



*Exciting resources
from Fischy Music*



I wonder WHY?

- ◆ *Songs to encourage children to think and feel more deeply about the world*
- ◆ *Launched December 2006*

◆ The background

Asking **searching questions** about the world is the basis of healthy mental, emotional and spiritual growth. *I Wonder ... Why?* tackles a range of issues, from the natural world around us to the nature of human suffering. From the **quirky** ('Polar bears are all left handed') to the **profound** ('Why are some so healthy, while others are so ill/Why are some so loving, while others want to kill/Can anybody give me an answer?') the songs **encourage children to think and feel more deeply** about the world around us, its beauties, mysteries and challenges.

◆ The songs

In our amazing world there is much to **celebrate**—for example, we can find the most extraordinary beauty and creativity—but we can also witness devastation and destruction on a massive scale. Tracks like 'Dreaming', inspired by the Asian tsunami of 2005, and 'Why?', pose fundamental questions about human suffering and encourage us to **look beyond ourselves** at people who are finding life really tough. 'The Wonder of these Days' and 'Make A Difference' challenge us, both to hope for change, and to recognise we have the power to make the world a better place. 'Weird and Wonderful' is full of animal facts that simply invite the response 'Wow, that's amazing!' 'We Like, We Like' celebrates the value of each individual, as does an updated rap-style version of the established Fischy classic 'Creativity'. Rounding things off is the sparkling 'May You Find Peace', celebrating togetherness. As songwriter Stephen Fischbacher puts it, '*I Wonder ... Why?* is about **looking out rather than looking in and finding strength from things that are bigger than us.**'

◆ The resource

I Wonder ... WHY? is available as a CD, along with 'karaoke-style' backing tracks to facilitate group use. Accompanying printed material has suggestions to help teach the songs, plus activities and ideas to enable children to explore the theme further. Actions and signs for the songs, which are all based on British Sign Language, can be accessed on the Fischy Music website at www.fischy.com.

◆ Sales history

I Wonder ... Why? was launched in Edinburgh on 2 December 2006.

What they said about These Are Our Emotions...

‘Love the new Emotions album. Found myself in tears, laughing outrageously, getting shivers up my spine and many other tingling feelings and emotions. Well done!’

Steve Heron, children’s worker

‘The material that Fischy Music produces ... has all the right elements: catchy tunes, easy lyrics, storylines that reflect everyday situations and feelings. These are excellent resources where the self-esteem and emotional well-being of children is a high priority.’

Elizabeth Morris, Principal, School of Emotional Literacy

‘These Are Our Emotions and your two new songs really made me think about my life.’

Niamh Kerr, P7, Edinburgh

‘Yes, the P7s are singing !! ... even the boys! The CD is brilliant!’

Liz Whyte, Headteacher, Royston Primary School

... and about Fischy Music

‘So many Fischy songs are aimed at affirming the child as unique and special. Music really does stick in your brain and in your soul – the words kind of piggy back onto that and so the positive messages are stuck in there as well.’

Sheila Laing, Head Teacher, Forthview Primary School

‘These are the sort of songs children don’t sing often enough. Stephen Fischbacher writes absolutely wonderful songs for children about difficult things. It’s tough stuff, but it gives kids a chance to address things that otherwise might not get talked about. What a song can do is sing things you can’t say.’

Songwriter and broadcaster Richard Stilgoe

‘Fischy songs really stick in your heads and even our parents catch on.’

Angie, aged 11

Fischy Music exists to promote the spiritual and emotional development of children



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National
Teaching
Awards 2006
on BBC TV