

Hairy monsters

This weird and crazy song is to the tune of Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star.

Hairy Monsters came from Mars
Landed on a pile of cars
Tried to find a cup of tea
Right outside the Library
Hairy Monsters came from Mars
Landed on a pile of cars

When they found the café shut
Monsters really did their nut
Smashed the cars to smithereens
Went round eating Human Beans
Hairy Monsters came from Mars
Landed on a pile of cars

Human Beans had smelly feet
And they were not good to eat
Fed up with the human race
Monsters flew off back to Space
Hairy Monsters went back home
Never more the stars to roam

(Repeat the first verse)

This is a favourite song when I work in schools. One way to begin songwriting is to take a simple tune you know already, and write new words to it (in this case the tune was Twinkle Twinkle). It's important to choose a theme first. Here there were several themes. They were: Hairy Monsters from Mars; a Library; a Cup of Tea; and a Car Park.

Try writing your own spooky story-song to a familiar tune. The easiest tunes to use are those from songs with plenty of repetition. Examples might be: She'll be Coming Round the Mountain; Michael Row the Boat Ashore; What Shall We Do with the Drunken Sailor?

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