

## **HOW TO LEARN A SONG QUICKLY**

A 2-minute song learned in 1 hour

1. Find a private place where you can have uninterrupted time for 1 hour.
2. Read the words to the entire song – no music, just the words. **Repeat 3 times.**
3. Read through them again – on the sheet music. Don't worry about the notes yet. **Repeat 3 times.**
4. Listen to the learning tape, all 4 parts. **DO NOT SING ALONG.** Just LISTEN to the tape. Do not look at the music yet. Just get used to how the song goes. Pretend you are listening to the radio and that the sheet music does not exist. **Repeat 3 times.**
5. Listen to the learning tape, your part dominant, following the music. **DO NOT SING ALONG** yet. Be patient. Listen to how your part is sung. Make notes or marks on your music where you hear difficult passages or parts where you may have some trouble. **Repeat 3 times.**
6. Listen to the learning tape, your part dominant, loudly – **NOW YOU MAY SING ALONG** quietly. Be sure you can hear the learning tape so you can tell when your note is not exactly the same. Make notes or highlight your music in those spots so you can correct them immediately. If you go thru the song without making these corrections, you will just be reinforcing the wrong notes and that's difficult to change later. **Repeat 5 times.**
7. **SING ALONG** with the learning tape, your part dominant, loudly. Make notes on your music of any problem spots. **Repeat 5 times.**
8. **SING ALONG** with the learning tape, all 4 parts. **Repeat 5 times.**

You now know the song!!! You should be very proud of yourself! You've made your director or quartet or section leader or chorus very happy!!!