Children's Songs for Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Freedom, Freedom, Let It Ring  
*to the tune of "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star"*

Freedom, freedom, let it ring.  
Let it ring, said Dr. King.  
Let it ring from North to South.  
Let it ring from house to house.  
Let it ring for everyone,  
All across the whole nation.

Let it ring for black and white,  
Let it ring both day and night.  
Let it ring for young and old,  
Forever may its song ring bold.  
Freedom, freedom, let it ring.  
Let it ring, said Dr. King.

Happy Birthday, Dr. King  
*to the tune of "Yankee Doodle"*

Dr. King was a man  
Who had a special dream.  
He dreamed of a world filled with love  
And peace and harmony.

Happy Birthday, Dr. King,  
Happy Birthday to you.  
Happy Birthday, Dr. King.  
We honor you today.

Harmony and Peace  
*to the tune of "B-I-N-G-O"*

Dr. King taught us to live  
In harmony and peace--  
P-E-A-C-E,  
P-E-A-C-E,  
P-E-A-C-E,  
In harmony and peace.

He taught us not to fight or quarrel,
But love one another.
L-O-V-E, Love!
L-O-V-E, Love!
L-O-V-E, Love!
He said to love each other.

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**We Are Much the Same**

*to the tune of "Skip to My Lou"

You may have light skin,
I may have dark;
You may have long hair,
I may have short;
You may have blue eyes,
I may have brown:
It really doesn't matter.

*(Spoken)* Why?

'Cause underneath our skin, we're much the same,
Underneath our skin, we're much the same.
Underneath our skin, we're much the same.
And that's what really matters.

When we're hungry, we both want to eat.
When we're thirsty, we both want a drink.
When we're tired, we both want a bed.
We are much the same.

When we're happy, we both smile.
When we're sad, we both cry.
When we're scared, we both want a friend.
We are much the same.

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**Let Us Keep His Dream Alive**

*to the tune of "This Old Man"

This young man had a dream;
In his eye he had a gleam.
We must love each other to survive.
Let us keep his dream alive.

He believed man was good;
He had dreams of brotherhood.
We must love each other to survive.
Let us keep his dream alive.
All join hands, let us sing;
Let the bells of freedom ring.
We must love each other to survive.
Let us keep his dream alive.

We can learn from the past;
Then we'll all be "free at last!"
We must love each other to survive.
Let us keep his dream alive.

**Note:** "Let Us Keep His Dream Alive" is **not** an original song. It's one I've had in my card file for ages, but I have no idea who the original author was. If you know, please e-mail me so proper credit can be given.