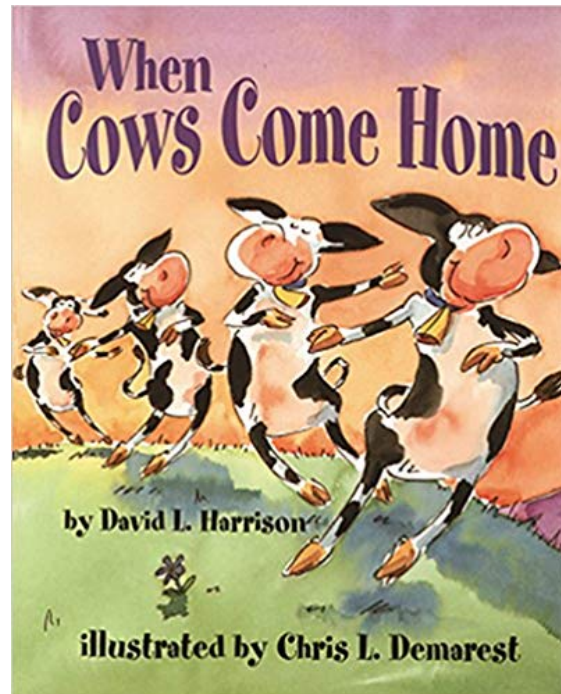


When Cows Come Home

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This book is a fun story about cows going out and doing cow-like things: playing tag, fiddling, square dancing, riding bikes, and more! The illustrations are very fanciful, and the story would make a great addition to either a farm-themed program or unit in class. The book sticks to rhyming couplets, and ends every page on some sort of “ay” sound.

This book is ripe for creating a melody and performing in rondo form (using the first 4 stanzas as an A section), but it’s just begging for sound effects and movement. Different locomotor and non-locomotor movements are referenced throughout, and would work well with a narrator. For extra effect, kids would have a blast trying to decide what sound to use for chewing cud, riding bikes, jumping in a pond, donkeys braying, or milking! The possibilities are endless for this joyful book.