



Take Me Out of the Bathtub

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This would be a great book of poems to read and sing anytime, but it'll really bring zing to your classroom the last few weeks of school! This author has taken well known songs and changed the words to create very humorous lyrics. For example, *Take Me Out of the Bathtub* is sung to the tune of *Take Me Out to the Ballgame*. Students will thoroughly enjoy the lyrics! If you like this book, you'll be interested to know that there's a sequel out now, too.

SSR Block - Great as a read-aloud with your students and a super addition to the reading baskets!

Guided Reading Block - You might want to reproduce the words on charts and do a shared sing-along with kids. It'll provide good oral reading practice to help students develop fluency. Also, many of your comprehension skills can be taught in the context of poetry. You may want to have different Playschool Groups of students perform different poems for the class.

Writing Block - This book is a great springboard for having students rewrite songs with their own meaningful lyrics. Be sure that students know the copyright laws that protect published lyrics beyond the classroom!

Words Block - The rhyming words in these songs will be perfect for Rounding Up the Rhymes and practicing phonemic awareness. After reading the poems for enjoyment, have another reading where you omit the rhyming word and let students fill it in.