



**Beginner:** Play the drum while singing the song “Around the World.”

**[Tip]:** Children may listen or participate at their own pace.

**Intermediate:** Teach the song “Around the World.”

**[Tip]:** Have children sing along and take turns playing the drum.

**Experienced:** Learn about the sacred drum and its importance to Indigenous culture.

**[Tip]:** Invite an Elder, find a video, or read a book.

## Around the World Lyrics

“Around the World”

“We are all different but that’s ok”

“Hay yuh hay yuh hay”

“What makes us the same is that we all like to play”

“Hay yuh hay yuh hay”

“We sing, we read, we laugh, we pray”

“Hay yuh hay yuh hay”

“We come from all around the world”

“Hay yuh ahy yuh hay”

“We come from all around the world”

“Hay yuh hay yuh hay”

**Why is this important?** Music helps children learn how to read by increasing their phonemic and phonological awareness.

**References:** Hansen, D., & Milligan, S. A. (2012). Aural skills: at the juncture of research in early reading and music literacy. *Music Educators Journal*, 99(2), 75–80.