## As Aguas da Mola

(The Waters of Spring)

Correlated with JAZZ BASICS. Unit 3

The Music of Peter Blair

The bossa nova was developed in Brazil during the 1950s and 1960s by composer Antonio Carlos Jobim and guitarist/singer Joao Gilberto. The style was popularized in the United States during the 1960s with the help of tenor saxophonist Stan Getz, guitarist Charlie Byrd and singer Astrud Gilberto. The main stylistic chacteristics of this type of music are the repetitive rim knock pattern in the drums, the dotted quarter/eighth note pattern of the bass and the overall control of dynamic levels. The typical bossa nova is sophisticated and "cool" sounding. Be sure to have your students (especially your drummer!) listen to the recording of *As Aguas da Mola* on the enclosed CD. By the way, *As Aguas da Mola* is Portugese -- Brazil being the only country in South America with Portugese as the official language instead of Spanish.





