

ISBIS S1 Ep17 (Finale): If you Wanna Sing Out, Sing Out!

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Dr. David Barry: Hi, School Believers! I just posted final grades for the fall semester, and I'm looking forward to a restful, peaceful, and celebratory winter break. I'm looking forward to visiting family in Texas, in Connecticut, and some friends in January and February as well. I'm looking forward to finishing a few books I've started reading and taking some time to be quiet, still, and peaceful. Just to let you all know, this mini episode is the season one finale of the I Still Believe in School podcast. I'm going to take a little break from posting episodes between now and January 27th, which will be the season two premiere. I've got some great interviews already recorded and some others that will be recorded during the holiday break for season two, and I'm excited to continue to bring you fun and uplifting episodes featuring my favorite teachers and my own teaching experiences. So, I'll see y'all back here on January 27th for the season two premiere. I hope each of you has some time off coming up to look forward to and that you're able to immerse yourself in all the things that make you feel rested and that make you feel like you. Now, something that's always made me feel like me is making music, which was one of my favorite things about being a kindergarten teacher, and it's also one of my favorite things about making this podcast. Music is something that's always been a huge part of my life, and the opportunity to get kids excited about singing and music was always such a gift for me as a teacher. And now, as a podcaster, I'm having a blast writing my little jingles and background music as a way to stay connected to that part of myself. In thinking about what to post for my mini episode this week, I remembered that I actually recorded some songs with my kindergartners way back in 2011. I made us a little album called Kindergarten Krooners. I'm going to share one here today on the podcast, making this episode of I Still Believe in School, the season 1 finale, and the very first musical episode. In full transparency, I dislike most kids' songs. I think they often underestimate children's abilities and intelligence by making things overly cutesy. Except for you, Sesame Street. Y'all are amazing and I love all of your songs. Instead of teaching my kids cheesy music songs, I'd often teach them 60s and 70s folk songs instead. They had manageable melodies for developing voices that often carried a beautiful message. One of my favorite songs to teach my class every year was If You Want to Sing Out, Sing Out by Cat Stevens. I'm excited to say that I found a recording of my class performing it. Here we go.

Dr. David Barry: Thank you, our true. That song always got my class up and moving and excited, and got everyone in a positive mindset for the day. I also taught them Joni Mitchell's The Circle Game, Crosby, Stills and Nash's Teacher Children Well, Mr. Blue Sky by ELO, I Don't Want to Live on the Moon by Sesame Street. The list goes on. I wish I had those recordings to share, but I certainly do have the memories. Again, I hope all of you have a safe, peaceful, and joyful holiday season. I am already looking forward to

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sharing more episodes in the new year for season two, so be sure to come back on January 27th for a new full-length episode. I talk with my middle school and high school Latin teachers together. You won't want to miss it. If you haven't had the opportunity yet, please share this podcast with anyone you think might enjoy it. Please leave me a five-star rating and a comment on Apple Podcasts or Spotify, and I'll read it on the show. Here's a comment from Marissa JTS, and it's titled, Inspiring Podcasts for Teachers New and Old. She wrote, I have been enjoying listening to Dave's podcast since day one. It inspires me to hear conversations from like-minded educators. We need more positive conversations in education just like this, perfect to inspire teachers old and new. Also, I always test my luck at trivia, too. I can't wait to hear what guests are next and what they think the biggest challenges are in education. Thank you, Marissa JTS. I'm so glad you're enjoying the show and that my intention of sharing some positivity is coming across as I intended.

Dr. David Barry: Well, that's it for this week y'all and for season 1. Take care, happy holidays and happy new year. I'll be back with more episodes for season 2, and these will be with amazing educators just as always, starting on January 27th. Take care y'all.