# SONGS TO GO WITH LOCAL HISTORY PLAYS (From Kathie Petrie's Greenbrook School classes)

#### **Tatcan Chant (student writer)**

We are the Tatcan Indians of the Costonoan race. We eat acorns, berries, and meat. We have lived in these hills for many, many years, And to leave for the missions will bring our tears. We will leave our bundle homes to work for these men. We will never see Mt. Diablo again.

## Rancho San Ramon – Tune "Mexican Hat Dance" (student writer)

We are the Pacheco family. We live under an oak tree. Adobe made into a home. On Rancho San Ramon.

On our flat land we grow the wheat, For our cattle to graze and eat, We wear boots upon our feet, On Rancho San Ramon.

## It's a Grand Old Town -- Tune "It's A Grand Old Flag"

It's a grand old town,
It's an old western town,
And forever in history it stays
It's the town I love,
It's what I dream of,
There's shopping, biking, and plays.
Everyone's so kind,
And I can unwind,
On the wonderful Iron Horse Trail.
So pack your lunch,
And come join the bunch,
You'll be happy you heard this tale.

## Yankee Doodle Danville -- Tune "Yankee Doodle Dandy"

Danville is a special town, Because of Devil Mountain, You will see the Iron Horse Trail, And kids on bikes are shout-en.

### **She'll be Coming Around the Mountain**

She'll be coming round Mount Diablo, here she comes, She'll be coming round Mount Diablo, here she comes, She'll be coming round Mount Diablo, She'll be coming round Mount Diablo, She'll be coming round Mount Diablo, Here she comes.

Oh, we'll all go out to meet her, when she comes, Oh, we'll all go out to meet her, when she comes, All we'll all go out to meet her, We'll welcome her and greet her, We'll all go out to meet her when she comes.

#### Danville is a Town -- Tune "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star"

Danville, Danville is a town, that is where we're living now. It's a town with clear blue skies. We like to go out for bike rides. Danville, Danville is a town, that is where we're living now.

Danville, Danville is a town, that is what the pioneers found. The weather here is nice and cool. The people here are friendly too. Danville, Danville is a town, that is what the pioneers found.

## Danville, Danville -- Tune "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star"

Danville, Danville, here we stand, On this beautiful, beautiful land, Mount Diablo rising from the top, The rolling hills never stop, Danville, Danville, her we stand, On this beautiful, beautiful land

Danville, Danville, isn't it great, The people who live here are really first rate, We all work hard, on our ranches and all, And we sit under oak trees very tall, Danville, Danville, isn't it great, Even in 1888!

# Sitting on Front Street – Tune "Zippity Do Da"

Sitting on Front Street without much to do, Watching Mount Diablo's view,
Got more and more people to make this a town,
But in the evening, you can't hear a sound,
Zippity doda, zippity aye,
Here in our Danville, we're going to stay.

#### Danville U.S.A. – Tune "Surfin' USA"

If everybody has a Danville
To live and work, and play.
Then everybody'd be swimming,
Like I do everyday.
They'd all be riding their bikes,
Across the Iron Horse Trail.
Everybody like Danville,
Danville USA.

## Dominic's Danville Song - Tune "Take Me Out to the Ball Game"

Take me out to old Danville
Take me out to downtown
Let me play on the old oak tree
We'll talk to nice people and soon you will see,
There are so many things here in Danville,
If you don't come you'll miss out.
It's parades, Mt Diablo and restaurants galore.
And much, much more.

Take me out to old Danville,
Take me out with the crowd,
Let us go into all the stores,
This is a town where you'll never get bored.
For it's root, root, root for old Danville,
If you get bored it's a shame,
For it's one, two, three things to do,
In old Danville.

# Danville Promenade – Sing to a "square dance" beat

Honor your partner, Honor your maid, Do the Danville Promenade

We've got some stores, We're becoming a town, Everybody, Go around.

Dear Teachers: All of the above songs were written by students in Kathie Petrie's class. Some of them were used in her play. Take some familiar tunes and see what your students can come up with. Think how much fun students will have singing songs that they have written.