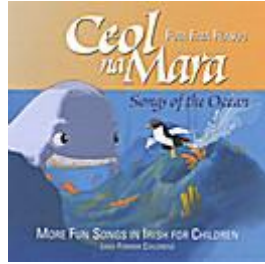


Mp3 Tadhg Mac Dhonnagáin - Ceol Na Mara, Songs Of The Ocean



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More Fun Songs in Irish for Children (and former children). A collection of new songs in Irish on the theme of the ocean. Full lyrics included in CD booklet, including translation notes. 14 MP3 Songs

WORLD: Celtic, KIDS/FAMILY: Kid Friendly Details: Ceol na Mara, Songs of the Ocean A little shark is teased because his teeth stick out. A mischevious girl plays a trick on her dad, as he sleeps on the beach. A lonely young seal tells us how he plans to run away from the circus With songs about the changing weather, the unusual life of Fungie the sociable dolphin and an upbeat insight into why penguins much prefer swimming to flying, this CD for children and former children is fun to listen to, from beginning to end. Written in simple, accessible Irish, using key phrases that are repeated for ease of listening and learning, Ceol na Mara is a treasure trove of fun musical styles, engaging stories and interesting information about the natural world. About the artist: Tadhg Mac Dhonnagáin hails from Aghamore, Co. Mayo, in the west of Ireland. Born in 1961, he has been writing songs since he first picked up the guitar, at the age of sixteen. A primary school teacher by profession, he spent thirteen years as a TV and radio presenter with RT, Irelands national broadcast network. He worked in a wide range of programmes while in RT, including childrens programming, and music and arts shows. The time spent at RT fostered Tadhgs parallel passions, songwriting and the Irish language, resulting in two albums of original songs in Irish Gaelic. Many of those songs are now considered classics of contemporary Irish songwriting. In fact, over the years a range of Tadhgs songs have been chosen to be studied on the curricula of Irish primary, post-primary and third-level schools' literature and music courses a highly unusual accolade for a songwriter. As his own, Irish-speaking children arrived, Tadhg began singing and writing songs for them. It began spontaneously, he recalls. I would make up verses for the kids as we

drove along in the car. The following day they wanted to hear these same songs again, so I had to try to remember what I'd sung before. Out of that came the basis for my first children's album. Titled Bliain na nAmhrán/The Year of Song, it's a fun-filled look at the four seasons, through the eyes of dancing lambs, migrating swallows, insomniac squirrels, and baby reindeer who dream of pulling Santa's sleigh through the sky. Today, this album is recommended by Ireland's Department of Education, as material of excellence for the teaching of both music and the Irish language. In 2000, Mac Dhonnagáin, wife Císte, and four offspring, left Dublin for the Connemara Gaeltacht (Irish-speaking area), where he increasingly concentrates on music. His second children's project was released in 2004: Ceol na Mara/Songs of the Ocean, starting what Mac Dhonnagáin hopes will be a long collaboration with the Connemara community. I invited local children to sing on several tracks of Ceol na Mara, adding hugely to the variety and appeal of the record. Children's voices have a beauty all their own that brings a lot to these songs. Tadhg Mac Dhonnagáin's recordings available here at CD Baby: Bliain na nAmhrán (the year of song); Imonn an tAm (time passes), Ceol na Mara (songs of the ocean); Gugala Gug (cluckety cluck)

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