

### 13. When I Say Stop

(Chorus: words and music by Sarah Pirtle, © 1997 Discovery Center Music, BMI;

Verses: words and music by the Purple Team, Stratford Friends School, 2002)

*We loved Sarah's chorus, but we wanted more! Stratford Friends School students wrote the verses during a Two of a Kind artist residency. After they had completed the first two verses, a few students told us they didn't like what they had written. They said, "We just say stop, stop - and it gets really annoying!" We encouraged them to express this in the song itself, resulting in the sophisticated balance of the 3rd verse.*

(Chorus:)

When I say "Stop!", I mean Stop!

When I say "No!", I mean No!

I want you to hear me,

Listen to my words.

I was in the kitchen in my house.

I was getting a snack.

My sister came and put me in a head-lock.

She came up behind my back.

I asked her to stop, but she wouldn't listen;

I was really mad.

She is bigger and stronger than me.

She made me feel bad. (Chorus)

I was on the playground with my friends

It was time to go.

A kid came up behind and pushed me

I fell down and said "Oh no!"

I told him to stop; He said he didn't do it.

I was really mad.

When someone lies to get out of trouble,

It makes me feel bad. (Chorus)

Don't say stop all the time,

or people won't listen to you.

You will start to get annoying,

by saying things that aren't true.

Save the word "Stop" for when you need it,

For when you're really mad.

When I say "Stop" and they apologize,

It makes me feel glad. (Chorus)