.g. Rise and Shine, I’m in the Mood).

Stock number: TR0023
Cost: $10.00
Member’s price: $8.00

Raffi’s Christmas Album

This latest album from Raffi (1983) is a change from the previous ones by being a theme album. It presents songs chosen to convey a child’s Christmas. Included are some traditional carols (e.g. The First Noel, Away in a Manger), some tin pan alley songs (e.g. Frosty the Snowman, Rudolph) and some written by Raffi (e.g. On Christmas Morning, Every Little Wish).

Stock number: TR0026
Cost: $10.00
Member’s price: $8.00

Sharon, Lois and Bram: One Elephant, Deux Elephants

Described as a children’s record for the whole family, this is the first in a series by a most talented trio of Canadian children’s performers. This first (1978) album drew its material from a wide variety of sources and rapidly emerged as one of the most popular recordings in the Canadian children’s music movement.

Stock number: LEN7801
Cost: $10.00
Member’s price: $8.00

Sharon, Lois and Bram: Smorgasbord

This second album (1979) shows an increasing variety in both the material and the arrangements. The instrumentation is assisted by well-known traditional players such as Philippe Bruneau and Harry Hibbs.

Stock number: LEN7902
Cost: $10.00
Member’s price: $8.00

Sharon, Lois and Bram: Singing ’n Swinging

This third in the series (1980) shows increased diversity in the instrumentation. It includes songs such as Ticka Tacka Telephone, The Cat Came Back and Aba Daba Honeymoon.

Stock number: LEN8004
Cost: $10.00
Member’s price: $8.00

Sharon, Lois and Bram: In the Schoolyard

A collection of songs and games collected from schoolyards and interpreted for performance. There is a wealth of material in this 1981 album which contains a 20 page illustrated booklet with words, music, games and actions.

Stock number: LEN8105
Cost: $10.00
Member’s price: $8.00

Sharon, Lois and Bram: One, Two, Three, Four, Look Who’s Coming Through the Door!

Recorded before a live audience in Oakville, Ontario, in 1982, this album shows how Sharon, Lois and Bram work with large audiences of children. It includes some fine material and lively performances.

Stock number: LEN8207
Cost: $10.00
Member’s price: $8.00
Children’s Recordings

Sharon, Lois and Bram: Mainly Mother Goose
This 1984 album contains songs and rhymes chosen from various written nursery rhyme traditions. Performances are assisted by an extensive variety of instruments.

Stock number: LEN8409
Cost: $10.00
Member’s price: $ 8.00

Chris and Ken Whiteley: Junior Jug Band
A tremendous variety of music served up in many different ways especially for kids. Instrumentation includes guitar, harmonica, trumpet, banjo, dobro, accordian, wash tub bass and much, much more. Some of the songs included are: Down By the Riverside, Walk Right In and Purple People Eater.

Stock number: TR0018
Cost: $10.00
Member’s price: $ 8.00

Tanglefoot: Igg’s Pig — Songs and Stories for Young Canadians
Includes a mix of poems, rhymes, songs and tunes selected for young folks. There is a variety of instrumentation throughout (harmonica, fiddle, guitar and mandolin). Songs include some traditional material (e.g. This Old Man, Hey Diddle Diddle) and composed songs (e.g. Igg’s Pig, Hey Piggy Piggy).

Stock number: WR8030
Cost: $10.00
Member’s price: $ 8.00

Tanglefoot: Touch the Pioneers — A Songbook
A collection of Canadian materials used by Tanglefoot, a group from Peterborough, Ontario who perform in schools. Edited by Catherine Grant, this nicely-presented book has sections on Fish Fur and Trees, Welcome to New France, Touch the Pioneers, Mosquitoes Mudholes and rebelRebels, and Cold Comfort. Musical notation, lyrics, chords, some background and interesting graphic support is provided for each of the 17 songs included. There is a mix of original and traditional materials in the book.

Stock number: BW1984
Cost: $ 6.00
Member’s price: $ 5.00

various artists: Children’s Game Songs of French Canada
This 10” LP contains a gold mine of material for teachers and children’s performers. There are action songs, cumulative tunes and all sorts of great items drawn from schools in Montreal (1956). The English liner notes provide instructions for the action songs and translations.

Stock number: FC7214
Cost: $10.00
Member’s price: $ 8.00

various artists: Canada’s Favourite Folksongs for Kids
A collection of folk songs sung for, and with the help of, children. Includes some medleys of Newfoundland and French Canadian songs as well as single songs such as the Huron Carol, When the Ice Worms Nest Again.

Stock number: BER9031
Cost: $10.00
Member’s price: $ 8.00

The Travellers: Merry-Go-Round
Children’s songs performed by one of Canada’s best known folk groups. Includes songs written by group members, some written by others, as well as some traditional tunes (e.g. C’est l’aviron, Cabin in a Wood), with a children’s chorus helping out.

Stock number: LEN8003
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