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Reading Rainbow is a very popular, innovative children's show that has featured several programs about music. Hosted by LeVar Burton, each of these videos takes you on a marvelous musical journey. The **Reading Rainbow** series has won a total of 16 Emmys® - six of them for Outstanding Children's Series. The videos are based on the children's books, which we also carry.

Abiyoyo is a storysong retold and sung by its author, Pete Seeger. Based on a South African lullaby and folk story, a boy and his father come up with a plan to save the townspeople from a giant. Host LeVar Burton reveals some of the ways a story can be told with music.

Barn Dance! is about a young boy who follows the sound of music and finds an unusual barn dance in progress. LeVar takes you to the hilltops of Tennessee for a look at true bluegrass music and dancing.

Berlioz The Bear is an amusing tale of the mishaps encountered by a band of bears who take their show on the road. In the video, viewers go behind the scenes at The Boys Choir of Harlem.

Follow The Drinking Gourd is about a sailor that helps guide slaves on the Underground Railroad through song. The colorful, rich paintings, based on American folk tradition, interpret the powerful story in a primitive way.

Hip Cat explores America's most original music form - Jazz! LeVar becomes a "hip cat," hanging out with musicians while they experiment with the cool, melodic sounds of jazz.

Sophie And Lou takes a look at some fancy footwork, as LeVar learns some new dances. From the mambo to hip-hop, you'll be taken across the world to look at the many cultural differences in dance.

Ty's One-Man Band is narrated by Lou Rawls. It's the story of a mysterious stranger who creates a one-man band out of odds and ends. Special features include a rap band, do-wop group, and the dancing of Ben Vereen.

Uncle Jed's Barbershop teaches a positive message that no one should ever let go of - hold on to your dreams. Sarah Jean's favorite relative, Uncle Jed, never gave up on his dream of owning his own barbershop. And at the age of 79, he was finally able to fulfill it and show her how to dream. The realistic, wonderful oil paintings depict a loving family that encounters both hard times and good times.

When Aunt Lena Did The Rhumba, narrated by Lucie Arnaz, is about a little girl who hatches a plan to bring Broadway to her matinee-loving aunt. You'll learn about the joys of performing from members of The Boys Choir Of Harlem and actors from the Broadway hit *Cats*.

Zin! Zin! Zin! A Violin explores the melodious, rhythmical, and mathematical groupings that make music fun. Narrated by Gregory Hines, this story was filmed on location at New York City's Julliard School of Music. Also featured are percussion performers from the Off-Broadway show *Stomp*.