

## 1) Introductory Song - The Erie Canal: This song is about a famous North American Canal and sets the scene for any canal journey real or imaginary. (Track 1 to 3)

### Multisensory aims and outcomes

- 1) Helping students listen appreciatively to a song
- 2) Moving to a cue - low bridge

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### Props:

- 1) Large pieces of blue material

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### Multisensory Activities

- 1) During the Chorus hold the material over the heads of the pupils whilst they duck down during the words Low Bridge

### Musical aims and outcomes

- 1) Listening - the Erie Canal
- 2) Structure - within the song: question and answer plus verse and chorus within the song
- 3) Performing - sing the song

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### Musical activity:

- 1) Listen to the complete song Track 2
- 2) Learn the song. Track 1 of the CD or download is a learning track. After the introduction you will hear a line of the song and then you will hear this line played again for the group to sing it themselves. This "my turn your turn" structure continues line by line for the whole song. Repeat this as many times as needed
- 3) Having learnt the song see if you can perform it singing along with track 3 which is the singalong version.



### Words:

1. I've got a mule and her name is Sal,  
Fifteen miles on the Erie Canal,  
She's a good ol' worker an' a good ol' pal  
Fifteen miles on the Erie Canal,

2. We've hauled some barges in our day  
Filled with lumber, coal and hay,  
And we know every inch of the way  
From Albany to Buffalo

### Chorus

Low bridge, everybody down!  
Low Bridge, for we're comin' through a town!  
And you'll always know your neighbour,  
You'll always know your pal,  
If you've ever navigated on the Erie Canal.

# Erie Canal

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## Verse



## Chorus

