

## Songs and Chants

One effective way to use a song is to type up the lyrics, and then cut them apart into paper strips. Have students listen to the song and arrange the lyrics in order. The song should be relatively slow and clear. The Bare Naked Ladies song *If I Had a Million Dollars*, is great for practicing the conditional tense. *Tom's Diner* by Suzanne Vega is great for the present progressive. These lyrics are below. If you have any other suggestions for songs and chants please email them to Vicky at [vicky@intercambioweb.org](mailto:vicky@intercambioweb.org).

I am **sitting** in the morning  
At the diner on the corner

I am **waiting** at the counter  
For the man to pour the coffee

And he fills it only halfway  
And before I even argue

He is **looking** out the window  
At somebody coming in

It is always nice to see you  
Says the man behind the counter

To the woman who has come in  
She is **shaking** her umbrella

And I look the other way  
As they are **kissing** their hellos

And I'm pretending not to see them  
And instead I pour the milk

I open up the paper  
There's a story of an actor

Who had died while he was **drinking**  
It was no one I had heard of

And I'm turning to the horoscope  
And looking for the funnies

When I'm feeling someone **watching** me  
And so I raise my head

There's a woman on the outside  
Looking inside, does she see me?

No, she does not really see me  
Cause she sees her own reflection

And I'm **trying** not to notice  
That she's hitching up her skirt

And while she's straightening her stockings  
Her hair has gotten wet

Oh, this rain it will continue  
Through the morning as I'm **listening**

To the bells of the cathedral  
I am **thinking** of your voice...