Dalry Primary School have a new school song

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On Monday we met a very tuneful primary school choir who performed their new school song for parents collecting their little ones at the end of the school day.

The Edinburgh Reporter NEWS from Phyllis Stephen on Vimeo.

Dalry Primary School is the most diverse school in the city and they have written a new school song to celebrate that diversity. They have just won Creative School of the Year 2015 and this is one of the reasons why.

The Dalry school song was written at the end of the summer term. Six classes composed it, 14 songwriters wrote it and the whole school performed it then but the outdoor performance was the first time that parents and those outside the school have heard it.

Head teacher Grant Gillies said: "Dalry Primary is the most multi cultural school in Edinburgh and the pupils decided they wanted to write that reflected their school's diversity.

"Phillip Thorne and Patrick Boxhall helped the pupils from 5 classes compose melodies and these were then merged in to one big song. They then lead the pupils through a songwriting process and all the words were written by children, for children.

"The whole school were involved in recording the song and all our pupils who have musical tuition played accompaniments. The result is an amazing and unique song that says everything about Dalry. It just makes you smile."

Here are the words so that you can sing along — it is quite catchy!

Dalry School Song

VERSE 1

Welcome to our school your second home, Our ring of respect, you feel included, Different emotions, different cultures, Our ship that will never sink.

VERSE 2

You get respect in our awesome game
Playing, bellowing, roaring and cheering
We wash and pray, talk and give, eat and play
Incense, flowers, fruit and gifts, fruit and gifts.

CHORUS Welcome to you, As-Salaam-Alaikum, Peace be with you, Shanti, Shalom Namasté, Shukriya, Konnichiwa, Ni hao, Ni hao ma, Goeie more Dzień dobry, Jak się masz, Bonjour, Gutentag, Cześć, Salut Welcome to you, As-Salaam-Alaikum Peace be with you, Shanti, Shalom

VERSE 3

Feeling like I'm on a sunny beach,
Inside me an icicle melting,
Like a butterfly, I am happy
I'm happy that you are here, you are here.

VERSE 4

My friends they are kind, kind and good, Makes me think like a king, like a king, Only one like me, extraordinary, I am loved, respected and happy.

CHORUS