Folk Music: A Very Short Introduction

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Folk Music: A Very Short Introduction explores a remarkably diverse musical genre. It considers folk musical traditions from across the globe, everything from music to accompany a Russian wedding near the Arctic Circle, to a group song in a small rainforest village in Brazil, and an Uzbek dance tune in Afghanistan. Three poignant songs from three widely separated regions — northern Afghanistan, Jewish Eastern Europe, and a ballad from the Anglo–American world — are living examples of the richness of this ever–changing musical genre. Musical notation and lyrics are included throughout.