The Alphabet Song

This is a very popular variation of the "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star" melody.



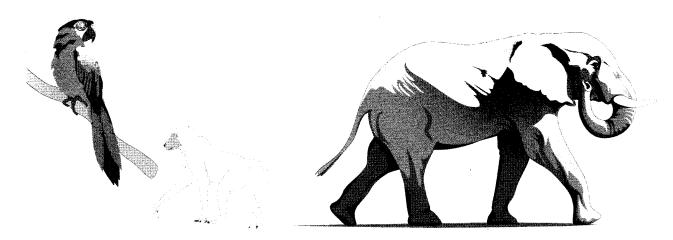


Animal Fair

This minstrel song originated in the United States and first appeared in print in the 1920s. This is a popular song at summer camps for scouts.







The Ants Go Marching In

nelody of this song was adapted from "When Johnny Comes Marching Home." It has a consistivity, which is excellent for teaching young children musical beats and timing. They can clap, or do other movements to be encouraged to participate. There is no known date of origin.





2. The ants go marching two by two, hurrah, hurrah! The ants go marching two by two, hurrah, hurrah! The ants go marching two by two, The little one stops to tie his shoe,

Chorus

- 3. The ants go marching three by three . . . The little one stops to climb a tree,

 Chorus
- 4. The ants go marching four by four . . . The little one stops to shut the door, *Chorus*
- The ants go marching five by five . . .
 The little one stops to take a dive,
 Chorus

- 6. The ants go marching six by six . . . The little one stops to pick up sticks, *Chorus*
- 7. The ants go marching seven by seven . . . The little one stops to pray to heaven, *Chorus*
- 8. The ants go marching eight by eight . . . The little one stops to shut the gate,

 Chorus
- 9. The ants go marching nine by nine . . . The little one stops to check the time, *Chorus*
- 10. The ants go marching ten by ten . . .
 The little one stops to say "THE END,"

 Chorus

Apples and Bananas

The origin of this traditional song is unknown.

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- 2. I like to ate, ate, ate ay-ples and ba-nay-nays. I like to ate, ate, ate, ay-ples and ba-nay-nays.
- 3. I like to eat, eat, eat ee-ples and ba-nee-nees. I like to eat, eat, eat ee-ples and ba-nee-nees.
- 4. I like to ite, ite, ite i-ples and ba-nye-nyes. I like to ite, ite, ite i-ples and ba-nye-nyes.
- 5. I like to ote, ote, ote oh-ples and ba-no-nos. I like to ote, ote, ote oh-ples and ba-no-nos.
- 6. I like to oot, oot oot oo-ples and ba-noo-noos. I like to oot, oot oot oo-ples and ba-noo-noos.

Bingo

The melody of this traditional song originated in Scotland. The lyrics of older versions began with "Johnny had a little dog and Bingo was his name, Sir." After singing the first time, repeat, leaving a letter out each time and replacing it with a clap, stomp, or snap until all five letters have been replaced.

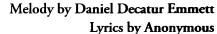
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Do Your Ears Hang Low?

The melody for this song is "Turkey in the Straw," a nineteenth-century fiddle, dance, and folksong that Daniel Decatur Emmett wrote and used in minstrel shows. The tune also was known as "Old Zip Coon" and "Natches Under the Hill." It is used extensively in movies and cartoons to suggest a rural or farm life. Many lyrics exist. Here are printed the original, public domain verses.

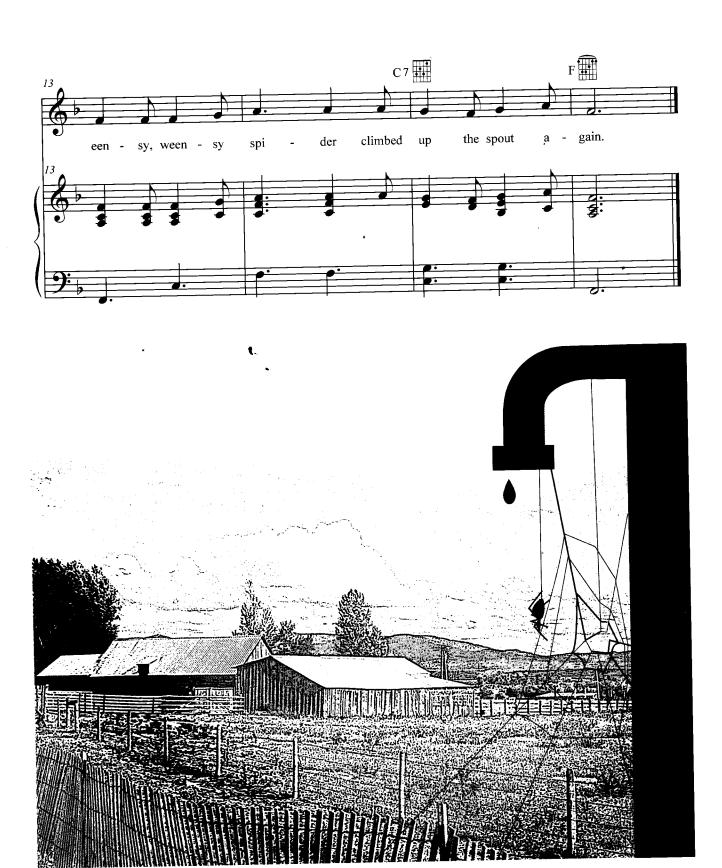




Eensy, Weensy Spider

This nursery song was probably written to explain how spiders climb tall things (like water spouts) and then "balloon" away using their silk to float in the wind, sometimes for great distances. The Cherokee have a version of this song titled "Usdi Kananesgi," or "Little Spider," which explains the origin of fire. In that version of the story, the spider carries the fire across the water using a basket on its back.





Five Little Ducks That I Once Knew

This song sometimes uses three or six ducks instead of five. "Five Little Ducks" is also the title to a wordplay song. The origin of this song is unknown.

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