



## The Boatman's Song Crystal Henricks

**Topic:** Movement applied to children's songs

**Suggested Grade(s):** 3-4

**Objectives:** Melodic rhythm, duration, audiation

**Approx. time per lesson:** 10 minutes

### National Standards:

1. Singing, alone and with others, a varied repertoire of music.
3. Improvising melodies, variations, and accompaniments.
6. Listening to, analyzing, and describing music.
7. Evaluating music and music performances.
9. Understanding music in relation to history and culture.

### **Directions:**

This lesson assumes this song is known by the children.



## Lesson #1:

- *The Boatman's Song*
  - St. sing song and clap the melodic rhythm.
  - St. sing song and walk the melodic rhythm.
  - St. sing song and clap/walk only the quarter notes.
  - St. sing song and clap/walk only the half notes.
  - St. sing song and clap on half notes and walk on quarter notes. Reverse.
  - St. choose how they would like to perform the piece with walking and clapping.
  - St. perform movement while audiating the song.

## Lesson #2

- *The Boatman's Song*
  - In a circle, pass the melodic rhythm around the circle, each person has two beats.
  - In a circle, pass the melodic rhythm around the circle, each person has one note, regardless of rhythmic value.
  - St. perform movement while audiating the song.

## Extensions:

- *Double Dutch Bus—Frankie Smith*
  - Fun group hopscotch challenge!
  - Hopping pattern—forward, left, center, right, center ♩ ♩ ♩ ♩ ♩
  - Video source: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4XFu2MeoY94&t=24s>

**Assessment:** (Rubric adapted from *Meaningful Movement*, Marla Butke and David Frego)

	Unsatisfactory	Progressing	Satisfactory	Mastery
Melodic rhythm	Rarely walks and claps the melodic rhythm accurately.	Inconsistently walks and claps the melodic rhythm accurately.	Usually walks and claps the melodic rhythm accurately.	Consistently walks and claps the melodic rhythm accurately.
Duration	Rarely shows the different rhythmic durations clearly through space, time and energy.	Inconsistently shows the different rhythmic durations clearly through space, time and energy.	Usually shows the different rhythmic durations clearly through space, time and energy.	Consistently shows the different rhythmic durations clearly through space, time and energy.
Audiation	Rarely moves accurately while audiating the song.	Inconsistently moves accurately while audiating the song.	Usually moves accurately while audiating the song.	Consistently moves accurately while audiating the song.