

A Year with Frog and Toad Junior

RESOURCE MASTER

P.1

Music by Robert Reale Book and Lyrics by Willie Reale
Based on the books by Arnold Lobel

CAST

Narrator

Children

(in three groups)

Frog

Toad

Bees

Birds

Snail

Animal Friends

Squirrels

Song 1: A Year with Frog and Toad

CHILDREN: The sun is out.
The sky is clear.
We came back.
Spring's almost here!
So let's begin a year with Frog and Toad.

The sun is out.
The sky is clear.
We came back.
Spring's almost here!
So let's begin another year.
A year with Frog and Toad.



(Shout) A year with Frog and Toad!

End of Song

NARRATOR: Once upon a time, there were two best friends.

(FROG and TOAD step out of the line and shake hands.)

And their names were Frog and Toad. They both hibernated through the winter.

(FROG and TOAD go to opposite sides of the stage, lie down, and put blankets over their heads.)

But soon, April came. And when April comes . . . what happens?

CHILDREN: It's time to wake up!

(We see FROG wake up, stretch, and go to TOAD, who is in his bed with the covers pulled tightly over his head.)

● **NARRATOR:** Frog was very happy to get up and greet the spring. But did Toad get up?

CHILDREN: NO!

(FROG tries to wake up TOAD again, but it doesn't work.)

NARRATOR: Toad was very stubborn, and Frog needed some help!

CHILDREN: Wake up, Toad! It's springtime!

● **TOAD:** It's springtime?

(Leaping out of bed and stretching.)

Why didn't you say so?

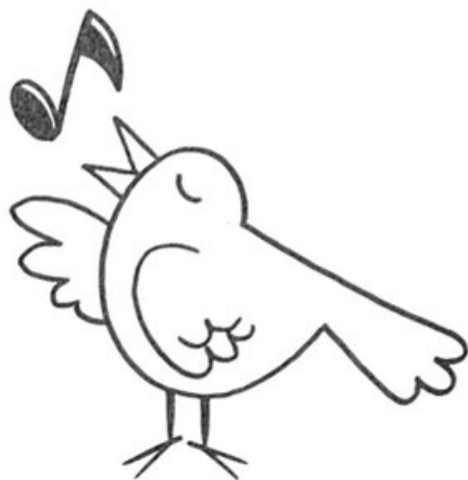
(They all sing.)

Song 2: Spring

ALL: Smell the flowers.
See the plants.
Hear the marching of the ants.

Feel the sunshine.
Feel the breeze.
Look out Frog,
Here come some bees.

Listen to the birdies sing.
Tweet tweet tweet.
Let's greet the Spring.
Let's greet the Spring.
It's Spring.
Spring!



End of Song

NARRATOR: One day, Toad and Frog both checked their mailboxes. Toad told Frog he never got any letters, and that made him really sad. Frog didn't want his best friend to be sad, so he wrote Toad a letter himself! And guess who Frog asked to deliver the letter for him?

BEES: The bees?

NARRATOR: No . . .

● **BIRDS:** The birds?

NARRATOR: No . . .

ALL: The SNAIL!

(FROG hands the letter over to the SNAIL, and pats him on the back.)

NARRATOR: That's right! And the Snail promised to deliver it as fast as he could!

Song 3: Snail with the Mail

● **ALL:** He's the snail with the mail.
He'll deliver without fail.
In the rain or sleet or snow.

No snail has feet more fleeta,
Why he's practica'ly a cheetah.
He puts the go in escargot!

He's the snail with the mail.
He'll deliver without fail.
In the rain or sleet or snow.

No snail has feet more fleeta.
Why he's practica'ly a cheetah.
He puts the go in escargot!

End of Song

NARRATOR: Frog and Toad and all their friends had so much fun during the springtime. You wouldn't believe all the things they did! Things like . . .

CHILDREN GROUP 1: Planting gardens!

CHILDREN GROUP 2: Flying kites!

CHILDREN GROUP 3: Having picnics!

NARRATOR: The days flew by, and soon it was summer! And what are some wonderful things about summer?

CHILDREN GROUP 1: Swimming!

CHILDREN GROUP 2: Games!

● **CHILDREN GROUP 3:** Lemonade!

NARRATOR: That's right! And what goes perfectly with a tall, cool, glass of lemonade?

ALL: COOKIES!

NARRATOR: Exactly! And one sunny summer day, Toad baked some cookies to share with his friend Frog after dinner.

(We see TOAD baking cookies.)

● But do you think Frog and Toad could wait that long to eat all the cookies?

ALL: NO!

NARRATOR: That's right! After all, what fun is baking cookies if you can't share them with all of your friends?

ALL: Mmmm! Yum!

Song 4: Cookies

CHILDREN: Eating cookies, eating cookies.
I'm so happy eating cookies.
Cookies, cookies, cookies I adore.
Cookies, cookies, cookies, cookies.
I go kooky eating cookies.

NARRATOR: Maybe you should stop.

CHILDREN: Just one more.

Eating cookies, eating cookies.
I'm so happy eating cookies.
Cookies, cookies, cookies I adore.
Cookies, cookies, cookies, cookies.
I go kooky eating cookies.
We will never stop.
Let's have more.

Cookies!!!

End of Song

NARRATOR: Autumn came and leaves started falling from the trees. Frog decided he wanted

- to surprise Toad by raking up all the leaves in his yard. But what Frog didn't know is that TOAD had the exact same idea!

So both of them got some of their animal friends to help them, and everyone worked hard until there were two neat piles of leaves.

(All the ANIMALS stand back and admire their handiwork.)

- Two neat piles . . . till the squirrels came. And did those squirrels help the other animals?

ALL: NO!

(All the SQUIRRELS mess up the piles, laughing mischievously as the other animals shake their heads.)

NARRATOR: They messed up both the piles. But in the end, what did Frog and Toad learn?

ALL: IT'S THE THOUGHT THAT COUNTS!

- *(The SNAIL moves forward.)*

NARRATOR: That's right! And meanwhile, guess who was STILL trying to deliver Frog's letter to Toad?

ALL: Go, Snail, go!

NARRATOR: The Snail took so long that it became winter. And what do we do in the winter?

CHILDREN GROUP 1: Drink hot chocolate!

CHILDREN GROUP 2: And put on mittens!

CHILDREN GROUP 3: And play in the snow!

(All the ANIMALS begin shivering, and putting on scarves and hats.)

NARRATOR: That's right! One day, Frog asked Toad if he wanted to go sledding.

(We see FROG talking to TOAD, who doesn't want to go sledding. The other ANIMALS mime dragging their sleds up the hill.)

- At first Toad was scared, but Frog told him everything would be OK.

(To the ANIMALS)

Ready, everybody?

ALL: READY!

NARRATOR: Then away we go!

Song 5: Down the Hill

● **ALL:** Down the hill

We are sliding.

Down the hill

Gently gliding.

Down the hill!

What a thrill!

So exciting!

It's a thrill to be riding

Down the hill.



(The following dialogue is underscored.)

NARRATOR: . . . But everything was NOT OK! The hills grew steeper, and the sled started going faster and faster!

CHILDREN GROUP 1: Hold on, Frog!

CHILDREN GROUP 2: Hold on, Toad!

ALL: *(CONTINUED)*

Down the hill going faster.
Heading straight for disaster.

Down the trees.
Watch the boulders.
Tuck your knees
to your shoulders.

TOAD: Aaaaaaah!

End of Song

NARRATOR: Frog fell off the sled, leaving Toad all alone. This made Toad so angry that he said he was never going to speak to Frog again! But just then, guess who arrives?

● **CHILDREN:** THE SNAIL WITH THE MAIL!

NARRATOR: That's right! The Snail gave Toad the letter, who read it. He realized how much Frog cared about him, and that they were best friends after all!

(The CHILDREN cheer.)

Before they knew it, it was time to hibernate for the winter once more.

● *(FROG and TOAD put on their sleep hats and get into bed.)*

CHILDREN GROUP 1: Goodnight, Frog!

CHILDREN GROUP 2: Goodnight, Toad!

NARRATOR: Frog and Toad went to sleep and dreamed of all the adventures that awaited them in the spring. And guess what? Before they knew it, spring was here again. And when springtime comes . . . do you remember what happens?

(The ANIMALS throw off their winter hats, etc., as FROG and TOAD wake up.)

ALL: IT'S TIME TO WAKE UP, FROG AND TOAD!!!

(FROG and TOAD wake up once more, stretch.)

Song 6: A Year with Frog and Toad Reprise

ALL: The sun is out.
The sky is clear.
We came back.
Spring's almost here!
So let's begin a year with Frog and Toad.

The sun is out.
The sky is clear.
We came back.
Spring's almost here!
So let's begin another year.
A year with Frog and Toad.

(Shout) A year with Frog and Toad!

End of Song