



**YMCA Camp Orkila OTC Songbook
2018 Guitar Edition**

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1. The Blanket Song

Chords—Alternating E and D

Should your blankets be torn
May your breezes blow warm
May your treasures be what you find
May the burdens you bear
Like your bounties be share
May you leave something good behind
Should the sky and the land
Rise to your command
May your senses cut like the knife
Live in peace with the earth
As in death as in birth
May you prosper and lead a good life
Na na na na na na,
Na na na na na na
Na na na na naaaa na na
(repeat the na na's)

Repeat all

2. Puff the Magic Dragon

G bm C G
Puff the magic dragon lived by the sea and
C G em
Frolicked in the autumn mist
 A7 D7
By a land called Ha-na-lee
G bm C G
Little Jackie Paper loved that rascal Puff and
C G em A7 D7 G D7
Brought him strings and sealing wax and other fancy stuff — OH

Chorus:

Puff the magic dragon lived by the sea and
Frolicked in the autumn mist by a land called Ha-na-lee
Puff the magic dragon lived by the sea and frolicked in the autumn mist in
a land called Ha-na-lee

Together they would travel on a boat with billowed sails
Jackie kept a look out perched on Puff's gigantic tail
Noble kings and princes
Would bow whene'er they came
Pirate ships would lower their flags when Puff roared out his name — OH

Chorus

A dragon lives forever, but not so little boys
Painted wings and giant rings make way for other toys
One grey night it happened, Jackie Paper came no more
And Puff that mighty dragon, he ceased his fearless roar

No Chorus

His head was bent in sorrow, green scales fell like rain
Puff no longer went to play along the cherry lane
Without his lifelong friend, Puff could not be brave
So Puff that mighty dragon sadly slipped into his cave.

Chorus

3. Jet Plane

All my ^Dbags are packed, I'm ^Gready to go
I'm ^Dstandin' here ^Goutside your door
I ^Dhate to wake you ^Gup to say ^{A7}goodbye
But the ^Ddawn is breakin', it's ^Gearly morn
The ^Dtaxi's waitin', he's ^Gblowin' his horn
^DAlready I'm ^Gso lonesome I could ^{A7}cry

Chorus:

So kiss me and smile for me
Tell me that you'll wait for me
Hold me like you'll never let me go
'Cause I'm leavin' on a jet plane
Don't know when I'll be back again
Oh babe, I hate to go

Chorus

Now the time has come to leave you
One more time; let me kiss you
Then close your eyes; I'll be on my way
Dream about the days to come
When I won't have to leave alone
About the times, I won't have to say...

4. Gypsy Rover

^G The ^{D7} Gypsy Rover ^G came ^{D7} over the hill

^G Down ^{D7} through the valley ^G so ^{D7} shady

^G He ^{D7} whistled and he ^G sang ^{D7} till the ^G green ^C woods rang

^G And he ^C won the ^{G C} heart ^{D7} of a lady

Chorus:

Ah dee do ah dee do an dee day

Ah dee do ah dee day dee

He whistled and he sang till the green woods rang

And he won the heart of a lady

She left her fathers castle gates

She left her own fond lover

She left her servants and her estate

To follow the Gypsy Rover

Chorus

Her father saddled his fastest steed

Searching the valleys all over

He sought his daughter at great speed

And the whistling Gypsy Rover

Chorus

At last he came o the mansion fine

Down by the river Glady

And there was music and there was wine

For the Gypsy and his lady

Chorus

He is no Gypsy my father she said

My lord of free lands all over

And I will stay till my dying day

With the whistling Gypsy Rover

5. Blowin' In The Wind CAPO 3

^GHow many ^Croads must a ^Gman walk down

Before you ^Ccall him a ^Gman?

And how many ^Cseas must a ^Gwhite dove sail

^GBefore she ^Csleeps in the ^{D7}sand?

And how many ^Gtimes must the ^Ccannon balls fly ^G

^GBefore they're ^Cforever ^{D7}banned?

^CThe answer, my friend, is ^{D7}blowin' in the ^Gwind, ^{em}

^CThe answer is ^{D7}blowin' in the ^Gwind.

How many times must a man look up

Before he can see the sky?

And how many ears must one man have

Before he can hear people cry?

And how many deaths will it take till he knows

That too many people have died?

The answer, my friend, is blowin' in the wind,

The answer is blowin' in the wind.

How many years can a mountain exist

Before it's washed to the sea?

And how many years can some people exist

Before they're allowed to be free?

And how many times can a man turn his head,

Pretending he just doesn't see?

The answer, my friend, is blowin' in the wind,

The answer is blowin' in the wind.

6. Today

Chorus:

C am F G7
Today, while the blossoms still cling to the vine
C am F G7
I'll taste your strawberries, I'll drink your sweet wine
C C7 F G7
A million tomorrows shall all pass away
C am F G7 C
'ere I forget all the joy that is mine, today

I'll be a dandy, and I'll be a rover
You'll know who I am by the songs that I sing
I'll feast at your table, I'll sleep in your clover
Who cares what tomorrow shall bring

Chorus

I can't be contented with yesterday's glory
I can't live on promises winter to spring
Today is my moment, now is my story
I'll laugh and I'll cry and I'll sing

Chorus

7. Lean on Me

C F
Sometimes in our lives

C
we all have pain

Em G
We all have sorrow

C F
But if we are wise

C
We know that there's

G C
always tomorrow

Chorus:

Lean on me, when you're not strong

And I'll be your friend

I'll help you carry on

For it won't be long

'Til I'm gonna need

Somebody to lean on

Please swallow your pride

If I have things

you need to borrow

For no one can fill

those of your needs

That you don't let show

8. River

Capo 5

G C G
I was born in the path of the winter wind
C D7
And raised where the mountains are old.
G C G
Their springtime waters came dancing down,
D7 G
I remember the tales they told

The whistling ways of my younger days
Too quickly have faded on by
But all of their memories linger on
Like the light in the fading sky.

Chorus:

G G7 C D G G7
River take me along in your sunshine,
C D C D G
sing me your song ever moving and winding and free
C bm
You rolling old river,
am G
You changing old river,
C D C bm am G
Let's you and me, river, run down to the sea.

Well, I've been to the city and I've been back again,
I've been moved by some things that I've learned,
Met a lot of good people and I've called them friends,
Felt the change when the seasons turned.
I've heard all the songs that the children sing,
And I've listened to love's melodies
I've felt my own music within me rise
Like the wind in the autumn trees

Chorus

Some day when the flowers are blooming still,
Some day when the grass is still green,
My rolling waters will round the bend
And flow to the open sea.
So here's to the rainbow that's followed me here,
And here's to the friends that I know,
And here's to the song that's within me now,
I sing it wherever I go.

9. Last Chance (Pat Tye and Frank Candelario)

em D
Here I am sitting on a mountain
C D
Looking at the valley below me
em D
Never before have I seen such beauty
C D
Never have I had such a feeling
C D
I wish I could stay here forever
C D G
I know I can't but I can keep those memories

Chorus:

 G C
It's our last chance, it's our last chance
 G C
It's our last chance to praise the day
 G C
It's our last chance, it's our last chance
 G C
It's our last chance to praise the day

The ocean's on fire with the burning of a sunset
Better look quick or you'll miss it
It doesn't last long but boy when it's gone
You've got to admit it was worth it
I wish I could stay here forever
I know I can't but I can keep those memories

Chorus

Patos Island glowing in the moonlight
Friends around the campfire
Occasionally an eagle flies by
And boy I couldn't get much higher
I wish I could stay here forever
I know I can't but I can keep those memories

Chorus

Sleeping outside under the sky
Stars to entertain us
Makes me realize this ain't no accident
Beauty comes straight from heaven
Someone put us here for a reason
I won't mention names but I think you know who I mean

Chorus

10. Campfire Closing

Capo 5

am em am em
Orkila, Orkila
am em am em
Let me tell you how I feel
am em
You have given
am em
me your riches
am em am em
I love you so

11. Bamboo

D
You take a stick of Bamboo
C
You take a stick of Bamboo
D
You take a stick of Bamboo
C D
You throw it on the water

Refrain:

D C D
Oh-Oh, oh-oh Hannah
D C D
River she come down,
C D
River she come down

You travel cross the river
You travel cross the river
You travel cross the river
You travel cross the water

Refrain

My home's across the river
My home's across the river
My home's across the river
My home's across the water
Refrain

Repeat first verse

12. Say When

D

Say when, will we ever meet again

A7

Say when, will we ever meet again

D

Say when, will we ever meet again

A7

D

Say when dear friend say when

Say why, does this parting make me cry...

Say where, and I'll meet you right there...

Say why, does this parting make me cry...

Say who, could I ever love but you...

D

A&

D

Say when, say where, say why, say who

13. This Land is Your Land (Woody Guthrie)

Chorus:

D G D
This land is your land, this land is my land

A7 D D7
From California to the New York Island

G D
From the redwood forest to the Gulf Stream waters

A7 D
this land was made for you and me

As I was walking that ribbon of highway
I saw above me that endless skyway
I saw below me that golden valley
This land was made for you and me

Chorus

I've roamed and rambled and I followed my footsteps
To the sparkling sands of her diamond deserts
And all around me a voice was sounding
This land was made for you and me

Chorus

When the sun came shining and I was strolling
And the wheat fields waving and the dust clouds rolling
As the fog was lifting a voice was chanting
This land was made for you and me

Chorus

14. Amazing Grace (John Newton)

C C7 F C
Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound
 am G G7
That saved a wretch like me
C C7 F C
I once was lost but now am found
 am G7 C F C
Was blind, but now, I see.

T'was Grace that taught
my heart to fear
And Grace, my fears relieved.
How precious did that Grace appear
the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares
we have already come.
T'was Grace that brought us safe thus far
and Grace will lead us home.

When we've been here ten thousand years
bright shining as the sun.
We've no less days to sing God's praise
then when we've first begun.

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now am found
Was blind, but now, I see.

15. One Tin Soldier (Dennis Cambert & Brian Potter)

C G am
Listen, children, to a story that was written long ago,
F C dm7 G
'Bout a kingdom on a mountain and the valley far below.

C G am
On the mountain was a treasure buried deep beneath the stone,
F C dm7 G7 C
And the valley people swore they'd have it for their very own.

Chorus:

C em F C
Go ahead and hate your neighbor, go ahead and cheat a friend.
em F C
Do it in the name of Heaven, you can justify it in the end.
em F C
There won't be any trumpets blowing come the judgment day,
F C
On the bloody morning after... One tin soldier rides away.

So the people of the valley sent a message up the hill,
Asking for the buried treasure, tons of gold for which they'd kill.
Came an answer from the kingdom, "With our brothers we will share
All the secrets of our mountain, all the riches buried there."

Chorus

Now the valley cried with anger, "Mount your horses! Draw your swords!"
And they killed the mountain-people, so they won their just reward.
Now they stood beside the treasure, on the mountain, dark and red.
Turned the stone and looked beneath it... "Peace on Earth" was all it said.

Chorus

16. Country Roads (John Denver)

^G
Almost heaven, ^{em} West Virginia

^D Blue ridge mountains, ^C Shenandoah ^G river

Life is old there, ^{em} older than the trees

^D Younger than the mountains, ^C blowing like a ^G breeze

Chorus:

^G Country roads, take me ^D home

^{em} To the place, ^C I belong

^G West Virginia, mountain ^D momma

Take me ^C home, country ^G roads

All my memories, gather 'round her
Miner's lady, stranger to blue water
Dark and dusty, painted on the sky
Misty taste of moonshine, teardrop in my eye
Chorus

^{em} I hear her ^D voice, in the ^G morning when she calls to me

^C The radio ^G reminds me of my ^D home far away

And driving' down the road I get a ^F feeling' ^C

^G That I should have been home ^D yesterday, ^{D7} yesterday

Chorus

18. Give Me a Rose

G em G em
Give me a rose in the winter time When it's hard to find

G em
Give me a rose in the winter time

C D
I've got roses on my mind

G em
A rose is sweet

G em
Most anytime and yet

G em C D G
Give me a rose in the winter time. And how easily we forget

Give me peace when there's talk of war. When it's hard to find
Give me peace when there's talk of war
I've got peace on my mind
For peace is sweet most anytime and yet
Give me peace when there's talk of war. And how easily we forget

Give me a smile when I'm far from home. When it's hard to find
Give me a smile when I'm far from home
I've got smiles on my mind
A smile is sweet most anytime and yet
Give me a smile when I'm far from home. And how easily we forget

Give me love when there's talk of hate. When it's hard to find
Give me love when there's talk of hate
I've got love on my mind
For love is sweet most any time and yet
Give me love when there's talk of hate. And how easily we forget

19. The Happy Wanderer

^A
I love to go a wandering Along the mountain track ^{E7}
And as I go I love to sing, My knapsack on my back ^A ^D ^{E7}

Chorus:

^{E7} ^A ^{E7} ^A
Val-de-ri, Val-de-ra, Val-de-ri, Val-de ra ha ha ha ha ha ha
^{E7} ^A ^D ^{E7} ^A
Val-de-ri, Val-de-ra, My knapsack on my back

I love to wander by the stream That dances in the sun

So joyously it calls to me Come join my happy song

Chorus

I wave my hat to all I meet And they wave back to me

The blackbirds call so loud and sweet From every greenwood tree

Chorus

Oh may I go a wandering Until the day I die

And may I always laugh and sing Beneath Gods clear blue sky

Well, sometimes we'd travel right down the Green River
To the abandoned old prison down by Airdrie Hill
Where the air smelled like snakes and we'd shoot with our pistols
But empty pop bottles was all we would kill.

Chorus

Then the coal company came with the world's largest shovel
And they tortured the timber and stripped all the land
Well, they dug for their coal till the land was forsaken
Then they wrote it all down as the progress of man.

Chorus

When I die let my ashes float down the Green River
Let my soul roll on up to the Rochester dam
I'll be halfway to Heaven with Paradise waitin'
Just five miles away from wherever I am.

Chorus

22. All God's Critters (Place in the Choir) (Bill Stains)

Chorus:

G
All God's critters got a place in the choir

D **G**
Some sing low, some sing higher

Some **C** sing out loud on the telephone **G** wire

And some just **D** clap their hands, or paws or anything they got **G** now

Listen to the bass, it's the one on the bottom
Where the bullfrog croaks and the hippopotamus
Moans and groans with a big to do
And old cow just goes 'moo'
Well the dogs and the cats they take up the middle
The honeybee hums and the crickets fiddle
The donkey brays and the pony neighs
The old coyote howls

Chorus

Listen to the top where the little bird sings
The melody with the high voice ringing
The hoot owl hollers over everything
And the jaybird disagrees
Singing in the nighttime, singing in the day
The little duck quacks and he's on his way
The 'possum don't have much to say
And the porcupine talks to herself

Chorus

Everybody here is a part of the plan
We all get to play in the great critter band
From the eagle in the sky to the whale in the sea
It's one great symphony

Chorus

**23. Mother Earth
(Eric Kaz)**

CAPO 2

G C D G
Mother Earth live on the ocean

G C D G
Mother Earth sails on the seas

G C D G
I am blessed with her devotion

G C D G
Mother Earth provides for me

When the grasslands crave for water
And the harvest needs sunlight
These are time when I am helpless
Mother earth makes all things right

Chorus:

C D G
Green trees grow on the mountain top

C D G
Birds still sing when the morning comes

C D G em
Though I treat her carelessly

G C D G
Mother earth still cares for me

I am going on a journey
And I pray all things end well
If I treat her carefully
Mother earth will care for me

Chorus

Repeat first verse

25. With My Own Two Hands (Ben Harper and Jack Johnson)

G C G
I can change the world, with my own two hands
G C G
Make it a better place, with my own two hands
G C G
Make it a kinder place, with my own two hands
Em D G C G
With my own, with my own two hands

G C G
I can make peace on earth, with my own two hands
G C G
I can clean up the earth, with my own two hands
G C G
I can reach out to you, with my own two hands
Em D G C G
With my own, with my own two hands
Em D G C G
With my own, with my own two hands

I'm gonna make it a brighter place, with my own two hands
I'm gonna make it a safer place, with my own two hands
I'm gonna help the human race, with my own two hands
With my own, with my own two hands
With my own, with my own two hands

I can hold you, with my own two hands
I can comfort you, with my own two hands
But you got to use, use your own two hands
Use your own, use your own two hands
Use your own, use your own two hands

With our own, with our own two hands
With our own, with our own two hands
With my own, with my own two hands

27. Plant a Seed

D

Take a seed and plant it in the earth,

G Em G

And with lots of sun and rain you give it birth,

A7 D G D G

And with loving care it grows and grows,

D G D A7 D

And you've got a great big tree before ya know.

And from your tree, come lots of seeds,

They are scattered far and wide byt eh birds and bee,

And with loving care, they grow and grow,

And you've got a forrest of trees before ya know.

Chorus:

D G D

Now anyone can plant a seed,

G Em A7

Loving care is what they need,

D G D

So lets pretend that we're all seeds,

G D A7 D

And I will care for you, you care for me.

G D A7 D

I will care for you, you care for me.

This little song is a kind of a seed,

You can sing it anytime you need,

When you are alone, or in a crowd,

You can sing it to yourself, or SING IT OUT LOUD!!!!!!

And if your blue, and you cant get free,

Go out in the forrest and hug a tree,

And remember this, from a "seeds eye" view,

There's really not much difference between you two.....

Chorus

Closing Campfire OTC sequence

- 2 mellow OTC songs
- Values Awards Recognition
- Campers stand by years ceremony
- Praise the Day (Last Chance)
- Director Quotes
- Poem (Directors move from stage to the isles)
- Orkila, Orkila

CAMP ORKILA POEM

Ah yes, I have tasted the rich waters of Camp Orkila, potent stuff this magic elixir. In my time, I have come to know the intimacy of a rag talk, the warmth of a darkened cabin during high points, the laughter of a fleeing herbivore, the music of Satellite Island, the togetherness of living out of an open air cabin, the sternness of the first day, the tears of the last; these simple pleasures have renewed my self-regard, soothed my sorrows, repaired my self-esteem, lightened my heart and enriched my soul. And now that I have taken my fill and more, surrender I must this precious goblet to another. I realize now in the end that it wasn't the children who I have changed, as the children who have changed me.

Campers by Years Ceremony

1) Every day you must arise and say to your heart, I have suffered enough and now I must live because the light of the sun must not be wasted, it must not be lost without an eye to appreciate it.

And so we stand together one... we are like the rising sun.

2) Land is the secure ground of home, the sea is like life, the outside, the unknown. Why do we love the sea? It is because it has some potent power to make us think things we like to think.

And so we stand together two... we are like a sea of blue.

3) Aerodynamically the bumble bee shouldn't be able to fly, but the bumble be doesn't know it. So it goes on flying anyway.

And so we stand together three... we are like the buzzing bee.

4) When one door of happiness closes, another opens; but often we look so long at the closed door that we do not see the one which has opened for us.

And so we stand together four... we are like an open door.

5) We love life, not because we are used to living, but because we are used to loving.

And so we stand together five... we are the joy in being alive.

6) "All once was fire and all will be fire again," taught the sister of Fire. In this way the People learned that they are made of the same stuff as the oak and the rabbits, the whale and the poppies, the rocks and the seas. All that is, had flowed from brother fire, cooled by sister Darkness and would flow back to Fire again.

And so we stand together six... we are the spark in a pile of sticks.

7) Now I see the secret of making the best person: it is to grow in the open air and to eat and sleep with the earth.

And so we stand together seven... we are the earth, we are the heaven.

8) The happiness of the dolphin is to exist. For man, it is to know that fact and to wonder at it.

And so we stand together eight... we are the masters of our own fate.

9) For my part, I know nothing with any certainty, but the sight of the stars makes me dream.

And so we stand together nine... we have the sight to read between the lines.

10) The stars shall fade away, the sun himself will grow dim with age. Nature sinks in years, but you shall flourish in immortal youth. Unhurt amidst the wars of the elements and the wrecks of matter, you will persevere.

And so we stand together, years of ten... we will start the cycle once again.