

#CONCERTSFORKIDS

Activity Guide

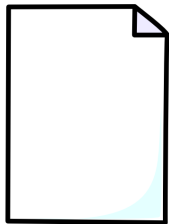


Photo courtesy of the artist

Morley

Join Morley and Chris Bruce for an uplifting and inspiring duet on acoustic guitars. They will offer original songs filled with hope, joy and reflection on our connection to each other and the natural world.

Suggested Materials



- Paper
- Pen, pencil, crayons, markers, colored pencils – any writing or drawing utensil
- A computer, tablet or phone with internet access

Acoustic Activity

An **acoustic** instrument is one that doesn't need electricity to be heard, such as acoustic guitar, banjo, or fiddle.

Watch this Acoustics Workshop with Mr. Damian.

<https://www.facebook.com/LincolnCenterNYC/videos/650385295755810/>



Acoustics can also mean the way a space is shaped to reflect sound waves and change the qualities of a sound.

What do you notice about Mr. Damian's guitar and the way the sound changes when he uses various tools or spaces?

Creating a Simple Song

STEP 1

Think of a time when you were outdoors in nature.

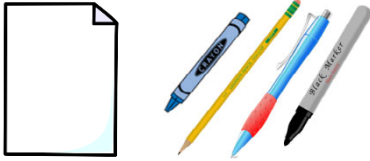
Close your eyes and imagine you are there now.

What do you see, smell, hear, feel? What are you doing? Is it loud or quiet? Perhaps you smell an ocean breeze, or maybe some pine cones.

For example, I'm hiking down the trail and it smells like rain.



Write or draw what you are imagining.



STEP 2

Think about what you want to sing about. You can take what you wrote or drew from the previous activity or it can be about things or people you love, like friends and family.

Write 2-4 lines about the activity or idea.

Each line should have six syllables. A **syllable** is a piece of a word with one vowel sound.

For example, “cat” is a one-syllable word and “banana” is a three-syllable word. Its syllables are BA-NA-NA.

STEP 3

Take a folk song, like *The Farmer in the Dell*, and substitute the words with your words. Use repetition where needed.

Here is the song *The Farmer in the Dell* <https://youtu.be/uNhCq66omA0>.



Now replace your words with the lyrics in the song.

For example:

We're hiking down the trail,
We're hiking down the trail,
Hi ho the derry-o,
We're hiking down the trail.

It looks like it will rain,
It looks like it will rain,
Hi ho the derry-o,
It looks like it will rain.

Here's another example:

I love my family,
I love my family,
Hi ho the derry-o,
I love my family



Try singing it. How does it sound?

Family Discussion Questions

What instruments did you see and hear in the concert? How did they work together?

What were the songs about?

What message did you take away from them?

Did you have a favorite song? If so, which one, and why?

Do you remember hearing a chorus during the performance, where the same words or lyrics were repeated throughout the song?

What questions do you still have about the performance?