

## **DEVELOPING AWARENESS OF THE COASTLINE FOR FAMILIES THROUGH USES OF SONG AND STORY**

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The ocean and shore have always been a source of inspiration for stories, legends, the development of spiritual thought and religious ceremony. As such, the shoreline has drawn us to its edges and called to us to write of its beauty and mystery. Songs related to the coastline can be easily taught to children and with them ideas of stewardship and love of the ocean and near shoreline. This paper deals with the writing of songs for children and families to open up the world of the ocean and shore to them from a creative as well as instructive point of view.

Songs will be included during the 20 minute session, teaching others how to use these songs to increase awareness of coastal issues.

Song titles (songs by Melander-Magoon) as follows:

Let's Sing a Song of Sand

Two Coastal Rounds: Save Our Sand; Beaches of Silver

Sifting Sand

The Stillness of the Sands

A Seagull

I am Just a Mangrove

I Love the Ocean, the Story of Sammy Sand

Irish Waters

Garbage

A small book of songs, *Songs of Sea and Shore*, by Melander-Magoon, will be made available for the presentation, appropriate for a session or as a luncheon presentation.

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