



# Folk Mic



## Real People Real Stories

### The Website

[folkmic.weebly.com](http://folkmic.weebly.com)

A sample page of a story from our website, with embedded video, a transcript, and metadata

**The Johnny Cake**  
Linda Krafft

**Title:** The Johnny Cake  
**Storyteller:** Linda Krafft  
**Language:** English  
**Date of Telling:**  
**Location of Telling:** Casper, WY  
**Duration of Story:** 06:21  
**Source of Story:** Gingerbread Man  
**Location of Story:**  
**Subject Headings:**  
**Notes:**

Once upon a time, there was an old man, and an old woman and a little boy. They lived in a little house in the woods. One day the old woman thought, "I am going to make a Johnny Cake today." So she mixed the batter and poured the Johnny Cake into the pan and she put it into the oven to bake. She told the little boy, "You watch the Johnny Cake and when it is finished cooking you let me know. I will go out and work in the garden." The little boy stood by the oven and he watched and he watched.



Title & author  
Text transcript  
Metadata  
Embedded video

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**Browse By Title**

- The Day Black Bart Took My Leg
- Four Finger Panic
- The Johnny Cake
- Roosters Lay Eggs
- Uncle Albert and the New Tools
- Uncle Albert in the Navy

Users of the website can browse the folktale collection by title, author, or subject heading

## Why Folk Mic?

Currently, there are a few well-known projects that focus on preserving personal narratives and oral histories. However, folktales and original stories did not have an easily located and accessible repository. Our mission is to keep these valuable cultural artifacts from slipping into obscurity by building an online public repository of folktales that is easy to access and use.

## What We Did

- Identified a need for a public repository for folktales
- Reached out to storytellers in our communities
- Recorded storytellers telling their stories
- Created metadata and made transcripts for each story
- Designed a website to host these stories
- Created a way for storytellers to submit their folktales to the site

## What's Next?

Now that we've populated Folk Mic with a small seed collection of 15 stories with full transcripts and cataloging, tellers of all skill levels, from amateur to professional, are invited to contribute. Adding to the collection is easy. Just find the button shown below on the website:

[Contribute A Story](#)

## Our Storytellers



## Our Sponsor

Dr. Annette Y. Goldsmith, an iSchool lecturer and storytelling scholar, inspired this Capstone group to pursue the Folk Mic project. Dr. Goldsmith plans to incorporate the website in her future storytelling courses.



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