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## ALL THE CHILDREN I KNOW

AND ALSO TO THOSE I DO NOT KNOW
THIS BOOK IS DEDICATED

## PREFACE

This collcetion of songs has no ambitious pretensions. It is intended for the use of very youthful amateurs, ranging from infancy to the comparative maturity of teens. Their interest in the book may it is hoped be stimulated by the fact that every song has a picture attached to it.

The first section, entitled "Action Songs, First Series," consists of very easy songs, most of which are known in every nursery. It is a matter of common experience that quite tiny children can join more or less in the actions of such songs as "The Mulberry Bush," "Looby, Looby," or "When I was a Lady," But, as many a devoted mother has probably found, the ordinary repertory of songs as easy of performance as these is somewhat limited. An attempt has here bcen made to enlarge that repertory by adding some simple songs taken from other countries as well as from our own. The actions of these, at any ratc, if not always the words or the tunc, can be joined in by any child who is able to stand upright and to dance round with the orhers, hand-in-hand, without falling down oftener than reason.

The next section, "Action Songs, Second Series," contains songs that are not quite so simple, but that can still be joined in by little children who can imitate their elders. Songs such as "My Pretty Maid," "Come, Lasses and Lads," "The Keys of Heaven," \&c., make quite attractive little scenes, and form effective items in any entertainments which include performances by children.

Then follows a series intended to be sung not by the children, but to them, by their mothers or nurses. I have called this scries "Songs at supper-time," because I have so often seen small children rejoiced by having little tunes crooned to them while they were having their supper or going to bed. Some of these croonings are practically action songs for the person who is singing them to the children. But I would not insult any intelligent parent or compctent nurse by offering suggestions as to the actions which should accompany "lat-a-cake," "Peter l'olt," ※c. 'The same thing applies to "Mary Ricles," a longer song included in the last portion of the book, in which the words sufficiently indicate what the parent should do with the child riding on his or her knee. The

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Supper Songs are not usually sung to an aeeompaniment; none therefore has been given.

The last portion of the book consists of songs without aetions, but suitable to be sung by ehildren; and ineludes, besides several well-known songs, a selection from Sievenson's Child's Garden of Verses.
'The music, where not traditionally attaehec to given words, las been taken from rarious mational sourees. I think I may claim that none of the tunes in this book would debase a ehild's musieal taste, white they are all simple, gay, and easily apprehended.
'Ihe effeetiveness of aetion songs is enhanced by making the children come in ard go out in some sort of arranged figure, either daneing or marehing. A danee forms a very effective introduction, interlude, or eonclusion to singing. It is better not to try to make children, small children especially, sing and dance simultaneously unless for a very short time, as they eannot give due attention to both, and the attempt is apt to end by the song tailing off in a breathless undertone. This does not apply to the songs of the First Series, in which in any ease there is no question of a finished performanee, and in all of whieh the performers go round hand-in-hand in a circle while singing the begimning of eaeh verse, then stand while they do the actions suitable to it.

Several diagrams are given in the following pages illustrating some simple effective ways of coming in and going out, in single or double file. It is astonishing how quichly little children pick up these figures, and how easy it is to teach them. If an intelligent ehild who can be depended upon is placed at the head of each file, the rest have only to follow.

As to the steps to be used : the ordinary one, which I shall eall the tripping step, consists in daneing briskly in while jumping twiee on eaeh foot, whieh most chikdren do naturally. 'The chassé is equally easy, in which two ghiding stcps forward when dancing in are done with each foot. Both of these, or else a simple marching step, are suitable for little ehildren. For the more advaneed, a polka step forward is very effeetive. The ehildren should also be taught to mark time if desired, when standing in the same place, with altemate feet. This can be clone in various ways, and is very easily learnt. 'Ihey can either lift up each foot alternately in time without jumping, or do the same thing lightly jumping on each foot; or, standing on both feet, raise the heels together standing on the toes, then lower the heels again in time to the musie. Or else, whieh is a little more elaborate, jump on one foot and eross the other one in front and repeat the same thing with the other foot.

## Preface

I add one or two simple recommendations, probably superfluous. The children, if they have to sing while standing in a row ficing the audience, shoukd be taught to look straight at the audience while singing, and not at one another, as they are apt to do. 'They shouk be told not to sing from their chests but from their heads. 'This can be furthered by making them practise singing a scale downwards, beginning at the top, and sing ing down an octave, softly rather than loud. Should couples have to dance in hand-in-hand, it is much prettier if the joined hands are held high up instead of hanging down. 'The effect of these dancing entrances, either of a single or a double file, can be varied by the children having coloured handkerchiefs or little flags to wave above their heads as they come in. When little girls have to advance and retire in the dance, they shonld of course hold up their frocks in front with both hands.

All these rery obvious directions apply in the case only of more or less organised performances. The action songs in the lirst Series do not of course come under this heading; these are only games, and it does not matter how they are performed. I would also suggest that no fuss should be made if there are children who do not want to take part in such songs, and who draw back when asked to join the others. I have seen many a minor tragedy arise on such occasions from the mistaken zeal of grown-ups, when a shy child-who left atone would probably have joined the singers of its own accord-has been forced to take part with them against its will, and been roused into antagonism by the conflict. But such an attitude is happily exceptional. Children of every age are usually willing and eager to join the singing circle, in which small fat staggering performers, watching and imitating their elders, carcer round and round in whole-hearted enjoyment. It is to such performers, the most entrancing Corps de Ballet in the world, that I commend this book.

Flohence Bell.

## Rounton,

September 1911.

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## Diagrams of very simple figures for entrances and exits of Performers, either dancing or marching

Please note that in the following directions the arrows indicate the direetion in whieh the performers advanee. The apex, ${\underset{A}{A}} \Lambda$, of the triangles always indicates the direction in which the performers are facing when formed into rows. There shonk be no diffienty in moderstanding the directions, as the direction taken by the performers is indicated by the letters of the alphabet, and their path therefore wonld be, in the first one when the boys dance in at $A$ from the right of the stage (that is the right of the performers when facing the andience) working all round the path marked B, C, D, and then down to K. When the foremost one has arrived at K they all turn round and form into a line. The direction of the girls is shown in the sme way, but with small letters, $a, b, c, d, \& c$.

FIG. 1.


Audience.
Girls dance in from a along path indicated by letters, and at $\mathbf{k}$ form in line. Boys do same from A, forming in line at $K$.

This is a suitable figure for songs sung by opposite rows of boys ancl girls, such as "Come, Lasses and Lads," "The Keys of Heaven," "My Pretty Maid," \&c.

> Fig. 2. (Easy entrance figure for infants.)


Children dance in at $\mathbf{A}$ in single file, and round stage. Form in line $\mathbf{H}$ to $\mathbf{I}$ facing audience.

Fig. 3 (continued). (Continued from J and $\mathbf{j}$, Part II.)

At J, j join hands again and come down to $K$, $k$, then divide and form into line faeing audience, $\mathbf{L}, \mathbf{I}$.

Fig. 3. (continued). (Further possible extension and variant of Part II.)

Or else, arrised at $\mathbf{K}, \mathbf{k}$, divide and go up once more. At $L$ turn back and come down at $\mathbf{M}, \mathrm{m}$.



Fig. 4. (Part I.)


Dance in from $A$, in single file, along $B, C, D$ to $E$. At $E$ all join hands and dance round twice in a circle. Theu at $E$ divide into couples, dancing off $E$ to $F$ and $E$ to $F F$.

Fig. 4. (Part II.)


Now the couples dance sideways across stage facing audience all the time, the $F$ couples going to the F F side and vice versâ. Then dance again sideways, but only to middle of stage, so that the couples meet and form in fours, still facing audience.


Fig. 4. (Part III.)


Fig. 4 (continued). (Part IV.)
At $K$ the end ones of each four join hands in middle and danee round twiee, then all faee the other way and danee round in that direction.


Then separate into couples agaiu, dance round $\mathbf{L}$ to $P$, and dance off.


Figs. 3 and 4 can either be used with all the parts as shown, or simplified by taking one part singly and using it as a figure. Separate instructions for exit have not been given, as this can in eaeb case be easily arranged by the performers simply reversing their entrance figure.

# ACTION SONGS 

FIRST SERIES

## On the Bridge



Dance round in a circle from (A) to (B), then stand, and at * do actions indicated. Then dance round again from (C) to (D).

## 4

The aeroplane comes flying,
(G) Overhead comes flying.

On the bridge, Nc .
5
(H) 'The children all come dancing, Very gaily dancing.
(J)

On the bridge, \&c.
(BB) Girls hold frocks, make deep curtsey. (E) Boys take off hats with right hand, left hand on heart. Make low bow. (F) Stand erect and mark time with feet. (G) Point upwards (looking up) with right hand. (H) All take hands and mark time. (J) Loose hands and all dance lightly outin single file.


## When I was a Lady



2
When I was a young girl, a young girl, \&c. (B)

3
When I was a young man, $\& c .(C)$

4
When I was a soldier, \&c. (D)

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5
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When I was a sailor, Nc. (E) 6

When I was a jumper, 太c. (F)

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7
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When I was a dancer, 心c. (G)

## 8

When I was a rumner, \&e. (H)
(A) Make a deep curtsey. (B) Kiss hands first to right, then to left. (C) Take off hat and make a bow. (D) Stand upright, arms by side, mark time with feet. (E) Pretend to climb up rope, first one hand, then the other. (F) Jump with both feet. (G) Dancing step, first with right foot across left, then left foot across right. ( H ) Run round, and then out.

* Action to be done at asterisk.



## The Mulberry Bush


$\underset{\sim}{\sim}$ 'This is the way we clap our hands,
We clap our hands, We clap our hands,
This is the way we clap our hands,
On Christmas day in the morning.

Here we go round, \&c.
3 This is the way we wash our faces, \&c.
4 This is the way we wash our hands, \&c.
5 'This is the way we brush our hair, \&c.
6 'This is the way we tie our shoes, \&c.
7 This is the way we run away, \&c.
The above words sufficiently indicate the actions which should accompany them.

The 8 bars from $\mathbf{A}$ to $\mathbf{B}$ slould be repeated between each verse, dancing round in a circle.


## Green Grave1



2 Green gravel, green gravel,
Put Betty inside,
The fairest young maiden I ever espied.

Each child is put inside the ring in turn till all are there, those who remain in the ring dancing round them or walking round in single file, when there are too few left to join hands.

# Nuts in May 



2 Whom will you have for nuts in May, For nuts in May, for nuts in May, Whom will you have for nuts in May, All on a frosty morning?

3 We will have Mary for nuts in May, For nuts in May, for nuts in May, We will have Mary for nuts in May, All on a frosty morning.
4 Whom will you send to fetch her away, 'To fetch her away, to fetch her away, Whom will you send to fetel her away, All on a frosty morning?
5 We will send Betty to feteh her away, 'To feteh her away, to feteh her away, We will send Betty to fetch her away, All on a frosty morning.

This song can be sung by quite little children. The children are divided into two camps, and as they sing the song through, they advance in a line hand in hand to the others, and then recede again, one side singing verses 1,3 , and 5 , the others replying. It is better usually not to have a tug-of-war (a trial of strength) when it is a question of quite little children. Let the child go and fetch the one who has been chosen and lead her back to their camp till all the children but one are in one camp. When all the children are on one side then the parts can be reversed till they have all gone back again to the other camp.




## (A)

Look, 'tis thus thus that the farmer Sows his barley and wheat;
Look, 'tis thus thus that the farmer Sows his barley and wheat.

## $\stackrel{9}{\sim}$

Shall I tell you how the farmer Reaps his barley and wheat? (twice)
(B) Look, 'tis thus thus, Ne. (twice)

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3
$$

Shall I tell you how the farmer
Thrashes barley and wheat? (taice)
(C) Look, 'tis thus thus, Ne. (taice)

## 4

Shall I tell you how the farmer
Drives his horses afield: (treice)
(D) Look, 'tis thus thus, Nc. (taice)

## 5

Shall I tell you how the farmer
Rests when labour is over?
(E) Look, 'tis thus thus, \&c.
(A) Action of sowing-left arm folded across breast, right land taking grain out and scattering it. (B) Action of reaping with a sickle -left hand holding plant, right hand cutting it down. (C) Action of threshing witl a flail, stamping at same time. (D) Action of driving -left hiand lolding reins, right hand flourishing whip. (E) Hands folded together and head rested sideways on them, with eyes closed.

## Cousin Peter



2 Last evening Cousin Peter, \&c.
He brought his hat and took it off.

3 Last evening, \&c.
He brought his pipe and had a smoke.

4 Last evening, \&c.
He brought his pen and wrote a note.

5 Last evening, \&c.
He brought his mug and drank some beer.

## 6 Last evening, $\mathbb{C}$.

He made a bow and said good-night.

During the first eight bars look from side to side and shate forefinger impressively as though telling a story; this movement to be made at $A$.

B 1st verse.-Hold up both hands in front of singers as though supporting a book, move head from side to side as though reading.

2nd verse.-Lift hat with slight inclination of head, turn first to right and then to left at B, C, D, E.

B 3rd verse.-Action of lighting match, holding up left hand and striking with right. C Action of lighting pipe. D Putting pipe into mouth. E Emit smoke.
4 th verse. - Action of holding pen with right hand and writing along a line beginning from left at $B$ and D.

5th verse.-Action of holding mug in right hand and taking a long draught at $\mathbf{B}$ and $\mathbf{D}$.
6 th verse.-Left hand across breast, hat in right laand, making a low bow at $B$ and $D$, lifting head again at $\mathbf{C}$ and $\mathbf{E}$. Continue the same in time and march out.


## Old King Cole



2 Old King Cole was a merry old soul, And a merry old soul was he.
He ealled for his pipe, and he called for his bowl,
(Repeat these 4 lines at beginning of every verse).
And he ealled for his pipers three.
(b) Fifee, fifee, fifee, fifee.

3 Old King Cole, Se.
And he ealled for his drummers three. (c) Drummee, drummee, \&e.

4 Old King Cole, Ne.
And he called for his dancers three. (d) Dancee, dancee, \&e.

5 Old King Cole, \&c.
And he called for his jumpers three.
(e) Jumpee, jumpee, \&c.

6 Old King Cole, \&e.
And he called for his runners three. ( $f$ ) Runnee, runnee, \&c.
(a) Pretend to fiddle. (b) To play the fife. (c) To (drum with both hands. (d) Mark time (see p. 8). (e) All jump together. ( $f$ ) All run round in time to music and then out.


## Shall I tell you how we sow



2 First we do it with our hands In our garden, in our garden, In our garden up at home.

3 'rhen we do it with our feet, \&c.
4 Then we do it with our noses, \&c.
5 Then we do it with our elbows, \&c.
6 'Then we do it with our knees, \&c.
\% Then we do it with our spades, Nc.

Dance round and pretend to touch the ground with the part mentioned. At last verse pretend to put foot on spade and push it in with the hands.


## Ring a Ring of Roses



All the children dance round in a ring, and at the last line all fall down.


## Looby，Looby


）
Dance Looby，\＆c．
Put your left hand in，Nc．
3
Dance Looby，ふc
Put your right foot in，Nc． 4
Dance Looby，\＆c．
Put your left foot in，Nc，

$$
5
$$

Dance Looby，Nc． Put your noses in，代．

## 6

Dance Looby，\＆c．
I＇ut Mary in，心c．
（A）（B）Put hands，feet，noses in．
（C）Turn half－right，then half－left．From verse 6 onwards put one child after another into circle till none are left．


## Dance，Thumbkin



2 Dance，foreman，dance，\＆c．
3 Dance，middleman，dance，\＆c．

4 Dance，ringman，dance，\＆c．
5 Dance，littleman，dance，\＆c．
（A）As each finger is mentioned hold it up and beat time with it．（B）Wave all the fingers about．


## When Cats get up



2 When dogs get up, \&c. Bow-wow! bow-wow! \&c.

3 When pigs get up, \&c. Grunt! grunt!

4 When hens get up, \&c. Cluck! cluck!

5 When ducks get up, \&c. Quack! quack! \&c.

6 When geese get up, \&c. Hiss! hiss !

7 When donkeys get up, \&c.
Hee-haw ! hee-haw !

8 When we get up, \&c.
Good-day! good-day! \&c.
A B C and D, make noise of animal mentioned. Last verse make bow at $*$, walk out.


We are All nodding

(F) We are all sewing, sew, sew, sewing, $\delta c$.
(G) We are all fiddling, fid, fid, fiddling, \&c.
(H) We are all reading, read, read, reading, \&c.
(I) We are all spinning, spin, spin, spinning, \&c.

Dance round in a circle from (A) to (B). (B) Half-turn to right. (C) Half-turn to left. (D) Loose hands and turn completely round. (E) Stand again in a circle, do action suitable to words. (F) Action of putting needle in and drawing it out. (G) Action of fiddling. (H) Action of holding up book, as if reading. (1) Action of turning the spinning wheel with right hand and


## Old Caspar



Old Caspar he would walk about, And first look in and then look out, Old Caspar he would say good-day, And make a bow and then would say, Watch me, \&c.

Old Caspar would put on his hat, And first do this and then do that, And go this way and go that way, And so, and so, and then would say, Watch me, \&c.

This is practically the game of follow my leader, and the required actions speak for themselves. It would be more effective to repeat from $\mathbf{A}$ to $\mathbf{B}$ twice. The first time balancing on the right foot, then left foot; the neat time doing some action.


## Jolly Rover



2 Who will come with me, \&c.
(D) All the birds that hop in the tree, Hopping, hopping, hopping to me, All the birds that hop in the tree, Hopping up to me.
3 Who will come with me, \&e.
(E) Every buzzing bumble-y bee, Buzzing, buzzing, buzzing to me, Every buzzing bumble-y bee, Buzzing up to me.
4 Who will come with me, \&c.
(F) Every rider over the lea, Riding, riding, riding to me, Every rider over the lea, Riding up to me.
Go round in circle from (A) to (B). (C) Action of swimming by moving both bands outwards-action to be done at $*$. (D) More hauds up and down, moving fingers to indicate birds hopping in the tree. (E) Move hand about like bee buzzing. (F) Action of bolding reins and galloping.


## My Father was a Carpenter



## Washing Day


(C) 'Twas on, \&c.

It is our sweeping day,
For it's sweep, sweep, dust, dust, Nc.
(D) "Twas on, \&c.

It is our scrubbing day,
For it's rub, rub, scrub, scrub, de.
(E) 'Twas on, \&c.

It is our milking day.
For it's milk, milk, pour. pour, Ac.
(F) 'Twas on, de.

It is our dancing day.
For it's dance, dance, \&c.
(A) The two fists, one above the other, going thump, thump, in time to music. (B) Action of splashing in water with hands open. (C) Action of pushing a broom. (D) Action of moring scrubbing-brush backwards and forwards in right hand. (E) Action of milking, holding cow with right hand and drawing down with left. ( $F$ ) Action of pouring. ( $G$ ) All dance out (diagram, p. 16 , from L).


## The Holiday



The Ferret


This is a singing accompaniment to the well-known game in which a ring is threaded on a string, the string fastened and held by a circle of players, by whom the ring is hidden from the one in the middle.


## ACTION SONGS

SECOND SELRIES

The Keys of Heaven

'Hhough you give me the Keys of Heaven,
'Though you give me the Kevs of Heaven,
Yet I will not walk, (I) and I will not talk;
No, I will not walk or talk (J) with you.
I will give you a coach and six,
Six black horses as black as pitch.
Madam, will you walk, ©̌e.
Though you give me a coach and six, six black horses as black as pitch, Set I will not walk, ©c.

I will give you a blue silk gown,
'To make you fine when you go to town, Madam, will you walk, 太c.
'Though you give me a blue silk gown,
'To make me fine when I go to town, Yet I will not walk, \&c.

I will give you the keys of Canterbury,
That all the bells of England may ring and make us merry. Madam, will you walk, むc.
'Though you give me the keys of Canterbury,
'That all the bells of England may ring and make us merry, Yet I will not walk.

I will give you the kers of my heart, (K)
And we will be married till death us do part.
Madam, will you walk, \&c.
'Thou shalt give me the kevs of thy heart, And we will be married till death us do part, Yes, I will walk, \&c.

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The Cat in the Snow

D) Oh dear me! the cat's come in to tea,
(E) She gets her paws so nice and clean, As soon as she comes in again,
(F) Oh deary me, oh deary me!
'The cat's come in to tea.
(A) and (C) Lift hands as if in consternation. (B) Lift up feet very high in time. (D) and (F) Clap hands as if joyful. At (E) stroke one hand over the other alternately like a cat cleaning itself.


I have Two Eyes
*A


- I hare wroesesto see with, I have tro feet 10 run. I hare wro hands to ware with, And nose 1 have but one.


I have two ears to hear with,
A tongue to say goodday,
And two red cheeks for you to kiss,
(B) And now I'll rim away.

Point at asterisk with one, or both forefingers to features mentioned. At (A) ware both hands. At (B) half turn to right and run out in single file.


## My Pretty Maid




## The Young Recruit



And by his left side hanging,
He must wear a shining sword (bis) (J)
'That he smite the foe advancing, (K)
Till his life-hlood be out-poured. (L)
Now my hearty young recruit, ©c.
And a horse to ride in battle, (M)
And some spurs of silver too, (bis) (N)
That amid the din and rattle
He may keep his charger true. (O)
Now my hearty young recruit, \&c.
And one thing most is needed,
He must have a soldier's heart, (bis) (P)
Lest he die disgraced, unheeded,
Having played the coward's part. (R)
Now my hearty young recruit, ©c.

Play tune through from (A) to (B), then singers march in, Fig. 2, p. 13.
(C) Form in row facing audience.
(D) Action of holding gun at side
(E) Action of holding gun in left hand and loarling it with right.
(F) Mark time with feet at 1st and 3rd quaver of the bars as far as (G).
(H) Pretend to lift gun and shoot.
(I) Pretend to drum with both hands.
(J) Hold sword with right hand.
(K) Draw it out.
(L) Point to ground.
(M) Hold horse's bridle.
(N) Point to spurs.
(O) Same as (M).
(P) Right hand on heart.
(R) Action of shunning with right hand.

(B) Pray tell me why you're weeping, You're weeping, you're weeping, Pray tell me why you're weeping, On a bright summer day.
(C) I'm weeping for a lover, A sweetheart, a lover, I'm weeping for a sweetheart, On a bright summer day.
(D) Pray Mary choose your lover, Your lover, your lover, Pray Mary choose your lover, On a bright summer day.

If more children than one are available, say "Poor maidens are a-weeping," instead of "Poor Miary is." Girls walk in (diagram 1) hanging their heads, bolding their handkerchicfs to their eyes on the first beat of the bar.
(B) Boys come in jauntily from other side looking at them.
(C) Girls-left hands on heart, right hands hanging down with handkerchiefs, shake heads from side to side sadly on first beat of bar.
(D) Boys-gallantly take off hats with right hand, with a flourish, and make a low bow.

Repeat last verse all together, the girls holding out their left hands to boys, and walk out (diagram 4, last part of part iv.).


Widdy-Widdy-Wurky


2 Quacky-wuck is my duck, Velvet-mat is my cat, Widdy, de.
3 Shiny-coat is my goat, Tub-of-wine is iny swine, Widdy, \&c.
$\ddagger$ Run-a-course is my horse, Milky-ow is my cow, Widdy, \&c.
5 What's-o'clock is my cock, Run-around is my hound, Widdy, \&c.
6 Nice-look-out is my house, Dart-about is my mouse, Widdy, \&c.
7 Yes-I-can is my man, Whirley-wild is my child, Widdy, \&c.


Blow away the Morning Dew


She gathered to her lovely Howers, And spent her time in sport; As if in pretty Cupid's bowers She daily did resort.

And sing blow away, \&c.

The yellow cowslip by the brim,
'The daffodil as well,
The timid primrose, pale and trim,
The pretty snowdrop bell.
And sing blow away, \&c.

This is prettier sung by girls only. They should comc in gracefully, one step on the first crochet of each bar. At $A$ wavc handkerchiefs (coloured ones are more effective than white), marking time with cross step.


## When a Child goes marching out


$(H)$ When he looks upon the ground,
(I) Pretty flowers there are found.
(J) When he sees the farmyard wall, 'There are cocks and hens and all.
(K) When he's looked at all he can,
(L) Then he marches home again.

The children march in in single file and then stand with their faces to the autience.
From (A) to (C) lift feet in time as though marching. (B) Look about. (D) Look upwards. (E) Lift hands up and down, moving fingers. (F) Look up sideways. (G) Move hands, palms downwards, gently, from side to side. (H) Look down. (I) Point to the ground. (J) All point right, lifting both hands up to imitate the birds flying. (K) Mark time. (L) Half turn to right and march out in single file.

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(A) When their feast of nibbling they had done, There they were in clover,
(AA) Bang ! a hunter fired off his gmi (bis)
(B) And the hares rolled over. (bis)
(C) When they found they still could hear and see,
(D) Off they sprang together,

Both as gay and happy as can be (bis)
In the summer weather. (bis)
1st Verse.-Hares ; two or more children crouch down and pretend to nibble.

2nd Yerse.-(A) Hares nod their heads at one another, smiling. Hunters steal in. (AA) Hunters stamp with both feet as they shoot. (B) Hares roll over.

3rd Verse.-(C) Hares lift their heads cautiouslr. (D) Hares dance round stage and exit, hunters stamping after them.

Or this can be done by all the children doing hares, the noise of the hunters being made outside by the grown-ups.

## The Cobbler


(F) See how neatly o'er the last,

He draws down the leather, making it fast,
(G) And putting his "waxed ends" through and through,
Ever his hands and body work too. Rap-a-tap, $\AA$ c.
(H) Now with hammer hear him tap

The shoe now so firmly fixed in his lap,
(J) And moving his head both up and down,
Yet on his face there's never a frown. Rap-a-tap, \&c.
(A) Move hand from side to side. (B) Point with right fore finger. (C) Action of putting needle in and pulling it out. (D) to (E) Tap with right fist on left at $*$ in every verse. (F) Action of stretching leather by pulling the two hands apart. (G) Putting in needle with one hand and taking it ont with the other. (H) Action of hammering. (J) Move head up and down with a smile.


# The Old Man and his Wife 



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(E) But you must watch the speckled hen, For fear she lay away, sir,
And you must watch the spool of yarn, 'That I spun yesterday, sir.
$(F)$ The old wife took the stick in hand, And went to drive the plough, sir,
(G) The old man took the pail in hand,
(H) And went to milk the cow, sir.

## 3

(I) But Tiney winced and fussed about, And 'liney cocked her nose, sir,
(J) And 'Tiney gave the man a kick,
(K) That blood ran from the blows, sir.
(L) Oh Tincy! pretty Tiney, dear, My pretty cow, stand still, ah!
( $\mathbf{M}$ ) If you I milk another day, It's sore against my will, ah!

Boys and girls in two slanting lines.
(A) Boys-Mark time with forefinger as though emphasising what they are saying.
(B) Girls-Nodding their heads on the first note of the bar.
(C) , Point to themselves by touching their breasts with right hand.
(D) ". Point to boys with forefinger.
(E) ., Tap on right palm with forefinger and middle finger of left hand.
(F) ", Action of taking stick with right hand and lifting feet in time as if walking.
(G) Boys-Action of lifting up pail.
(H) , Action of milking by pulling down first with one hand then with the other.
(1), Action of jumping from side to side to
get ont of the way (always on lst get ont of the way (always on lst note of bar).

## 4

(N) He went to feed the little pigs 'That were within the stye, sir, (O) But knocked his head against the door, Which made the blood to fly, sir.
(P) He went to watch the speckled hen, Lest she should lay away, sir,
(Q) But clean forgot the spool of yarn, His wife spun yesterday, sir.

## 5

(R) He went within to fetch a stick, To give the pig his hire, sir,
$(S)$ But she ran in between his legs And cast him in the mire, sir.
(T) And as he looked at pig and cow, He said, I do agree, sir,
If my wife never works again,
(U) Shell not be blamed by me, sir.
(J) Boys-Kick with right foot and clap hands to nose.
(K) Girls-Langhing.
(M) Boys-Shaking heads.
(N) $\because$ Action of stooping down and throwing food.
(O) ", Lift hands suddenly to bead.
(P) ", Stoop down, knees bent and hands npon them.
(Q) Girls-Laughing and action of spinning.
(R) Boys-Turn array and lift feet in time as thongh walking.
(S) ,, Fall sitting down.
(T) ". Still sitting down.
(U) Girls-Repeat four last lines with the boyslaughing and holding out liands to help boys up, and dance out.


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(A) A soldier learns to drill and shoot to guard his native lind.
(B) A sailor has to learn to live atoat.
(C) A tinker carries pots and pans that jingle in his hand.
(D) A tailor sits astitching at a coat.
(E) A ploughman drives his horses out and keeps his furrow straight.
(F) A chemist corks his bottles all the day.
(G) A thief's a very wicked man, and dreadful to relate,
He takes other people's things and runs away.

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$(H)$ So Tommy's now a soldier and he drills and learns to fight,
(1) And Jack became a sailor on the sea,
(J) And Joe's a merry tinker and he keeps his kettles bright,
(K) And Jock he chose a tailor for to be,
(L) And Bill he is a ploughman and he drives his horses well,
(M) And Anthony corks bottles all the day;
(N) But Hilary's a naughty thief, and very sad to tell,
He takes other people's things and runs away.
(A) and (H) Stand upright and mark time. (B) and (I) Move hands with rocking movement from side to side. (C) and (J) Lift up hands as though carrying something. (D) and (K) Action of stitching with right band. (E) and (L) Action of holding reins with left hand, whip in right. (F) and (M) Action of holding


Who's coming over there?

(A) He's riding on his mare,
(C) He's riding on his mare,

He's riding on his dappled mare.
(B) Mare, mare, dappled mare,
(C) He's riding on his mare.
(A) What's mother doing there ?
(D) She"s knitting at a pair

Of woollen stockings, I declare.
(B) Pair, pair, woollen pair,
(D) She's knitting, I declare.
(A) What's brother doing there ?
(E) He's climbing up the stair,

He's climbing up the wooden stair.
(B) Stair, stair, wooden stair,
(E) He's climbing up the stair.
(A) Point out to right with forefinger. (B) One clap of hands. (C) Action of holding reins. (D) Action of knitting with both hands. (E) Action of clim bing npstairs lifting feet. (F) Action of combing hair with hand and holding it with left. (G) Action of tumbling oll chair.
(A) What's sister doing there?
(F) She's combing out her hair, She's combing out her yellow hair.
(B) Hair, hair, yellow hair,
(F) she's combing out her hair.
(A) What's baby doing there?
(G) He's tumbling off his chair,

He's tumbling off his little chair.
(B) Chair, chair, little chair,
(G) He's tumbling off his chair.



(N) Strike up, says Wat,-(O) agreed, says Mat,
And I prithee, fiddler, play;
( $\mathbf{P}$ ) Content, says Hodge, $(\mathbf{R})$ and so says Madge,
For this is a holiday.
(S) Then every lad did doff

His hat unto his lass,
(T) And every girl did curtsey, curtsey, Curtsey on the grass.

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(U) Then after an hour they went to a bower
And played for ale and cakes, (V) And kisses, too, until they were due (W) The lasses held the stakes. (X) The girls did then begin

To quarrel with the men, (Y) And bade them take their kisses back, And give them their own again.

## 4

(Z) Good-night, says Harry, good-night, sars Mary, Good-night, says Dolly to John;
Good-night, says Sue to her sweetheart Hugh,
(AA) Good-night, says every one.
Some did walk and some did run, Some loitered on the way,
And bound themselves by kisses twelve To meet next holiday. (BB)

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## SHORT SONGS AT SUPPER TIME

## Peter Polt



Table Army


Lady Bird


Away with Melancholy


## Dip your Bread, Polly



## A Pie sat on a Pear Tree



## Goosey, Goosey Gander



Hush-a-bye


## Yankee Doodle



Knock at the Door


## Baby's Tune



## Polly Flinders



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See-Saw






Dogs to Mill




## SONGS WITHOUT ACTIONS




These green and sweetly smelling crops, 'They led in waggons home;
And they piled them here in mountain tops, For mountaincers to roam.
$O$ what a joy, \&c.
Here is Mount Clare, Mount Rusty-nail, Mount Eagle and Mount High ;-
The mice that in these mountains dwell, No happier are than I!
$O$ what a joy, ©c.


The Swing



And sometimes for an hour or so,
I watched my leaden soldiers go,
$\left.\begin{array}{l}\text { With different uniforms and drills, } \\ \text { Among the bed-clothes, through the hills. }\end{array}\right\}($ taice $)$
And sometimes send my ships in fleets,
All up and down among the sheets;
$\left.\begin{array}{l}\text { Or bronght iny trees and houses out, } \\ \text { And planted cities all about. }\end{array}\right\}$ (tricice $)$
I was the Giant great and still, That sits upon the pillow hill, And sees before him dale and plain, ( twice)



I saw the different things you did, But always you yourself you hid. I felt you push, I heard you call, I could not see yourself at all. Wind, O wind, ©c.

O you that are so strong and cold, O blower, are you young or old ? Are you a beast of fiehl, of tree, Or just a stronger child than me? Wind, () wind, \&c.


The Lamplighter
Stevenson


Now Tom would be a driver and Maria go to sea, And my papa's a banker and as rich as he can be;

But I, when I am stronger, and can choose what I'm to do, O Leerie, I'll go round at night and light the lamps with you.

For we are very lucky, with a lamp before the door, And Leerie stops to light it as he lights so many more;

And $O$ ! before you hurry by with ladder and with light, O Leerie, see a little child and nod to him to-night!



The frjendly cow all redand white I love with all my heart, She gives me cream with all her might To eat with apple tart. She wanders lowing here and there And yet she cannot stray, All in the pleasant o-pen air,The pleasant light of day. And blown by all the winds that pass And wet with all theshow rs, She walksamong the meadow grass And eatsthe meadow flow'rs.



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The squalling cat and the squeaking mouse, 'The howling dog by the door of the house, The bat that lies in bed at noon, All love to be out by the light of the moon.
But all of the things that belong to the day, Cuddle to sleep to be out of the way; And Howers and children close their eyes, 'Till up in the morning the sun shall rise.




On goes the river, And out past the mill, Away down the valley, Away down the hill.

Away down the river,
A hundred miles or more,
Other little children
Shall bring my boats ashore.
Other little children
Shall bring my boats ashore.



All the pretty things put by, Wait upon the children's eye, Sheep and shepherds, trees and crooks, In the picture story-books.

We may see how all things are, Seas and cities, near and far, And the flying fairies' looks,

In the picture story-books.



Sounds of the village grow stiller and stiller, Stiller the note of the bird on the hill;
Dusky and dim are the eyes of the miller, Deaf are his ears with the moil of the mill.

Years may go by and the wheel in the river, Wheel as it wheels for us, children, to-day, Wheel and keep roaring and foaming for ever, Long after all the boys are away.

Home from the Indies and home from the ocean, Heroes and soldiers we all shall come home; Still we shall find the old mill wheel in motion, Turning and churning that river to foam.

You with the bean that I gave when we quarrelled, I with your marble of Saturday last,
Honoured and old and all gaily apparelled, Here we shall meet and remember the past.


Hop, hop, hop


## Molly Malone



Three Jolly Little Boys

$\mathfrak{2}$ 'Then drink, boys, eat, boys, sitting round a table, (twice) For to-night we'll merry be ( 3 times), and feast while we are able.


## Pussy Cat Mew



Wee Willie Winkie


A B C D


## Mary Rides




## Home, Sweet Home



An exile from home splendour dazzles in vain, But give me my lowly thatch'd cottage again, The birds singing gaily that came at my call, Give me them with the peace of mind dearer than all.

Home! home! \&c.


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[^0]:    Come in as in diagram, Fig. 1, p. 13: stand in two slanting lines. Boys holding their hats in left hand hanging down by their side and holding out the other hand as though offering something to the girls at (A) and (B). (C) Two steps forwards. (D) Gallantly (E) offer hand. (F) Extend left hand with hat in it as thou fly pointing to a place to go to. (G) Girls put out left hand as though repulsing bors. (I) Shake heads slowly on first note of the bar. (J) Make deep curtser. (K) Boys, right hands on heart. (L) Girls come forward, lolding out hands. (M) All form into couples and come forward hand in hand aud daucc out as in diagram, p. 16, L.

[^1]:    Dance in (Diagram 1) and stand in slanting liues facing one another. (A) and (C) Balance on right foot. (B and D) Balance on left foot and turn smiling from side to side. (E) Couples take hands, right hands in left and balauce as before: $(E)$ and $(G)$ to right $(F)$ and $(H)$ to left, swinging joined hands backwards and forwards. (I) Loose hauds, take three steps to right, jumping on the last. (J) Repeat same to left; (K) same to right. (L) Two steps to left and stand with feet together at (M). The last four bars should be played between each verse. (N) Boys sing (one, two, or more, as available). (O) Four more boys. (P) Four more boys. (R) Four girls. (S) Boys take off hats and make a bow. (T) Girls curtsey, holding frocks. Boys still with hats in hand. (U) Extend right arm, pointing with right forefinger in time at the beginning of each bar. (V) Girls look down coyly, hiding their faces by holding left hand to right cheek. (W) Boys advance towards girls. (X) Girls put their arms akimbo and all half-turn facing audience away from boys, tossing their heads. ( $Y$ ) Girls stretch out right hands as though pushing boys back. (Z) Each good-night sung by different boys and girls, one bowing the other curtseying. (AA) The same done altogether. Each couple then join hauds, going forward to alternate sides (as at the beginning). (BB) All stand facing audience and mark time. Dancc out at beginning of tune.

