

# Mp3 Robbi K & Friends - Music Makes Me Happy

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Robbi K, whos sung backup for Aretha Franklin, Chaka Khan and many others, has cranked out a groov-alicious offering for all with this CD. Kids will enjoy the lyrics, but anyone can just sit back and feel the rhythm coursing through their body." NY Post 11 MP3 Songs KIDS/FAMILY: Kid Friendly, KIDS/FAMILY: Educational Details: Robbi K is one of the few African American women to have achieved national recognition in the field of childrens music. Unlike many of todays children's musicians, Robbi's background is not in rock, but rather is in jazz, pop, and world beat. For years she paid her dues, maintaining an active schedule as a back-up singer with such artists as Mary K. Blige, Chaka Khan, Aretha Franklin, Jewel, Diana Ross, Rod Stewart, and Harry Belafonte, among others. Her TV appearances with these artists include Oprah, 60 Minutes, Rosie, Regis Kathie Lee, The View, VH-1, The Today Show, and Late Night with David Letterman. Robbi is married to Grammy-winning bassist Bakithi Kumalo, whose longstanding association with Paul Simon is a story unto itself. Just one glance at the cover announces: Music Makes Me Happy is not your typical children's fare! The CD's title tune "Music Makes Me Happy," a rollicking Cajun number, features blues legend Guy Davis, son of Ruby Dee and Ossie Davis, as well as the rocking children's artist Brady Rymer. Happy" is a fun, freeing song that encourages children to express their emotions, whether glad or mad. Violinist Eileen Ivers adds her warm tones to "The Peace Song", a song Robbi sings about peace on earth and within. The iconic folk hero, John Henry, drives his steel into the 21st century via Robbis urgently relevant rendition of the familiar ballad, backed up by the super-funky bass lines of her husband, Bakithi Kumalo (Paul Simons favorite bass player). Robbi K goes on record to remind everyone that the thing that makes our schools work is the heartfelt bond between students and their teachers in I Love My Teacher, a gospel-flavored anthem of gratitude, love, and joy ... featuring special guest Jon "Bowzer" Bauman of Sha Na Na! Jazz saxophonist Hayes Greenfield blows a fierce solo while youthful stars, with credits stretching from Sesame Street to Broadway - - shine in a full-voiced chorus on "Eating Some Pizza." Robbi K credits Paul Simons Graceland as a source of inspiration, saying, Graceland rocked my world. I want to make music for kids and their families that inspires and excites, just like Graceland did for me. I make my concerts joyous,

with exhilarating music and a reminder that with intention and effort we can make the world a better place.

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