



## 18. Language Heroes

*(The stage is split in half. On one side Baba is teaching Enemian to the Candle High students. On the other side, thousands of miles away, Twimfina is teaching English to the Garden School students. Both sides mirror each other, reciting the same words at the same time.)*

*Instructions:*

*B&T = Baba and Twimfina / Stu = Students / 1Stu = One Student from Each Class / Metronome speed is about 60 bpm / the underlined syllables fall on the beat (but aren't necessarily accented) / the words are not sung, but are spoken with expression (which gives them a natural musicality) / there is an optional piano accompaniment /*

1.

B&T: Now let's start becoming heroes.

Stu: Heroes?

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Stu: Heroes?

B&T: Heroes. Now let's start becoming heroes, heroes of the world.

Stu: How can we become the heroes?

B&T: Heroes?

Stu: Heroes.

B&T: Heroes?

Stu: Heroes. How can we become the heroes, heroes of the world?

2.

B&T: When we learn a second language, heroes we become.

We connect the whole wide world so all can be as one.

We bilinguals work to keep the dialogue alive,

Else the world would just be islands, fighting to survive.

B&T: Now let's start becoming heroes.

Stu: Heroes?

B&T: Heroes.

Stu: Heroes?

B&T: Heroes. Now let's start becoming heroes, heroes of the world.

3.

Stu: Oh come on you make it seem bilinguals are so great.

Bilinguals this, bilinguals that, you just exaggerate!

B&T: No exaggeration, our heroics never cease

And on top of all of this, bilinguals bring us peace!

B&T: Now let's start becoming heroes.

Stu: Heroes?

B&T: Heroes.

Stu: Heroes?

B&T: Heroes. Now let's start becoming heroes, heroes of the world.

*[two students raise hands during previous refrain; both B&T point to the students on the word "world" so that the acknowledged students can respond immediately]*

4.

1Stu: Why we need to learn a language? We don't understand!

We don't know a single person in another land.

B&T: (*chuckling*) That's the problem when you know just Language Number One

You miss the chance to know the world and miss a lot of fun

*[two students raise hands during previous verse; both B&T point to the students on the word "fun" so that the acknowledged students can respond immediately]*

5.

1Stu: What if someone laughs at us or tries to pick a fight

If we do not know a word or don't pronounce it right?

B&T: Just ignore the laughter and the insults that are hurled.

Things like that can never hurt the heroes of the world.

*[two students raise hands during previous verse; both B&T point to the students on the word "world" so that the acknowledged students can respond immediately]*

6.

1Stu: The world has many languages – and all of them are great  
Why pick this, the language of a people that we hate?

B&T: That is why we're learning it – we're knocking down the wall  
Communication really is the answer to it all.

7.

B&T: You will find that when you learn this Language Number Two  
You will have so many friends, you won't know what to do.  
(*pointing to other side*) Far away a class like this is also filled with stars.  
As we learn to speak their language, they are learning ours.

*[two students raise hands during previous verse; both B&T point to the students on the word "ours" so that the acknowledged students can respond immediately]*

8.

1Stu: If students somewhere over there learn Language Number Two  
We can just relax and look for something else to do! [2-beat pause for laughter]  
B&T:(*pointing to other side*) But what if there's a joker over there who says the same?  
[2-beat pause for laughter] That is why it's only fair we all must play the game

9.

B&T: When we learn their language, it would really be a treat  
If somehow we could find a way that all of us could meet. [2-beat pause for excited response]  
If we were to travel there, the first thing we should do  
Is smile and shake their hands and sing out:

*[the tempo slows down here to about 48 bpm so that the following intonations match the tempo of the upcoming song]*

(sung on the pitch C#5) PEACE TO YOU FROM LANGUAGE NUMBER TWO

Stu: (sung on the pitch C#5) PEACE TO YOU FROM LANGUAGE NUMBER TWO

BABA and TWIMFINA

(singing)

THOSE WHO KNOW JUST LANGUAGE NUMBER ONE

MISS A CHANCE TO HAVE A LOT OF FUN

MISS A CHANCE TO MAKE A LOT OF FRIENDS

CHANCE TO GO WHERE THEY HAVE NEVER BEEN

NOT THE GREATEST SITUATION

STUCK AT HOME WITH LANGUAGE NUMBER ONE

STUDENTS

*(sung in unison)*

WE ARE LEARNING LANGUAGE NUMBER TWO  
DIFF'RENT CULTURES, DIFF'RENT POINTS OF VIEW  
MEETING PEOPLE, MAKING LOTS OF FRIENDS  
GOING PLACES WE HAVE NEVER BEEN  
WE BRING GOOD THINGS, BRING THEM HOME TO YOU  
WE THE STUDENTS OF LANGUAGE NUMBER TWO.

ALL

*(sung in harmony; Garden School sings melody, Candle High sings both melody and countermelody)*

WE BRING YOU:

CHINESE PHILOSOPHY, INDIAN SPICE  
BANANAS FROM PANAMA, BASMATI RICE  
WITH MANDARIN, HINDI AND ARABIC WORDS  
COMES BEAUTY FROM BURMA AND SONG FROM CAPE VERDE

WE BRING STORIES FROM AFRICA, MEXICAN DANCE  
AND FLOWERS FROM HOLLAND AND COOKING FROM FRANCE  
ITALIAN OPERA, OLIVES FROM GREECE  
AND BEST OF ALL WE BRING YOU:  
PEACE, PEACE, BEST OF ALL WE BRING  
PEACE, PEACE, BEST OF ALL WE BRING PEACE

AND WORD BY WORD WE BRING YOU TOGETHER  
AND WORD BY WORD WE BRING YOU TOGETHER  
AND WORD BY WORD WE BRING YOU...

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PEACE, PEACE, BEST OF ALL WE BRING  
PEACE TO YOU FROM LANGUAGE NUMBER TWO.

END OF SEGMENT 18