

## **The Singing Baby! Songbook and CD**

By Mary Thienes-Schunemann

Reviewed by Patti Regan

We've just heard from Mary Thienes-Schunemann that the third songbook in her series has been released. This newest offering is called *The Singing Baby!* Mary writes: "It is a delightful collection of bounces and body games to do with infants and toddlers. It is wonderful for help with transition times as well as giving special ways to help you connect with the children in your care."

With release of *The Singing Baby!* Mary completes her three-volume offering known collectively as the *Singing with Children Songbook Series*. Along with *The Wonder of Lullabies* and *Sing a Song of Seasons*, *The Singing Baby!* comprises a series of songbooks with a CD inside the back cover of each. Created as a musical aid for parents, caregivers, and teachers of young children, they are for both the confident as well as the bashful singer.

All the songs in the songbooks are on the CD's to help with learning. According to Mary, "I know there is a lot of controversy in the Waldorf movement about recorded music. These CD's are intended to be learning aids for the teacher, not to be played for the children. When I teach singing workshops people tell me that they cannot read music and will not remember the songs I teach them. I decided to create the songbook/CD format to help them with these challenges and to help people build confidence and joy in their singing voice."

The songbooks contain a mixture of finger plays, movement songs, story songs, and restful songs. There are pentatonic, traditional, and original melodies to meet the musical needs of children today.

Contact Mary at 262-642-5921 for ordering information.