

Songs for Early Childhood Teachers

This is a large collection of songs with classic tunes that work for babies to preschoolers. For several classic kids' songs, people have written many lyrics to the same tune over the years, so those lyrics are clustered together by tune. The tunes are in alphabetical order.

Ants Go Marching

The ants go marching one by one hurrah hurrah
The ants go marching one by one hurrah hurrah
The ants go marching one by one,
the little one stops to suck his thumb
and they all go marching down to the ground
to get out of the rain. Boom Boom Boom.

Baa Baa Black Sheep

Baa Baa Black Sheep, Have you any wool?
Yes sir, yes sir, three bags full
One for the master and one for the dame
One for the little boy who lives down the lane.
Baa Baa Black Sheep, Have you any wool?
Yes sir, yes sir, three bags full

BINGO

There was a farmer had a dog
And Bingo was his name-o
B-I- N-G-O! B-I -N-G-O!
B-I- N-G-O! And Bingo was his name -o

Clean Up Song

Clean Up, Clean Up. Everybody Everywhere.
Clean Up, Clean Up. Everybody Do Your Share

Farmer in the Dell Tune

The farmer in the dell, the farmer in the dell,
Hi-ho, the derry-o! The farmer in the dell.

We clap and sing hello, we clap and sing hello.
With our friends at story time, we clap and sing hello.

[Name] is here today. [Name 2] is here today.
Let's all clap our hands. [Name 3] is here today."

A bouncing we will go, A bouncing we will go, Hi-ho, the derry-o! A bouncing we will go.
...A rocking we will go... A hugging we will go

The leaves are turning red, The leaves are turning red,
Hi, ho, the derrio, The leaves are turning red. ...orange... yellow

I'm riding on my sled, I'm riding on my sled,
Hey ho just watch me go, I'm riding on my sled.
I'm going oh so fast (bouncy)... I'm goin' round the bend

The sun is in the sky. The sun is in the sky.
Hot and bright it gives us light. The sun is in the sky.
The moon is in the sky. The moon.... Round & round the earth it goes. The moon...
The stars are in the sky. The stars.... They twinkle bright all through the night. The...

We're flying off in space, we're flying off in space
I think we'll see the moon up there! We're flying off in space.
Verses: ... I think we'll see some planets there I think we'll see some stars ... aliens

A bee is on my toe. A bee is on my toe.
Heigh-ho just watch me blow. A bee is on my toe. (blow gently on toe)
repeat with on my nose, on my head, on my ear...

We're jumping on the beach, We're jumping on the beach,
We're jumping, jumping, jumping, jumping, jumping on the beach.
We're digging in the sand.... We're swimming in the sea...

Five Green and Speckled Frogs

Five Green and Speckled Frogs sat on a speckled log,
eating some most delicious bugs. Yum yum.

One jumped into the pool, where it was nice and cool and
now there are four green and speckled frogs

Five Little Ducks

Five little ducks went out one day,
over the hills and far away.
Mama Duck said quack, quack, quack, quack.
But only four little ducks came back.

Five Little Monkeys

Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed.
One fell off and bumped his head.
Mama [Daddy, Nanny, Grandma...] called the doctor
And the doctor said – no more monkeys jumping on the bed

Five Minute Song

Five more minutes. Five more minutes to play.
Five more minutes till we put the toys away.

Frere Jacques Tune

Are you sleeping, are you sleeping?
Brother John? Brother John?
Morning bells are ringing, Morning bells are ringing.
Ding ding dong, ding ding dong.

Frere Jacques, Frere Jacques. Dormez vous? Dormez vous?
Sonnes les matines, Sonnez les matines.
Din dan don, din dan don.

Where is _____? Where is _____? There he is! There she is!
We're so glad to see you, We're so glad to see you,
Peek-a-boo! Peek-a-boo!

Hello __{parent}__ Hello __{child}__.
How are you? How are you?
We're so glad to see you, We're so glad to see you.
Here at school, here at school.

Happy Birthday Tune

Happy birthday to You,
Happy birthday to You,
Happy Birthday dear [name]
Happy birthday to you.

Good Morning to You, Good Morning to You,
Good Morning dear Babies, It's nice to see you.

Hokey Pokey

You put your hand in, You put your hand out,
You put your hand in And you shake it all about.
You do the hokey pokey As you turn yourself around
That's what it's all about! (Leg, whole self)

If you're happy and you know it tune

If you're happy and you know it, clap your hands,
If you're happy and you know it, clap your hands,
If you're happy and you know it, and you really want to show it
If you're happy and you know it, clap your hands.

If you're sad – you can cry... If you're scared, say "eek"... If you're mad... you can stomp...
If you're happy... shake your shakers... ring your bells... shout hooray...

Put your baby in the air, in the air. Put your baby in the air, in the air
Put your baby in the air, Say, how's the air up there?
Put your baby in the air, in the air.

Shake Your Bells in the Air, in the Air, Shake Your Bells in the Air, in the Air, Shake your Bells
in the Air and Freeze them right there,
shake your bells in the air in the air... On Your Side... In the Front...

Tap your sticks in the air, in the air. Tap your sticks in the air, in the air.
Tap your sticks in the air, do it with some flair. Tap your sticks in the air in the air
(Tap your sticks on the floor... then do it some more.)

See you soon raccoon. Bye Bye. See you soon raccoon. Bye Bye.
See you later alligator. After a while crocodile. See you soon raccoon. Bye Bye.

There are bubbles in the air, in the air. There are bubbles in the air, in the air.
There are bubbles in the air, there are bubbles everywhere.
There are bubbles in the air, in the air.
(There are bubbles way up high... in the sky. ...way down low... on your toes.)

I'm a Little Teapot Tune

I'm a little teapot short and stout,
Here is my handle, here is my spout.
When I get all steamed up then I'll shout
Tip me over and pour me out.

Here is my pumpkin, round and fat, *(make a circle with arms)*
Here is a point on a witches hat. *(make a triangle with hands on head)*
Here's the mouth of a ghost who says, "BOO!" *(circle hands around mouth)*
And here are owl's eyes looking at you! *(make circles by eyes with hands)*

I'll plant a little seed in the dark, dark ground. *(bend down, plant seed on floor)*
Out comes the yellow sun, big and round. *(raise arms to make a circle)*
Down comes the cool rain, soft and slow. *(wiggle fingers to make rain coming down)*
Up comes the little seed, grow, grow, grow! *(squat on floor, rise up slowly)*

It's Time

It's time to say goodbye. [echo]
To some of our friends. [echo]
We'll see you all another day. [echo]
And we'll all have time to play. [echo]

Can vary words: For example: It's time to go outside. With all of our friends. We'll sing again another day, but now it's time to play.

Itsy Bitsy Spider Tune

The Itsy Bitsy Spider went up the water spout.
Down came the rain and washed the spider out.
Out came the sun and dried up all the rain.
And the itsy bitsy spider went up the spout again.

The funky spunky monkey climbed up the coconut tree.
Down came a coconut that bopped him on the knee.
Along came his [Mama, Daddy, buddy] who hugged away the pain.
And the funky spunky monkey climbed up the tree again.

Kookaburra

Kookaburra sits in the old gum tree
Merry merry king of the bushes he
Laugh kookaburra, laugh kookaburra
Gay your life must be

London Bridge Tune

London Bridge is Falling Down Falling down, Falling Down
London Bridge is Falling Down My Fair Lady.

Little raindrops falling down, falling down, falling down
Little raindrops falling down, falling to the ground (tap finger on palm)
...Bigger raindrops (clap) Giant raindrops (clap on thighs)...

Little snowflake twirling round, Twirling round, twirling round
Little snowflake twirling round, Lands on my *head!*
Repeat with different body parts

We are going to the zoo, To the zoo, to the zoo.
We are going to the zoo, Won't you join us too?

We'll see lions, tigers too, Tigers too, tigers too. We'll see lions, tigers too, All at the zoo.

We will find some chimpanzees, Chimpanzees, chimpanzees.
we will find some chimpanzees, Swinging from the trees.

We will look for kangaroos, Kang..s, kang...s. We will look for kangaroos, Hopping at the zoo.

Head, Shoulders...

Head Shoulders Knees and Toes, Knees and Toes
Head Shoulders Knees and Toes, Knees and Toes
And Eyes and Ears and Mouth and Nose
Head Shoulders Knees and Toes, Knees and Toes

Looby Loo

Here we go Looby Loo. Here we go Looby Lie
Here we go Looby Loo. All on a Saturday night.
I put my (right hand) in. I take my (right hand) out
I give my (hand) a shake, shake, shake.
And turn myself about.

Little Red Wagon

Bumping up and down in my little red wagon
Bumping up and down in my little red wagon
Bumping up and down in my little red wagon
Won't you be my darling

Mary Had a Little Lamb Tune

Mary had a little lamb, little lamb, little lamb.
Mary had a little lamb whose fleece was white as snow.

If you're wearing *red* today, *red* today, *red* today,
If you're wearing *red* today, stand up and shout hooray!

See the lion dance and prance, dance and prance, dance and prance.
See the lion dance and prance on Lunar New Year's Day!
...hear the firecrackers pop pop pop... hear the drums go boom boom boom

Come along and sing with me, sing with me, sing with me.
Come along and sing with me on a sunny Saturday!
...clap with me... stretch with me... stomp with me... wave with me...

Grizzly bears are big and brown, big and brown, big and brown.
Grizzly bears are big and brown, and live in the woods.
... polar bears are soft and white... live where it is cold... teddy bears are just my size... my teddy lives with me

More We Get Together Tune

The more we get together, together, together,
the more we get together, the happier we'll be! ('cause)
your friends are my friends and my friends are your friends. The more we
get together, the happier we'll be!

The more we get together, together, together,
The more we get together, the happier we'll be!
With (parent name) and (baby name), And (parent 2) and (baby 2),
The more we get together, the happier we'll be!

Muffin Man Tune

Do you know the muffin man,
the muffin man, the muffin man.
Yes, I know the muffin man
he lives on Drury Lane

If you have a *yellow* scarf, a *yellow* scarf, a *yellow* scarf.
If you have a *yellow* scarf, please bring it up to me

Mulberry Bush Tune

Here we go round the mulberry bush
Mulberry bush, mulberry bush
Here we go round the mulberry bush
So early in the morning.

This is the way we clap our hands, Clap our hands, clap our hands
This is the way we clap our hands So early in the morning.
This is the way we kick our feet ... ring our bells ... tap our sticks... shake our shakers, etc!
This is the way we pick the apples, Pick the apples, pick the apples.
This is the way we pick the apples On an autumn day.
This is the way we wash the apples... slice the apples.... add cinnamon...
roll the dough... bake the pie... eat the pie...

[with rhythm sticks] This is the way we saw the wood... hammer the nails... lay the bricks...
paint the walls...

Oh My Darling Clementine Tune

Oh my darling, oh my darling, oh my darling Clementine,
You were lost and gone forever dreadful sorry Clementine

Picked an apple, picked an apple, That was growing in the sun,
Then I washed it, and I ate it, Then I picked another one.

What's the weather? what's the weather? what's the weather like today?
Is it sunny, is it rainy, is it windy out today?
What's the weather? what's the weather? what's the weather like today?
Is it snowy, is it stormy, is it cloudy out today?

What's our letter, what's our letter what's our letter for to day?
What's the letter from the alphabet that we will learn to day?

Old McDonald Tune

Old McDonald had a farm. E - I E - I O.
And on that farm he had a _____. E - I E - I O.
With a _____ here and a _____ there.
Here a _____ there a _____. Everywhere a _____.
Old McDonald had a farm. E-I E-I O

Old McDonald Sailed the Sea. E-I- E-I- O
And in the sea there lived a whale. E-I- E-I- O
With a spout spout here and a spout spout there.
Here a spout, there a spout, Everywhere a spout, spout.
Old McDonald Sailed the Sea. E-I- E-I- O
...Fish... swish swish; Crab... pinch; Seal... bark; Octopus...wibble wobble; squid... squirt

Open Shut Them

Open shut them, open shut them,
give a little clap clap clap.
Open shut them, open shut them.
Lay them in your lap lap lap.
Creep them crawl them, creep them crawl them
Right up to your chin
Open up your little mouth, But do not let them in!

Peekaboo

Someone is hiding, hiding, hiding.
Someone is hiding, who could it be? Peekaboo!

Ring Around the Rosie Tune

Ring around the rosie, A pocket full of posies,
Ashes, ashes, We all fall down!
The cows are in the meadow, Eating buttercups.
Thunder! Lightning! We all stand up!

Walk around the circle, all around the circle.
Walking, walking, let's all do this:
[stop and do an action, like jump – they copy]

Row Your Boat tune

Row row row your boat, gently down the stream.
Merrily merrily merrily merrily, life is but a dream.

Pass, pass, pass the color, This is the game we play!
When this little song is through, This color's name we'll say.

She'll Coming Round the Mountain

She'll be comin' 'round the mountain when she comes
She'll be comin' 'round the mountain when she comes
She'll be comin' 'round the mountain
She'll be comin' 'round the mountain
She'll be comin' 'round the mountain when she comes

Skip to My Lou Tune

Skip skip skip to my lou
Skip skip skip to my lou
Skip skip skip to my lou
Skip to my lou my darling

Hands are clapping, clap, clap, clap Hands are clapping, clap, clap, clap
Hands are clapping, clap, clap, clap Clap your hands with me.
Hands are waving ... bells are ringing

Snow is falling, what do I do? Snow is falling, what do I do?
Snow is falling, what do I do? What do I do, my darling
I'll build a snowman bigger than you! ... I'll ride my sled fast, how about you? ...

Teddy Bear

Teddy Bear Teddy Bear Turn A round.
Teddy Bear Teddy Bear Touch the Ground.
Teddy Bear Teddy Bear Peek-a- Boo.
Teddy Bear Teddy Bear I love you.
Teddy Bear Teddy Bear Reach Up High,
Teddy Bear Teddy Bear Wave Bye- Bye.

Ten Little Indians Tune

1 little, 2 little, 3 little snowflakes
4 little, 5 little, 6 little snowflakes
7 little, 8 little, 9 little snowflakes
10 snowflakes on the ground

1 little, 2 little, 3 little bubbles... in the sky

Lift one foot and then the other, Lift one foot and then the other
Lift one foot and then the other, Lift them both together. ...Lift one arm ...
Where oh where are (baby's) fingers? Where oh where are _____ toes?
Where is _____ belly button? Round and round it goes!
Where oh where are _____ ears? Where oh where is _____ nose?
Where is _____ belly button? Round and round it goes!

This Old Man

This old man, he played one,
he played knick knock on my thumb, with a
knick knock paddywhack, give a dog a bone,
this old man came rolling home.

Two... shoe. Three knee. Four door. Five hive. Six sticks. Seven – up in heaven. Eight – plate.
Nine – spine. Ten – once again.

Twinkle Twinkle Tune

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

Two little eyes to look around
Two little ears to hear each sound
One little nose to smell what's sweet
One little mouth that likes to eat.
Eyes and ears and nose and mouth.
Eyes and ears and nose and mouth.

ABCD EFG HIJK LMNOP QRS TUV WXY and Z.
Now I know my ABC's. Next time won't you sing with me.

Snowflake, snowflake fancy free
Snowflake snowflake dance with me
First on my head then on my toes
then on my nose where the cold wind blows
Snowflake snowflake turn around.
Snowflake snowflake touch the ground.

Sunday, Monday, Tuesday too.
Wednesday, Thursday just for you.
Friday, Saturday that's the end.
Now let's say those days again!
Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,
Thursday, Friday, Saturday!

Wave our Scarves Together (Tune Jolly good fellow)

We wave our scarves together,
we wave our scarves together,
We wave our scarves together, because it's fun to do.
...shake our scarves... throw... hide...

Wheels on the Bus Tune

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 through the town.

The doors on the bus go open and shut ... The wipers go swish... The horn goes beep...
babies go up & down, parents say I love you

The leaves on the trees turn orange and red, orange and red,
orange and red The leaves on the trees turn orange and red, all around the town. The leaves
on the trees come twirling down... We rake up the leaves now, rake, rake, rake.

The weather's getting cold so bundle up, bundle up, bundle up!
The weather's getting cold so bundle up, winter's coming soon!

The waves on the beach go up and down, up and down, up and down,
The waves on the beach go up and down All day long...

The lions at the zoo go roar, roar, roar, Roar, roar, roar, Roar, roar, roar,
The lions at the zoo go roar, roar, roar, All day long!

The arms on the robot swing up and down, up and down, up and down,
The arms on the robot swing up and down, All day long!
...lights on the robot blink on and off... voice... says beep beep beep

Where is Thumbkin (Frere Jacques tune)

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.
Pointer... tall man... ring man... pinkie

You Are My Sunshine

You are my sunshine, my only sunshine.
You make me happy when skies are gray.
You'll never know dear how much I love you,
Please don't take my sunshine away.