

**SONGS TO SUPPORT  
COMPASSIONATE COMPREHENSION with the COMMON CORE (CC/CC)  
for Restorative Practices and Justice with a Trauma-Informed Lens**

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Songs are offered relating to the following topics:

**\* FEELINGS \*HARM/ TRAUMA \*COMPASSION \*RESTORATIVE JUSTICE  
\*Q. #4: "What would you do...?" / EMPOWERMENT \*UNMET NEEDS**

The complete list is found at this link: <https://lkbetterworld.files.wordpress.com/2017/06/songs-to-support-cc-cc.pdf>

**Please note:** Most of these songs -- lyrics and recordings -- are available for free streaming and free download. Formatted lyrics (1 song per one page) are also available for most songs listed.

**COMPASSION**

**"Compassion"** by Bernadete Leal Download at: <http://www.cdbaby.com/cd/BernadeteLeal>  
Listen to song at: <http://betterworld.bandcamp.com/album/compassion-by-bernadete-leal>

**"Don't Laugh at Me"** by Steve Seskin and Allen Shamblin

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f7Dej4Gfkmc> shows the pages of the picture book  
Hip-Hop/ Rap version of "Don't Laugh at Me" by Baby Jay, BabyJayMusic.com  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VjT9Ihcp1E4>

Please note: Free curricula written to accompany "Don't Laugh at Me" is available,  
<http://www.operationrespect.org/curricula/>

**"What if That were Me?"**

<https://betterworld.bandcamp.com/track/what-if-that-were-me-by-andy-murray>

Formatted lyrics: [http://www.betterworld-resources.com/images/BetterWorld/Documents/Positive.Choices\\_for\\_Youth\\_Mini-Album-rec\\_by\\_Murrays.pdf](http://www.betterworld-resources.com/images/BetterWorld/Documents/Positive.Choices_for_Youth_Mini-Album-rec_by_Murrays.pdf)

**"A Friend in Need"** (Tune: Frere Jacques/ Are you Sleeping?)

<https://betterworld.bandcamp.com/track/a-friend-in-need>

Formatted lyrics: [http://www.betterworld-resources.com/images/BetterWorld/Documents/Caring\\_and\\_Sharing.pdf](http://www.betterworld-resources.com/images/BetterWorld/Documents/Caring_and_Sharing.pdf)

**"The Golden Rule Song"** (Tune: Mulberry Bush, words by LKW)

<https://betterworld.bandcamp.com/track/the-golden-rule-song>

Formatted lyrics: [http://www.betterworld-resources.com/images/BetterWorld/Documents/Caring\\_and\\_Sharing.pdf](http://www.betterworld-resources.com/images/BetterWorld/Documents/Caring_and_Sharing.pdf)  
PLEASE NOTE: I've modified the lyrics a bit since recording it.

**"Say it! Do it!"**

<http://betterworld.bandcamp.com/track/say-it-do-it>

Formatted lyrics: [http://www.betterworld-resources.com/images/BetterWorld/Documents/Caring\\_and\\_Sharing.pdf](http://www.betterworld-resources.com/images/BetterWorld/Documents/Caring_and_Sharing.pdf)

**"Handle with Care"**

<http://betterworld.bandcamp.com/track/handle-with-care>

Formatted lyrics: [http://www.betterworld-resources.com/images/BetterWorld/Documents/Caring\\_Capable\\_Lyrics\\_2010-If\\_Angry.pdf](http://www.betterworld-resources.com/images/BetterWorld/Documents/Caring_Capable_Lyrics_2010-If_Angry.pdf)

**"I Shall not Pass this Way Again"- medley:** TUNES: "Amazing Grace" & "Deep and Wide"

<https://betterworld.bandcamp.com/track/i-shall-not-pass-this-way-again-medley-ag-dw>

Formatted lyrics: [http://www.betterworld-resources.com/images/BetterWorld/Documents/Double\\_Blessing\\_Songs](http://www.betterworld-resources.com/images/BetterWorld/Documents/Double_Blessing_Songs)

**"Fill a Bucket"** (Tune: "Frere Jacques/ Are You Sleeping?", words by Carol McCloud)

<https://www.google.com/search?q=fill+a+bucket+song&oq=Fill+A+Bucket&aqs=chrome.2.69i57j0l5.6088j0j7&sourceid=chrome&ie=UTF-8>