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First Steps in Music Revised Curriculum Now Available!

The importance of using traditional songs and rhymes in the music classroom cannot be overstated, and this revision represents a steadfast commitment to supplying only the best of the best for music educators as they inspire and cultivate the next generation of tuneful, beautiful, and artful humans.

–From the Introduction

In our ongoing effort to bring you only the very best music education materials, GIA is pleased to announce the release of the revised *First Steps in Music* curriculum.

Over the past year, a committee formed by the Feierabend Association for Music Education (FAME) developed a set of standards for evaluating repertoire associated with the curriculum. With their guidance, we have removed several songs deemed to be harmful, derogatory, or disrespectful with regard to their histories or context. We have also added a number of new high-quality songs and rhymes from a variety of world cultures.

The [updated book and recordings](#) are now available for purchase while a [free PDF download](#) of the new pages is available for those who already own and use the curriculum.

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