



Good *Singmaritans!*

Good *Singmaritans* is a very simple idea that may have wide appeal - particularly in secondary level schools with a caring ethos and a strong choral tradition.

It's something to fit well with PSHE, RE, and Citizenship Studies activities.

Good *Singmaritans* are any school or former pupils' choir, group, or soloist giving a little time during the Spring and early Summer 2012 to make a video or audio recording of the Just1 Count On Us Song - one to share on-line or send as a useful example for others.

There's no reward - though you'll be posted on the Just1 list of Good *Singmaritans* for all to see and applaud. And there's a Just1 Certificate to enthuse parents and press!



Being a *Singmaritan* School is an unusual and kindly way to give a bit of a helping hand to other schools wanting to take part in the annual Stand Up & Sing Out Against Poverty in mid-October. In 2011, 20,000+ pupils in UK primary and secondary schools united to stand up and sing the simple Count On Us Song. The aim for 2012 is the M+ Choir - at least 1000 schools worldwide.

Not all schools have a pianist or other musician to lead them. So some asked for something they could use to give all their pupils an idea of the tune and pitch and tempo - in assembly or classroom.

So the gifts of Good *Singmaritan* recordings may be used in several ways:

- To go on the Just1 website for anyone to download and use (and YouTube and Facebook may feature)

- To send to feeder and other local schools, choirs and group as an encouragement to join in
- To go out to Echo Schools - those overseas which will be listening out for the UK.

The Song itself is just five verses long, and has a simple tune - one that takes about a minute to learn and three to perform. (For this coming October, primary Year 6's are being encouraged to add their own Verse 6. And one secondary school used performances of Song in a house competition for all their new Year 7s.)

NB The basic words and tune are not sacrosanct. And you'll see there's lot of opportunity for accompanying actions!



On the Sing Out website you'll find not only the words and music, but some arrangements for strings, wind band and rock ensemble.

It may be that a pupil or teacher or someone else connected with a school might to compose a choral arrangement. This will be warmly welcomed as a happy extra to publish on-line.

If you're interested in being a Good *Singmaritan* School, it would help to know of this. Just e-mail the Conductor of Just1: hughgibbons@just1.org.uk

With very many thanks.



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