### Putting it All Together - Recorders that Sound Good

How I make recorder work for me - and keep my sanity (and ears!).

- 1) Focused reading exercises flash cards. Teams play together in groups of 4-6. The rest practice silently to be ready for their turn. Points are given.
- 2) Focused ear training echo after me. Again teams play together. Points are given.
- 3) Group leaders Team captains lead and their group echoes. Team captains choose other leaders.
- 4) Add recorders in small groups or soloists to your existing pieces. A bit of recorder can emphasize what you're working on without destroying the sound. Those who can play it well get to play. The others have other things to do.

### Who Has Seen the Wind



Sing the song while students walk the half note. Add the Alto Glock on arm motions as you walk the half note – down up down up on phrases 1, 2, 4. Transfer to CBB and AG. Teach the bass part through large full body movements – pulling on the B, pushing on the C. Transfer to basses. Teach the Alto Met. Part with large body movements – swaying from the E (right) to D (left) rolling and growing on the tremolo. Transfer to Altos. Perform with flags for night, wind, clouds, and leaves. Each verse is performed first with singing, then with a few recorder players.

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# Bring Me Little Water Sylvie





**MATERIALS:** Frog puppet or Stuffed Animal Students sing A, Solo/Duet recorder play repeat.

#### **SUMMARY:**

Students sing the A section, Listen and do thumbs up/thumbs down for soloists/duets on repeat. During B the dancers come get their frogs. Soloists/Duos/Trios do their Frog Dance.

After dancing, students choose an instrument & accompany the next Frog Dancers.

