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Zoom a Little Zoom

With all the changes around the planet, it brings you down to earth—like gravity—how basic science remains the same. Snowflakes still form through crystallization, lightning still comes from electrical charges, and that ol' gravity will still bring ya down! But fear not—the inherent lightness in Zoom a Little Zoom will have everyone up, moving, and learning about science at lightning speed!

The songs were selected from Ballads for the Age of Science, a forwardthinking collection of vinyl LPs produced in 1961. They featured original songs performed by folk and pop-music artists active in the mid-20th century, including Tom Glazer of "On Top of Spaghetti Fame."



The project aimed to make basic science enjoyable and understandable to children. Now, Cathy Fink and Marcy Marxer, two longtime busker-type musical artists, have brought these songs into the STEAM-science present with Zoom, swapping one musical style for another—the duo does a great Andrews Sisters!-but retaining the lyrics

Nature, space, energy and weather are all renewed. "Vibration" uses stringed instruments in the best way possible; "Why Does the Sun Shine?" is a sea chanty that talks about how far, how big and how important our Mother Star is to life; and "We Know the Air Is There" suggests a neat experiment and is enhanced with fiddle solos and banjo plucking. Speaking of experiments, a downloadable PDF with science activities comes with the CD.

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