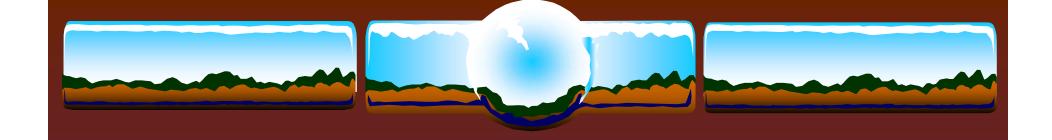


How Do the Arts Reflect History?

The arts are rich in historical facts, feelings, and attitudes. One simply needs to take a closer look.



What Can Music Teach Us About History?

Music was often the way stories were passed down from generation to generation. Music can tell us stories, or it can convey feelings during certain events in history.



She'll be Comin' Round the Mountain

By the Logan family

Background of the Song

- * She'll Be Comin' Round the Mountain was originally an African-American spiritual called When the Chariot Comes.
- ❖ It became a popular Appalachian song during the 1800s.
- ❖ It was also sung by railroad workers as they laid tracks across America in the late 19th century.
- ❖ The song's lyrics convey a period in history by suggesting how the pioneers lived.

When We First Heard the Song

- ❖ I learned this song from my Pappy, who worked on the railroad. He said it made the work go by faster and seem a little easier. –Pa
- ❖ I know this song because Pappy would sing it all the time, then I started using it as a lullaby. –Ma
- ❖ Ma said she sang this song to me when I was just a baby. From then on, she'd sing it to me every night before I went to bed. –Anna
- ❖ I heard some farmers singing it one time, but they had changed all the words. —Ben

What the Song Means to Us

- ❖ The song is about old friends who haven't seen each other in a long time getting together. It makes us miss Pappy, who liked to sing it most.
- ❖ We like to make up silly words to add to it. Yesterday, we added prairie dogs.
- ❖ It makes us feel at home, even though we're not. Especially the part about the wool pajamas. We hated wearing those itchy things, but it got cold in the winter.
- ❖ It's a fun song to sing and makes the time go by faster.

Sing Along—The First Verses

Follow the whole song along on your song sheet

- She'll be comin' round the mountain When she comes, toot toot.
- She'll be comin' round the mountain When she comes, toot toot.
- She'll be comin' round the mountain,
 She'll be comin' round the mountain,
 She'll be comin' round the mountain
 When she comes, toot toot.

- She'll be drivin' six white horsesWhen she comes. Whoa back!
- She'll be drivin' six white horses
 When she comes. Whoa back!
- She'll be drivin' six white horses, She'll be drivin' six white horses, She'll be drivin' six white horses When she comes. Whoa back!
- * Toot toot.

Sing Along with More

Here are some additions we wrote to this song.
Please sing along with us!

We will strike it rich in gold,
When she comes, ching, ching.
We will strike it rich in gold,
When she comes, ching, ching.
We will strike it rich in gold,
We will strike it rich in gold,
We will strike it rich in gold
When she comes. Ching
ching. Hi babe... Whoa
back!... toot toot.

Prairie dogs will come out of their burrows when she comes, Who's there?
Prairie dogs will come out of their burrows when she comes, Who's there?

Prairie dogs will come out of their burrows, Prairie dogs will come out of their burrows, Prairie dogs will come out of their burrows when she comes, Who's there?... ching ching... Hi babe... Whoa back!... toot toot.