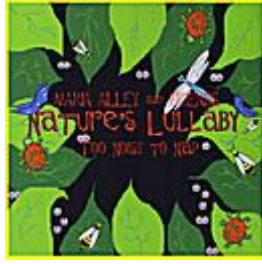


Mp3 Maria Alley And Friends - Nature's Lullaby - Too Noisy To Nap



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With 12 original songs, this CD has children rockin' to many musical genres; groove to the sounds of Calypso Chill, boogie to the environmental song The Reuse Blues, go to prehistoric earth with Zorian the dinosaur and feel the jazz with Xara, a little gi 12 MP3 Songs in this album (28:23) ! Related styles: KIDS/FAMILY: Children's Pop, KIDS/FAMILY: Sing-Along/Interactive Details: Maria Alley was born and raised in Halifax, Nova Scotia. She attended the Halifax School for the Blind where her musical training began at the age of 6 years. Throughout these years she had the opportunity to study classical piano, giving biannual performances along with her fellow students. Upon graduation from the Halifax School for the Blind, Maria attended Dalhousie University's Music Department where she obtained her B.Mus with a major in classical guitar. While attending Dalhousie, Maria worked part time as a music instructor at APSEA, the Atlantic Provinces Special Education Authority for the Visually Impaired. She taught guitar, bass and vocals, and found this work both enlightening and rewarding as she traveled through the intricacies of teaching students of varying abilities. "I loved working with the children as I found that every day brought something new to learn for me and the kids," says Maria. "it has brought many years of joy to my teaching years." She has also been an active participant in the Halifax musical community, involving the kids from APSEA in functions such as talent contests, variety shows and school events including recitals and coffee houses. "The children really looked forward to their performances," says Maria, "and with hard work and determination, these performances were something we were all proud of." After graduating from Dalhousie in 1991, Maria began a music program for young children called DO RE ME AND MARIA which she offered to local daycares and preschools in the Halifax/Dartmouth area. She developed and compiled the material for this music education program throughout the 1990s as she

worked with the preschool children, discovering their favourite activities and utilizing this knowledge of their play to teach them some of the basic musical concepts necessary for good musicianship. The children loved the classes so much, says Maria, that I decided to gather all of the material I had used with the children and package it up in the form of a curriculum guide and 6 CD set so that every person interested in the musical education of their children would have the tools to run my program. All of the lesson plans found in the book are facilitated by this CD package. Maria is currently teaching this music program called World Music and Rhythm Talk, at Grace Note Preschool, Play to Learn Daycare and Armbrae Academy. It has been purchased by the Nova Scotia Department of Education for use in primary classrooms across the province. Demo kits have been distributed to the Ministries of Education across Canada for review. Throughout the summer of 2008, Maria has teamed up with a local lyricist, J.L. Frost, and the result is Nature's Lullaby. Maria wanted to create a cd that would introduce children to many styles of music including, rock, country, maritime, blues, jazz and funk. Because of the care and quality of the musicianship, this cd will be enjoyed by both children and adults alike. "Each song is a musical story," says Maria, "from the title track, Nature's Lullaby, to the final selection, Wake Up, which is sure to get your kids out of bed and on time for school." Maria looks forward to inquiries and comments regarding both World Music and Rhythm Talk and Nature's Lullaby.

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