



### Recommended reading and song collections

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<p><b>Open - shut them</b></p> <p>Open - shut them, Open - shut them, Give a little clap. Open - shut them, Open - shut them, Lay them in your lap. Roll them, roll them, (roll hands) Roll them, roll them, Roll them, just like this. Wave them, wave them, (wave hands) Wave them, wave them, And blow a little kiss.</p>	<p><b>Here is the sea</b></p> <p>Here is the sea, the wavy sea, (wave hands) Here is the boat, ( Make a fist) And here is me, (thumb up) And little fishes way down below (Wriggle fingers) Wriggle their tails, And away they go!</p>
<p><b>Five little ducks</b></p> <p>Five little ducks went out one day, Over the hill and far away. Mother duck said, Quack, Quack, Quack, Four little ducks came swimming back. Four little ducks went swimming one day (Repeat as above) Three little ducks came swimming back. Three little ducks went swimming one day (Repeat as above) Two little ducks came swimming back. Two little ducks went swimming one day (Repeat as above) One little duck came swimming back. One little duck went swimming one day (Repeat as above) No little ducks came swimming back. Mother duck said quack, quack, quack, Five little ducks came swimming back</p>	<p><b>Wheels on the bus</b></p> <p>The wheels on the bus go round and round, round and round, round and round, The wheels on the bus go round and round, All the way to town. The driver on the bus goes steer, steer, steer,.... The horn on the bus goes beep, beep, beep,..... The wipers on the bus go swish, swish, swish,..... The people on the bus go up and down, up and down, up and down..... The babies on the bus go wah, wah, wah.....</p>
	<p><b>Eency, weency spider</b></p> <p>Eency, weency spider went up the water spout Down came the rain and washed the spider out Up came the sun and dried up all the rain So eency, weency spider went up the spout again</p>

<p><b>Head and Shoulders, Knees and Toes</b>  Head and Shoulders, Knees and Toes  Knees and Toes, Knees and Toes  Head and Shoulders, Knees and Toes  Eyes, Ears, Mouth and Nose.</p>	<p><b>If you're happy and you know it</b>  If you're happy and you know it, clap your hands. If you're happy and you know it, Then you're face will surely show it. If you're happy and you know it, clap your hands. Repeat with...stamp your feet; then snap your fingers; then shout hurrray!</p>
<p><b>Where is Thumbkin?</b>  Where is Thumbkin?  Where is Thumbkin?  Here I am ,Here I am  How are you today, sir?  Very well, I thank you  Run away, run away.    (Repeat with other fingers: Pointer, Tallman, Ring man, Pinky.)</p>	<p><b>The Bee Hive</b>  Here is the bee hive,  Where are the bees?  Hidden away where nobody sees. (thumb and fingers bent into palm of hand-a fist)  Watch and you'll see them  Come out of the hive-  One, two, three, four, five. (One finger out on each count)  "Buzz-z-z-z-z-z." (flutter fingers)</p>
<p><b>Five little monkeys</b>  Five little monkeys  Jumping on the bed  One fell off and bumped his head (hold up one finger, then rub head)  Mommy called the doctor  and the doctor said,  "NO MORE MONKEYS JUMPING ON THE BED!"  (Index finger out, shaking in chastising manner)  Four little monkeys... etc.</p>	<p><b>Tiny Tim</b>  I had a little turtle,  His name was Tiny Tim.  I put him in the bathtub,  To see if he could swim.  He drank up all the water,  He ate up all the soap,  He woke up in the morning,  With bubbles in his throat  Bubble bubble bubble  Bubble bubble bubble  Bubble bubble bubble  Bubble POP</p>
<p><b>Five Little Frogs</b>  Five little speckled frogs Sitting on a hollow log  Eating some most delicious bugs  Yum Yum  One jumped into the pool  Where it was nice and cool  Now there are four speckled frogs  Glub, glub  ...and so on in descending order</p>	<p><b>Fuzzy Wuzzy</b>  Fuzzy Wuzzy was a bear  Fuzzy Wuzzy had no hair,  Fuzzy Wuzzy wasn't fuzzy, was he?</p>

<p><b>Everybody do this</b></p> <p>Everybody do this, do this, do this Everybody do this, just like me. (model rolling, clapping stamping nodding etc)</p>	<p><b>Twinkle Twinkle Little Star</b></p> <p>Twinkle Twinkle Little Star, how I wonder what you are. Up above the world so high, like a diamond in the sky. Twinkle Twinkle little star, how I wonder what you are. (Daddy had a motor car, start the engine, pull the choke, off we go in a puff of smoke)</p>
<p><b>I Am A Fine Musician</b></p> <p>I am a fine musician I practice every day, And people come from miles around Just to hear me play My violin, my violin, I love to play my violin. Do, do do do do do do do do do do do do do, Guitar, Piano, Tambourine, Drum, Banjo, Flute, Cello, Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone, Harp, French Horn, Accordion, Cymbals, clarinet, etc.....</p>	<p><b>Five Little Monkeys</b></p> <p>Five little monkeys swinging' in the tree, teasing Mr. Crocodile, "You can't catch me!" Along comes Mr. Crocodile as quiet as can be, and SNAP Continue with: Four little, three little, two little one little. No more monkeys swinging in the tree!</p>
<p><b>Humpty Dumpty</b></p> <p>Humpty dumpty sat in the chair while the barber cut his hair, He cut it long, he cut it short, and he cut it with a knife and fork</p>	<p><b>Hokey pokey</b></p> <p>You put your left arm in, You put your left arm out You put your left arm in, and you shake it all about. You do the hokey pokey and you turn around, That's what it's all about. Ooooh! Hokey pokey pokey, . Ooooh! Hokey pokey pokey, Ooooh! Hokey pokey pokey, That's what it's all about. ( keep changing to different parts of the body).</p>
<p><b>Alice The Camel</b></p> <p>Alice the camel has five humps, Alice the camel has five humps, Alice the camel has five humps, So go Alice go. Boom boom boom Four, three, two, one, no Cause Alice is a horse, Of course!</p>	

<p><b>My hands are clapping.</b></p> <p>My hands are clapping, clapping, clapping My hands are clapping just like this...</p> <p>My feet are stamping My head is nodding My fingers are wriggling</p>	<p><b>An elephant</b></p> <p>An elephant goes like this and that (Pat knees alternately) He's terrible big (Hands up high) And he's terrible fat (Hands out wide) He has no fingers (Wiggle fingers) And he has no toes But goodness, gracious, what a nose! (Make trunk by arms and fingers interlaced)</p>
<p><b>Peanut song</b></p> <p>A peanut sat on a railway track, his heart was all a flutter, Around the corner came a train. CHOO CHOO, peanut butter</p>	<p><b>When someone smiles at me</b></p> <p>When someone smiles at me, I feel like smiling too When I see someone who is happy, I feel happy too. Happy happy me Happy happy you When I see someone who is happy I feel happy too.</p>
<p><b>This is the way</b></p> <p>This is the way we wash our hands, wash our hands, wash our hands. This is the way we wash our hands before we eat our lunch. (Pack away toys, pour our drink, scrape our plate)</p>	<p><b>Put a spot over here</b></p> <p>Put a spot over here and a spot over there, Put a spot on your ear and a spot in your hair. Put a lot of little spots in the air everywhere, it's a spotty kind of day. (Stripe, zigzag, squiggle)</p>
<p><b>Zoom</b></p> <p>Up in the air, I fly, Zoom zoom a zoomer zoom zoom Zoom Zoom zoom zoomer zoom zoom zoom zoom, zoom zoom.</p>	<p><b>I went to visit a farm one day</b></p> <p>I went to visit a farm one day I saw a duck along the way And what do you think I heard him say...Quack, quack, quack (cow, horse, pig dog, cat)</p>
<p><b>Lets go walking</b></p> <p>Lets go walking walking walking walking Lets go walking far far away Lets walk back again, back again, back again, Lets walk back again Back the same way. (running, crawling, stomping)</p>	

<p><b>Hey there what do you wear?</b></p> <p>Hey there what do you wear when you go out to play? Wear your sun hat, yes your sun hat, in a hat hat haty way, You wear your sun hat, yes your sun hat, In a hat hat hatty way. (boots, raincoat, trousers)</p>	<p><b>Miss Polly</b></p> <p>Miss Polly had a dolly who was sick, sick, sick, So she called for the doctor to come quick, quick, quick, The doctor came with his bag and his hat, And he knocked at the door with a ra-ta-tat. He looked at the dolly and he shook his head. He said "Miss Polly put her straight to bed" He wrote on the paper for a pill, pill, pill. I'll be back in the morning with my bill, bill, bill.</p>
<p><b>Open shut them</b></p> <p>Open shut them, open shut them, Give a little clap. Open, shut them, open shut them, lay them in your lap. Creep them creep them creep them creep them creep them, Right up to your chin, Open wide your little mouth, .....but do not let them in.</p>	<p><b>Der Glumph</b></p> <p>Der Glumph went the little green frog one day, der Glumph went the little green frog Der Glumph went the little green frog one day, And his eyes went glumph, glumph, glumph! But we all know frogs go (clap) La de da de dah,(clap) La de da de dah,(clap) La de da de dah. We all know frogs go La de da de dah, (clap), They don't go glumph glumph glumph!</p>
<p><b>I can run as fast as you</b></p> <p>I can run as fast as you, I can run as fast as you, I can run as fast as you, running on the spot I can jump as high as you, I can jump as high as you, I can jump as high as you, jumping on the spot.</p>	<p><b>Bananas in Pyjamas</b></p> <p>Bananas in pyjamas, are coming down the stairs, Bananas in pyjamas, are coming down in pairs, Bananas in pyjamas are chasing teddy bears, Cause on Tuesdays they all try to catch them unawares.</p> <p>Zucchini in bikinis String beans in blue jeans. Beet roots in gum boots</p>
<p><b>Dingle dangle scarecrow</b></p> <p>When all the cows were sleeping and the sun had gone to bed Up jumped the scarecrow and this is what he said "I'm a dingle dangle scarecrow with a floppy floppy hat, I can shake my hands like this and shake my feet like that. When all the hens were roosting and the moon had gone to bed Up jumped the scarecrow and this is what he said "I'm a dingle dangle scarecrow....."</p>	