

**developing accurate pitching
towards singing in parts
using instruments to accompany**

keystage 1
singing skills
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**kookaburra
CD track 14**

Marion Sinclair 1932

1 Koo - ka - bur - ra sits in an old gum tree,

2 Mer - ry, mer - ry king of the bush is he,

3 Laugh, Koo - ka - bur - ra, Laugh, Koo - ka - bur - ra,

4 Gay your life must be.

How it works

A really catchy, well-known song.

- ♪ Make sure your children are certain of the melody before starting to sing in parts - take care especially with line 3.
- ♪ The song can be accompanied with tuned percussion or ukuleles on C - F - C throughout.
- ♪ It works as a 2, 3 or 4 part round, with each part starting as the previous one moves on to the next line.
- ♪ An easy way into working as a round is to introduce a sung melodic ostinato - a line sung over and over and over again as an accompaniment
eg "gay your life must be"
or " laugh Kookaburra, laugh".