



Folk Songs Around the World

Introduction to Folk Songs

During the Schoolttime concert, you will hear a version of the Korean folk song “Arirang.” Arirang is over 600 years old. There are around 3,600 different versions of the song. You can hear Arirang in theatre, film, ballet, and pop music.

Folk songs exist all over the world. A folk song:

- is part of a national culture.
- is passed down from one person to another.
- can have lots of different versions.
- often tells a story or the history of something that happened in that culture.



- Step 1:** Work as a class to find examples of folk songs.
Step 2: Listen to each folk song.
Step 3: Find the country of each folk song on the map.

FOLK SONG	COUNTRY
Arirang	Korea
Frère Jacques	France

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