



## Rainbows and Canyons

(The Water Song)

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### Verse 1

What can make a rainbow appear<sup>1</sup>  
But vanishes in the sun?<sup>2</sup>  
A great sculptor of canyons<sup>3</sup>  
Its work is never done

### Verse 2

What falls freely from the sky  
Is more valuable than gold?  
What sank the unsinkable ship<sup>4</sup>  
Is impossible to hold?

### Bridge

Without it there would be no life on Earth  
(No animals, no people, no plants)  
It's a part of you and me  
And our future strong and healthy  
(You and me and our future strong and  
healthy)

### Verse 3

What was inside a dinosaur  
And now is inside of me?<sup>5</sup>  
What's always moving between the sky  
The mountains and the sea?<sup>6</sup>

### Verse 4

What can roar like lion enraged  
Or quietly pass you by?<sup>7</sup>  
A mirror to the moon and stars<sup>8</sup>  
Always there when we cry<sup>9</sup>

### Bridge

### CHORUS

Maji, taneer, agua  
Everybody needs  
Maim, elma, mizu  
Fresh and pure and clean  
Shui, eau, wasser, nero  
Something we all share  
Paani, acqua, voda  
People everywhere

repeat CHORUS

### Outro

(Choir)  
Water, water, everybody needs  
Water, water, fresh and pure and clean

(soloist)

Round and around  
It goes round everywhere  
Share it and care for it  
It's only fair

(Together)

People everywhere

	<u>Pronounced</u>	<u>Language</u>
<b>maji</b>	mah-gee	Kiswahili (Swahili)
<b>ta-neer</b>	tah-neer	Indian
<b>agua</b>	arg-wah	Spanish
<b>maim</b>	may-im	Hebrew
<b>el-ma</b>	el-mah	Arabic
<b>mizu</b>	mi-zoo	Japanese
<b>shui</b>	shway	Chinese
<b>eau</b>	oo as in 'book'	French
<b>wasser</b>	vus-sah	German
<b>nero</b>	nair-oh	Greek
<b>paani</b>	pah-nee	Hindi
<b>acqua</b>	ark-wah	Italian
<b>voda</b>	vor-dare	Russian

I hope I have these correct. Please contact me if you would like to suggest any changes.

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### **Teacher Notes**

Use some of the following ideas from the song for further discussion and research about water.

Ask the children to think of other effects that water produces, where it can be found and how it impacts on their lives.

<sup>1</sup> Rainbows appear when raindrops reflect sunlight, breaking white light into colors.

<sup>2</sup> The sun's energy causes water to vaporize and evaporate.

<sup>3</sup> Rocks and earth are eroded by water. Over countless years canyons and valleys are created.

<sup>4</sup> The Titanic was thought to be unsinkable until it hit an iceberg ie. frozen water.

<sup>5</sup> There is a finite amount of water on Earth. The same water molecules present at the time of the dinosaurs are still moving throughout the Earth, in the atmosphere, in plants, people and animals.

<sup>6</sup> The water cycle describes the constant movement of water from the oceans to the clouds (evaporation) and back to earth (rain, snow, hail etc).

<sup>7</sup> Think about the sound of a large waterfall roaring or a trickle of water silently moving along a drain.

<sup>8</sup> A still surface of water like a lake can reflect the sky and the surroundings.

<sup>9</sup> Our tears are mostly water.

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