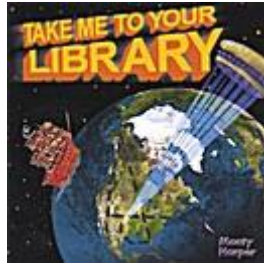


Mp3 Monty Harper - Take Me To Your Library



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Wacky witty way-out songs to celebrate reading and travel, by space, by land, and by sea. 11 MP3 Songs

KIDS/FAMILY: Children's Pop, KIDS/FAMILY: General Children's Music Details: Praise for this CD... "... a superbly presented, lively performed, original and altogether kids pleasing collection of songs about reading, libraries, and traveling by space, land and sea. Especially recommended for school and community library CD music collections for children..." - Children's Bookwatch "Monty Harper's music deserves to be heard beyond the borders of Oklahoma." - Beverly Bixler, School Library Journal "Harper's enthusiasm is catching." - John Sigwald, Booklist "Outer-space aliens, deep-sea pirates, and the joy of reading all take center stage in this latest kids' offering from engaging Oklahoman Monty Harper." - Moira McCormick, Family Fun Magazine "What a fun celebration of books and reading. Monty has always provided great songs for our summer themes. This is his best collection yet!" - Donna Norvell, Youth Services Consultant, Oklahoma Department of Libraries "Most importantly, Take Me To Your Library is engaging and meaningful for children. Monty's newest songs will serve as a valuable resource for teachers and be embraced by parents, too." - Fred Koch, BestChildrensMusic.com "My family is having a blast with melodious Monty and his mischievous metaphors (more nervous than a wiener in a hot dog stand) and we're going to the library more often. Hmm...What's goin' on here? Is there an infectious 'fun while learning' vibe in that CD signal?" - Dave Kinnoin, Songwizard Records. "A delightful family CD that both kids and parents can enjoy. Most of the songs celebrate the joy of reading in one way or another, while always shining with Monty's trademark wit, positive energy and upbeat creativity." - Benjamin Bernstein, The BenJammin Examiner. Awards... The Take Me to Your Library CD is a recipient of the 2003 Parents' Choice Approved Award The song "Roundy Round" was winner of a 2001 Children's Music Web Award for best song for young children. About Monty Harper... After seven years of grueling study,

resulting in two degrees in the field of abstract mathematics, Monty Harper never did take a real job. Instead he chucked it all to seek fame and fortune as a children's musician. His parents, who paid for his education, declined to comment. A decade later, fame and fortune still elude this interminable songster. He is nonetheless happy, stating that the real rewards of his job are the grins and giggles, high-fives and hugs he gets from kids, and the handshakes from parents who say, "We listened to your CD all the way to California and back." Indeed it seems obvious now, and even his parents agree, that Monty stumbled into a career meant just for him. He is a fixture of summer reading programs at libraries throughout Oklahoma, Kansas, and Northern Texas; he has released three critically acclaimed CDs of original kids' songs; he writes and records for clients such as the Oklahoma Department of Libraries; and at schools he is a regular pied piper, leading kids to create their own musical masterpieces. Still, the question on everyone's lips seems to be, "Master's in math? Kids' songs? Huh?" Monty maintains that there is some deep mysterious connection in our brains between music and mathematics. "Math is communicating complex ideas creatively with very precise language," he says. "Writing songs for kids, on the other hand, is communicating complex ideas precisely with very creative language." Whatever the connection, kids and parents the world over are glad he made the switch. Monty is one of the most often booked acts on the Oklahoma Arts Council touring roster. His "Wacky Witty Way-Out Songs" inspire kids to sing, laugh, and move with the music. His lyrics are intelligent, with clever twists, plays on words, and colorful metaphors. Adults in the audience often claim they enjoy the show as much as the kids. Monty's three commercially released recordings are *Jungle Junk!* (1992), *Imagine That* (1996), and *Take Me to Your Library* (2003). Monty does his recording at home, playing nearly all the parts himself on a myriad of instruments, including guitar, keyboard, and concertina. He focuses exacting attention on each arrangement and is a big fan of found sounds and playful vocal effects. His fans enjoy finding some new detail to appreciate with each listen. Monty lists among his creative heroes The Beatles, The Beach Boys, Paul Simon, They Might Be Giants, and Dr. Seuss. Monty's latest CD, *Take Me to Your Library*, was recently honored with a Parents' Choice Award. He has also received two Children's Music Web Awards. Monty's recordings are available internationally through CDBaby.com, Amazon.com, and MP3.com, where two of his songs have reached #1 on the Children's Music chart. Monty resides in Stillwater, Oklahoma, with his wife Lisa and their two-year-old daughter, Evalyn. More information is at montyharper.com.

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