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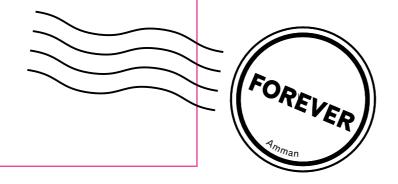
I'm excited to share music from my country, Jordan, with you! I grew up in Amman, the capital of Jordan, and I remember listening to some of the songs that we'll be exploring together. I'm very much looking forward to sharing more about Jordan's cultural heritage, traditions, and stories, and I can't wait to sing with you!

Salaam!

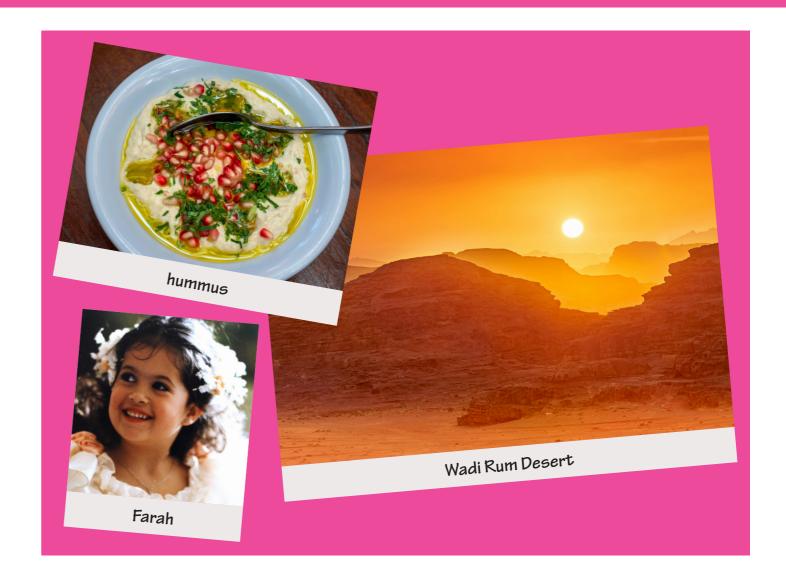
Farah



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We asked Farah ...

What is one of your first musical memories?

I remember singing and playing the piano at my first recital when I was four years old. Most of the other kids dedicated their performance to their parents, but I dedicated it to Tiger, my cat!

What is some traditional food from Jordan?

One of my favorite foods from Jordan is falafel! Everybody loves falafel! I also love hummus; mutabbal, a dip made from eggplants; mhammara, a hot pepper dip; and tabbouleh, a sort of fresh herb salad.

What is some of the traditional clothing from Jordan?

Our national attire for men is typically the thoub, a long white a one-piece garment with a scarf-like head covering called a hatta ou 'igal. Women typically wear handmade dresses with embroidered and cross-stitched patterns that represent the region of the country you are from.