

# THREE WAYS TO TEACH A SONG

## with MUSIC

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- Provide the choir with a copy of the sheet music.
- If the scoring is too complicated, or the piece has a number of pages, opt for teaching the song a different way.
- *Keep in mind* that your group may be seeing music for the first time. Offer some basic music theory during your practice or before your rehearsal starts for those interested.

## with WORDS ONLY

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- Provide the choir with a copy of the words only.
- Make the font clear and large enough to be easily read.
- *Keep in mind* that some members of the group may not be able to read proficiently so opt to teach the song without providing printed out words.

## by ROTE

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- Without providing sheet music or a handout with words, teach the song by rote.
- Sing line by line and have the choir sing it back.
- This is helpful in memorizing a piece and allows the choir to look up and engage with the listener much easier.
- *Keep in mind* that this may be the most comfortable way for the group to learn.

While it would be ideal to teach different songs by all three of the above methods, choose the best method for your particular group to ensure everyone can be involved in music-making.