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# **A Study of Enriching Our Inner Life in English Teaching and Learning Using English Songs on the Internet**

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## **Abstract**

Nowadays, Students have great pressure on their shoulders to get high scores in their studies, especially in English. It is very urgent to release their burden and make their English learning more enjoyable. The Ministry of Education has encouraged colleges to set plans for students to learn English songs during their study. However, a practical method of teaching and learning English songs has not yet been found. In this electronic age, knowledge and information is everywhere and can be accessed anytime, all the time. The purpose of this study is to enrich our Inner life in English teaching and learning using English songs on the internet.

Singing is the language of the heart. It can make us happy and look the bright side of life. It can also comfort us while we are down. All of us have potential in learning and singing English songs. Karaoke is a fun, easy way to sing along to your favorite musical arrangements. Once you know the words to a song, you can sing them along with the music. This will help you to add some inflection to your speech patterns, as well as adjust the rate you normally speak at. Practicing karaoke songs will also give you a broad introduction to the type of music that is popular in English-speaking cultures. There are a lot of English karaoke for us to choose through internet.

The preliminary results from this study show that some students not only can learn English songs very effectively, but they also improved their English and broadened their global view through this learning process. As a result, their English learning became more enjoyable and meaningful.

**Keywords :** the electronic age, internet, karaoke, global view.

## 1. Introduction

Singing is the language of the heart. It can comfort us while we are down. All of us have potential in learning and singing English songs. Songs has been an amusing companion for human beings. It can be great value to foreign languages teaching and learning. The purpose of this study is to enrich our Inner life in English teaching and learning using English songs on the internet.

### 1.1 Improving verbal comprehension with music

No matter where you live – or what language you speak – there’s bound to be some type of music you enjoy. Search online to find [English](#) speaking singers in the genre you enjoy. Listening to music in English will give you a feel for the underlying rhythm of the language, as well as for the colloquial expressions used commonly in conversational English.

If you can’t understand the words in the song at first, you can look up the lyrics on the internet and read along as you listen to the song. As you become more comfortable with the speech patterns, try singing along with the recording. You may also want to look and see if there are any songs that you know in your language that are also recorded in English. Since you’ll already know the words to these songs, you’ll be better able to understand the translations to English.

### 1.2 Using karaoke to improve verbal expression

Karaoke is a fun, easy way to sing along to your favorite musical arrangements. Once you know the words to a song, you can sing them along with the music. This will help you to add some inflection to your speech patterns, as well as adjust the rate you normally speak at. Practicing karaoke songs will also give you a broad introduction to the type of music that is popular in English-speaking cultures. While this may sound silly, children who are first learning English sing the alphabet for practice. Not only does this help them recognize letters later on, it’s also useful for associating sounds with those letters. Therefore, when you are trying to improve your verbal speech patterns, singing the English alphabet out loud can also be of help to you.

## 2. The Classification of English Songs

In this study, the classical English songs are roughly classified into three different categories by this author based upon their familiarity to the senior citizens. They are category I, II and III.

For the category I, some famous classical English songs that are simple or have been translated into Chinese are selected. Because the melody of these songs lives in the memory of the senior citizens quite vividly, they can learn to sing very effectively and easily build their confidence in singing English songs. The following 10 classical English songs are among the best (their names in Chinese are listed in the back).

1. Summer Kisses Winter Tears - Elvis Presley (多少柔情多少淚)
2. More than I can say- Leo Sayer (愛你在心口難開)
3. My Way- Frank Sinatra (奪標)
4. Rhythm of the rain- Cascades (雨的旋律)
5. The river of no return- Marilyn Monroe (大江東去)

6. (吻別) Take me to your heart-Michael learn to rock
7. Rose, Rose, I love you- Frankie Laine (玫瑰玫瑰我爱你)
8. I really don't want to know - Elvis Presley (過去的春夢)
9. Old MacDonal had a farm - Traditional (王老先生有塊地)
10. Silent night-Traditional (平安夜)

For the category II, some beautiful classical English songs that were also sung by our famous native singers are selected. Because the senior citizens feel very familiar to these songs, they are delightful to learn to sing these songs. The following 10 songs are among the best.

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| 1 I just called to say I love you- Steve Wonder      | 2. Tie a yellow ribbon on- Orlando Tony |
| 3. Bridge over the trouble water-Simon & Garfunkel   | 4.. Let Me Be There- Olivia Newton John |
| 5. Can't take my eyes off you- Andy Williams         | 6. You are my sunshine- Johnny Cash     |
| 7. Inside of my guitar- Bellamy Brothers             | 8. Always On My Mind- Elvis Presley .   |
| 9. Can't Help Falling In Love With U - Elvis Presley | 10. Yesterday once more- Carpenters     |

For the category III, some beautiful English songs that are very popular worldwide or win the Oscar award are selected. it will be great achievements for the senior citizens to be able to learn And sing these songs. They may face some challenges in singing these songs, but the success will be sweet. The following 10 songs are among the best.

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| 1. Can You Feel the Love Tonight- Elton John        | 2. Circle of life- Elton John...       |
| 3. My heart will go on- Celine Dion                 | 4. You'll be in my heart- Phil Collins |
| 5. When you believe- Whitney Houston & Mariah Carey | 6. Imagine- John Lennon                |
| 7. You light up my life-Debby Boone                 | 8. What a feelings-Irena Cora          |
| 9. Color of the wind- Vanessa Williams              | 10. Beauty and beast- Celine Dion      |

#### **4. Conclusion and Discussion**

The observation of this study indicates that a lot of people in Taiwan have interest in learning and singing classical English songs and they can have the chance to learn and sing their favorite songs and be the star at their own show through internet. The preliminary results show that playing and singing classical English songs on the internet. not only can promote the spiritual life of English students, but can also improved their English and broadened their global view through the process. As a result, their lives became even more enjoyable and splendid.

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