



Rainbows and Canyons

(The Water Song)

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Verse 1

What can make a rainbow appear¹
But vanishes in the sun?²
A great sculptor of canyons³
Its work is never done

Verse 2

What falls freely from the sky
Is more valuable than gold?
What sank the unsinkable ship⁴
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?⁵
What's always moving between the sky
The mountains and the sea?⁶

Verse 4

What can roar like lion enraged
Or quietly pass you by?⁷
A mirror to the moon and stars⁸
Always there when we cry⁹

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

¹ Rainbows appear when raindrops reflect sunlight, breaking white light into colors.

² The sun's energy causes water to vaporize and evaporate.

³ Rocks and earth are eroded by water. Over countless years canyons and valleys are created.

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

⁵ 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.

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

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

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

⁹ Our tears are mostly water.

World Water Day – March 22

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