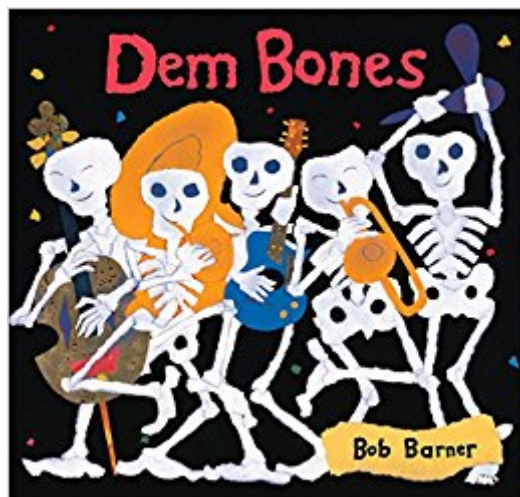


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# Dem Bones



## Synopsis

Sing along with a colorful skeleton band in this exuberant rendition of a traditional most-loved African-American spiritual, passed down by word of mouth for generations. Today, it's usually sung by children as a way to learn anatomy, rhyme, and language. With its vibrant paper collage illustrations and rollicking read-aloud verse, this perfect introduction to the human body makes a wonderful addition to both home and classroom libraries, and is a fun treat for Halloween!

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 3

## Customer Reviews

Bob Barner loves music (he owns seventeen guitars and four ukuleles) and had never broken a bone until he wrote this book. He's presented Dem Bones in Guam, India, Mexico, and South Korea, and has received bone art from many other places around the world. He lives in San Francisco.

Great for teaching about bones

Very cute book for youngsters to learn about their bones, how they are connected and their names.

I teach a science class for ages 3 - 6, and we read this when we study skeletons. Not only does it

have great illustrations, and the words of the song (a spiritual from about 100 years ago that's very fun to sing) , but it also has information about each of the bones, like it talks about how the ankle bone helps us bend, flex, and climb stairs. When we read it in class, I sing out the verse ("the foot bone's connected to the ankle bone"), then I point to that bone or joint on me and encourage them to examine their own bone or joint (like flexing and swiveling the ankle joint) as I read the additional facts about that bone. After we read all the way through, we sing the song as I flip through the book. It's a fun and memorable way to learn about skeletons. Note, the lyrics in the book end with the traditional "Hear the Word of the Lord". If that's not appropriate for your setting, you can adapt to "Doing the Skeleton Dance." (To learn about hands-on skeleton science activities for kids, check out my blog [Inventors of Tomorrow.](#))

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