



Lithuanian folk songs

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- **The subject of our presentaiion – Lithuanian folk songs.**
- **The songs are presented under the topic: „Four seasons“**





**Popular song of one the most famous
Lithuanian singers G.Paškevičius
„My Land“**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0zse027wITc>

This land is given me by destiny

With its grey sky, gardens under snow

***With its castles and red maples in
autumn***

My land is open to everybody,

***I will love its beauty and its language
forever.***

My country- is my only home...

My country is the main significance

It is my beginning and my end...





































Why have we chosen “Four seasons of the year?”

- **Each season is special because of different traditions, festivals and songs.**



Sunny Lithuanian summer



Summer is a time of hard work... but also of warm weather, fields full of flowers, and songs in the evenings...



Lithuanian traditional song “A Grey Bee”

- *Small grey bee, where are you bringing the honey from?*

- *I am bringing it from daisies, carnations and other flowers...*

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=na75YczjviA>



St John's Day

- *It is the most popular summer festival.*
- *It is celebrated on June 24 but people start celebrating it late in the evening on June 23. It is the shortest night of the year.*
- *It is also called Dew's day.*



Traditions of St. John's day

- *Unmarried girls went together to the meadows to pick flowers and to make crowns from them. They were wearing white linen clothes and singing songs.*
- *With the help of crowns they tried to predict their future.*







Summer boys' song:

“ I ploughed and ploughed...”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GMpEKOAzBrA>

*I ploughed and ploughed the
fields.*

*The girl came to me and
brought me some food.*

The sun is for the day,

The moon is for the night

*And my girlfriend is for my
heart...*

*“Let horses go to fields
To find some grass to eat...*

And you come to me

So that nobody could see you...”

*Again I ploughed and ploughed
the fields.*

The girl came to me

So that nobody could see her...

Looking for the flower of fern...

- ▶ *According to the traditions people can go to the forests at midnight and look for the flower of fern...*
- ▶ *That lucky person, who finds it can become a seer, who can hear other people's thoughts and secrets, can understand birds chirping. But it is possible to look for the flower of fern at St. John's night only going alone deep into the dark forest. It is forbidden to try to go back...*





- *The traditions of celebrating St. John's day also include singing songs and dancing, telling tales until the sun sets...*
- *jumping over bonfires and playing games...*
- *greeting the rising midsummer sun and washing the face with a morning dew..*

A game: “To catch a hen”

- **All players put scarves on their eyes except one player (a hen). This player has a bell in his hand. He tries to run to different sides, at the same time ringing the bell. Players try to catch a hen. That player who catch him, becomes a hen.**



Hardworking Lithuanian autumn- time of harvesting




After having finished work...

Autumn...

When the work is finished and fields and gardens are empty, it is time to celebrate the end of hard work and sing and dance together before the season of heavy rains and mud starts...





Lithuanian folk song “Going past small hut”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rx4fiog0jnU>

*I was going past small hut, chu dru dra
la la*

*I was going through the mud, vai kuku
vai lu la*

*Even though the mud was deep, chu
dru dra la la*

I was looking at a girl, vai kuku vai lu la

*I was going past small hut, chu dru dra
la la*

*Let's get married, my sweetheart, chu
dru dra la la*

*You'll be happy all your life, vai kuku
vai lu la*

*We will go to the church, chu dru dra la
la*

*And I kiss you hundred times, vai kuku
vai lu la*

*I was going past small hut, chu dru dra
la la*

Winter



Christmas

- **Christmas is celebrated on December 24. It was one of the most important festivals in Lithuania. People used to go to their neighbours and relatives and sing Christmas songs.**



Pancake Day

- *It is a festival which is celebrated at the end of winter .*
- *The main feature of this festival is masks and various costumes. They must be scary to make winter run away.*



- ***One more important thing this day is pancakes. Everybody must eat as more pancakes as possible. Then you will be strong and fat all year.***
- ***During the pankcake day people must eat a lot: 7-9 times per.***



- ▶ ***Pancake day is celebrated in winter, so in order not to be cold people play games, dance and sing.***



Lithuanian song “Shoes made of straw and twigs”



My shoes're made of straw and twigs

I cannot dance, because they hurt my feet...

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=25nJUjyp3IU>


Lithuanian traditional game: „Cocks‘ fight“

- *Paint a circle on the ground (on the snow)*
- *Two players are inside the circle.*
- *Each player has to stand on one leg.*
- *Being in such position they try to push each other from the circle.*



Lithuanian spring



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- ***The most important spring festival is Easter. It is a festival which is associated with the birth of nature.***



“Lithuanian folk song “A hawk is flying”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= DLatFyi0os>

-A big hawk is flying through the forest

Straight to the dry tree

Girl, look at that tree,

When this tree will be green ,you will be mine

-This dry tree is already green,

Where is that boy who loved me?

Maybe he is far away, over the oceans, over the seas?

Maybe he loves other girls?

-,No he is not far away, over the oceans, over the seas

He just loves other girls...



Easter traditions

- **The most popular tradition is to paint Easter eggs. Then during the celebration children play a lot of games with these Easter eggs.**
- **And as it is common for all Lithuanian festivals young boys and girls gather together, sing and dance.**



Lithuanian traditional game „Nemunelis“

- ▶ *Players stand in a line, holding each other's hands. The first player starts going and pulling other players with him. The first player goes winding to different sides, like a small river goes through the forest.*



Shepard's rope

- *In spring the nature woke up, the grass started growing and shepards' hard work began. They went to the fields with a band of cows, sheep and goats. Shepards were walking all days long, singing songs and sometimes played games or invented different activities, for example they made for themselves special ropes, which they could use as a belt or whips.*
- *Now we want to show you how to they made these ropes.*





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