

FROM TOP TUNES 2

CUCKOO ROUND

T'was on a summer's evening
I walked the forest through
When suddenly I heard it
A sweet and low cuckoo
Cu koo Cu koo Cu koo Cu koo Cu koo
Cu koo Cu koo Cu koo Cu koo Cu koo

From out the battered elm tree
The owl cries out I'm here
And from the distant forest
The cuckoo answers clear
Cu koo Cu koo Cu koo Cu koo Cu koo
Cu koo Cu koo Cu koo Cu koo Cu koo

THREE CHARTREUSE BUZZARDS

Three chartreuse buzzards,
Three chartreuse buzzards,
Three chartreuse buzzards,
Sitting in a dead tree.
Oh, look! One has flown Away!
What A shame -
Two chartreuse buzzards, etc.,
One chartreuse buzzards, etc.,
No chartreuse buzzards, etc.,
Oh look, one has Returned!
Let us Rejoice!
One chartreuse buzzard, etc.
Two chartreuse buzzard, etc.
Three chartreuse buzzards, etc.

SING TOGETHER

Three-Part Round

1. Sing, sing together, Merrily merrily sing.
2. Sing, sing together, Merrily merrily sing.
3. Sing, sing, sing, sing.

*In the Kannada language from the state of
Karnataka, India.*

Hardee hardee hardee
Kudee har dee ree,
Hardee hardee hardee
Kudee har deeree,
Hardee hardee.

SUITORS

(Brazilian)

MY AUNT CAME BACK

(echo song)

Tune: I'm Going To Leave Ol' Texas

My aunt came back
From old Algiers,
She brought me back
a rockin' chair

My aunt came back
From Holland too,
She brought me back
A wooden shoe.

My aunt came back
From old Japan,
She brought me back
a foldin' fan.

My aunt came back
From Timbuktu,
She brought me back
Some gum to chew.

My aunt came back
From the North Carolina Zoo,
She brought me back
Some monkeys like you.

ONCE I SAW THREE CATS

Once I saw three cats and they were wearing hats,
Tra la la lala lala lala la, Three little cats.
And then I saw three dogs and they were wearing
clogs,
Tra la la lala lala lala la. Hey ho!

Verses:

- Pigs - Wigs
Rabbits - Habits
- Doves - Gloves
Ants - Pants
- Goats - Coats
Calves - Scarves
- Whales - Veils
Coots - Boots

GO WELL AND SAFELY

1. There are suitors at my door. O-le le-o ba-hi-a.
Six or eight or maybe more. O-le le-o ba-hi-a.
And my father wants me wed. O-le le-o ba-hi-a.
Or at least that's what he said. O-le le-o ba-hi-a.

Chorus:

O-le-o-la, o-le le-o ba-hi-a,
O-le-o-la, o-le le-o ba-hi-a,
O-le-o-la, o-le le-o ba-hi-a,
O-le-o-la, o-le le-o ba-hi-a.

2. And I told him that I will. O-le le-o ba-hi-a.
When the rivers flow uphill. O-le le-o ba-hi-a.
Or the fish begin to fly. O-le le-o ba-hi-a.
Or the day before I die. O-le le-o ba-hi-a.

Chorus:

Chorus Hand Motions:

lap clap
right clap
left clap
Together clap Repeat

FLEA

(echo song)

Flea
Flea fly
Flea fly flow
Vista
Cum-a-lotta, cum-a-lotta, cum-a-lotta vista
Oh no no no, no de vista
Eenie, meenie, deci-meenie, ooh ah, ooh ah,
ah meenie
Eenie, meenie, solameenie, ooh ah, ooh ah
A bee billy ote-n-dot-en bo bo be
dite-n-doten-shhhhh!
Vista (shout together)
Rhythm: slap thighs, clap hands

AUNTIE MONICA

Chorus: Oh! I have an Auntie,

An Auntie Monica and
When she goes shopping - they all say,
"Ooh la la!"

1. Because the feather's swinging, the feather's swinging so-,
And so the feather's swinging, the feather's swinging so!
2. Because the hat is swinging, the hat is swinging so -,
And so the hat is swinging, the hat is swinging so!
And so the feather's swinging, the feather's swinging so-
And so the feather's swinging, the feather's swinging so-

Chorus:

3. And so the muff etc....through verses 2 and 1 to the *chorus*

Chorus:

4. And so the skirt etc.

Chorus:

5. And so the Aunt, etc.

ACTIONS

Chorus: Raise and flutter hands at "ooh la la!"

Verses: Feather: swing right arm back and forth above head.

1. Go well and safely.
Go well and safely.
Go well and safely.
The Lord be ever with you.

2. Stay well and safely.
Stay well and safely.
Stay well and safely.
The Lord be ever with you.

FLEA

(camp takeoff)

Flea
Flea fly
Flea fly, mosquito
Calamine, calamine, calamine lotion
Oh, no more calamine lotion
Itchy, itchy, scratchy, scratchy, oohh,
I got one on my backy.
Eek went the bug when you got him with the

bug spray
Spss-----

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Chorus:

Hat: hands beside head, lightly swing arms from side to side.
Muff: hands clasped below waist, swing arms from side to side.
Skirts: flick alternately right and left sides of dress,
Aunt: really swing it...the whole of Auntie Monica!

CALLIOPE

(Divide your group into sections, each one takes a different verse. Imagine you're building up the sounds of one of those steam driven carousels!)

1. Um-pah-pah (*Four times, then add #2*)
(*this is the engine running the carousel*)
2. Um-shh-shh (*Four times, then add #3*)
(*this is the steam from the engine*)
3. Um-tweedle-dee (*Four times, then add #4*)
(*these are the penny whistles*)
4. (*Holding Nose*) Nya-nya-nya-nya-nya-nya-nya-nya-nya-nya-nya-nya-nya-nya-nya-nya-nya-nya. (*this is the organ*)
(*Groups are phased out in reverse order*)
Tune to: "Man on the flying trapeze"
or: "Did you ever see a lassie"
or: "Oh where has my little dog gone"
or: "Daisy"

AIKEN DRUM

There was a man lived in the moon, in the moon, in the moon
There was a man lived in the moon and his name was Aiken Drum.

And he played upon a ladle, a ladle, a ladle

And he played upon a ladle and his name was Aiken Drum.

His head it was a ____, a ____, a _____

His head it was a ____ and his name was Aiken Drum. CHORUS

His eyes...nose...mouth...ears...body...arms...legs...feet...etc...

(Have participants fill in the blanks with fruits and vegetables or other items while they draw their guesses)

LAND OF THE SILVER BIRCH/MY PADDLE

(Canadian)

(note: "My Paddle" can be sung simultaneously with "Land of the Silver Birch" for a wonderful effect...start "My Paddle" a fifth higher than "Land of the Silver Birch")

LAND OF THE SILVER BIRCH

Land of the silver birch

Home of the beaver

Where still the mighty moose

Wanders at will

Chorus:

Blue lake and rocky shore

I will return once more

Boom did-y-ah-dah

Descant:

Blue

Lake

Rocky

Boom did-y-ah-dah
Boom did-y-ah-dah, boom

Shore

My heart is sick for thee
Here in the lowlands
I will return to thee
Hills of the north

Swift as a silver fish
Canoe of birch bark
By mighty waterways
Carry me forth

High on a rocky ledge
I'll build my wigwam
Close to the water's edge
Silent and still

MY PADDLE

My paddle's keen and bright
Flashing with silver
Follow the wild goose flight
Dip, dip and swing
Dip, dip and swing her back
Flashing with silver
Swift as the wild goose flies
Dip, dip and swing
Dip, dip and swing

MAKE NEW FRIENDS

(Japanese)

make	new	friends	
A	TARA	SHI	
but	keep	the	old
TOMO	O	STUKURU	
one	is	silver	and
FU	RUI	TOMO	MO
the other	gold		
WASU	RESU		

WALTZING MATILDA

(Australian)

DEFINITIONS

Waltzing - walking along a bush track

Matilda - bedroll

Swagman - an unemployed drifter

Billabong - Aboriginal word for waterhole

Coolibah - Aboriginal word for a type of Australian tree

Billy - a tin with a wire handle used for boiling water and heating food

Jumbuck - Aboriginal word for sheep

Tucker bag - bag containing food (tucker)

Squatter - a landowner

Troopers - Policemen

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