

Tips for Memorising Folk Songs



- ★ Sing the songs all the time e.g. in the car, on the bus or in the shower! If your family is getting sick of them, that's good.
- ★ Play the folk songs as often as possible on your instrument.
- ★ If you know solfege, learn to sing the folk songs in solfege - it really helps.
- ★ Clap the rhythm and write out the rhythm separately.
- ★ 'Draw' the phrases in the air as you sing them.
- ★ Don't just copy from the folk song book. Study the song then close the book and write as much as you can. Keep opening and checking as you need to... just don't write while the folk song book is open!
- ★ Time how long it takes you to write out a single folk song. Add on 10 seconds for each mistake. See if you can beat your time each time you write it!
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