



Mother Goose Action Songs



Activity Notes

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Energy in Action

Mother Goose Action Songs entices young children to be active in song & dance. Today many children are not active. Instead of running around outside they are glued to screens. This builds up adrenaline for which they have no outlet. Though they are developing their brains, their physical, emotional and ethical development may be lagging behind; this is sometimes described in psychological circles as 'developmental compression'. Hence there are an increasing number of children with social problems, obesity, diabetes, anxiety and depression, and it is occurring at an increasingly younger age. Regular physical activity could prevent many of these problems.

What do we choose: switched on screens or switched on kids? To support our children, we need to give them constructive, happy ways to be physically active. *Mother Goose Action Songs* does just this, inspiring 2 - 5 year olds to move and dance in fun ways. The songs are ideal for kinaesthetic learning. Un-bottle that cooped up energy! When it is spent, everyone will be smiling and relaxed!

Singing

Children love singing their favourite familiar songs. So we asked Mother Goose how she'd feel if we jazzed-up and extended her traditional repertoire to get kids moving; she thinks it's a great idea! We chose tempos that suit preschoolers' body movements, and we include our re-created lyrics for each song so you can help children learn the words & actions. When you know them, sing them yourself without the recording, being 'mother goose' with the children. That way you can follow the children's pace and creativity in the moment.

Cultural Heritage

Mother Goose is the traditional 'mother of all nursery rhymes' in European culture. Taking infants under her wing, she nurtures them in song & rhyme, passing our heritage on to each new generation. In this recording we 'dress her up' a little in an imaginative, new outfit. Here she is, re-energised, to keep her wonderful legacy alive in a bright, new contemporary world!

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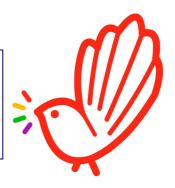
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Actions

Mother Goose, Mother Goose am I Singing in the nursery, dancing through the sky Come on little goslings, spread your wings and fly! Mother Goose, Mother Goose am I

Spread arms, dance and flap them as a warm up during this short introductory rhyme – or just listen ...

Actions

Track 2

💲 Where's the Action Mother Goose? by Radha Sahar

Chorus	Where's the action Mother Goose? Are we going to dance, or just hang loose?		With hands on hips, stomp one leg, raising the knee
Verse1	Let's jump in the field, my busy goslings! That's where the action is	Chorus	Jump during the instrumental verse
Verse 2	Let's stomp in the mud, my busy goslings! That's where the action is	Chorus	Stomp both legs in instrumental verse
Verse 3	Let's fly in the sky my busy goslings! That's where the action is	Chorus	Fly during the instrumental verse
Verse 4	Let's stretch in the grass my busy goslings! That's where the action is \dots	Chorus	Stretch during the instrumental verse
Verse 5	Let's sleep in the barn my busy goslings! That's where the action is No! Sleeping is hanging loose! Ahhhh		Stop. Hands on hips, flop down loosely

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Traditional

Actions

Number one, touch your tongue, number two, touch your shoe Number three, touch your knee, number four, touch the floor Number five, dance the jive, number six, pick up sticks Number seven, point to heaven, number eight, open the gate Number nine, touch your spine, number ten, let's do it again! ...

(Coda after last time) - No way Jose!

Act out as sung.

Repeat the song another time, then conclude shouting 'No way Jose!'





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Polly Put the Blender On

new sections: Radha Sahar

Actions

Verse 1	Polly put the kettle on, Polly put the kettle on, Polly put the kettle on, we'll all have tea china saucer, china cup, pour in the tea and drink it up!	Act out the drama
Verse 2	Polly put the griddle on, Polly put the griddle on, Polly put the griddle on, we'll all have cake paper napkin, china plate, ice and eat – yum – it's great!	Act out the drama
Verse 3	Polly put the blender on, Polly put the blender on, Polly put the blender on, we'll all have a smoothie! Bananas yellow, strawberries pink, Pour in the yogurt, whiz & drink! YUM!!!!	Act out the drama
Verse 4	Polly put the cooker on, Polly put the cooker on, Polly put the cooker on, we'll all	Act out the drama

have apple pie! Chop the apples, eat it all, now my tummy is VERY FULL!

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*	Goosey Goosey Gander new version: Radha Sahar	Actions
Verse 1	Goosey, goosey gander, where do you wander? <u>Upstairs</u>	Waddle ʻclimbʻ up
Verse 2	Goosey, goosey gander, where do you wander? Upstairs, <u>downstairs</u>	Waddle 'climb' up then down
Verse 3	Goosey, goosey gander, where do you wander? Upstairs, downstairs <u>This way</u>	Waddle up, down, to one side
Verse 4	Goosey, goosey gander, where do you wander? Upstairs, downstairs, this way, <u>that way</u>	Waddle up, down, to one side then the other,
Verse 5	Goosey, goosey gander, where do you wander? Upstairs, downstairs, this way, that way, <u>turn around</u>	Waddle up, down, one side, other side, turn around
Verse 6	Goosey, goosey gander, where do you wander? Upstairs, downstairs, this way, that way, turn around, What have we found? My lady's chamber!	Waddle up, down, one side, other side, turn around, hands on hips, Open arms wide
Verse7	Goosey, goosey gander, where do you wander? Upstairs, downstairs, in my lady's chamber	Clap & sing.



Gander's now a father goose, happy not to wander Father Goose, Mother Goose happy ever after!







Grand Old Duke of York new section: Radha Sahar

Actions

Repeat

The grand old duke of York, he had ten thousand men

He marched them up to the top of the hill & he marched them down again

And when they were up they were up.

And when they were down they were down

And when they were only half way up, they were neither up nor down

So they marched on the spot!

March round and round Up and down ... Up, and down

March on the spot

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Track 7



Mary Mary Quite Contrary

Actions

Verse 1

Mary, Mary, quite contrary, how does your garden grow? Dig, dig, dig ... Plant the seeds ... Water the seeds ...

Wait ... Up they come! Watch them grow!

Silver bells all in a row!

Verse 2 Mary, Mary, quite contrary, how does your garden grow?

Dig, dig, dig ... etc ... Cockle shells all in a row

Verse 3 Mary, Mary, quite contrary, how does your garden grow?

Dig, dig, dig ... etc. Pretty Maids all in a row

Verse 4 Mary, Mary, quite contrary, how does your garden grow?

With silver bells and cockle shells And pretty maids all in a row!

Follow the actions as sung, digging, planting, watering Pause then stretch up ...

Clap

Follow the actions as sung Stretch up ... Clap

Follow the actions as sung Stretch up ... Clap

Clap & smile!

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Old Mother Goose a memory song by Radha Sahar

Actions

Verse 1 GLASSES	Old Mother Goose is waddling around. "Where are my glasses?" - You had them all the time!	Waddle, 'looking.' Close thumbs & index fingers in front of eyes to make glasses
Verse 2 PURSE	Old Mother Goose is waddling around. "Where is my purse?" Behind you! "Where are my glasses?" - You had them all the time!	Waddle, look behind, then glasses gesture
Verse 3 KEYS	Old Mother Goose is waddling around." Where are my keys?" – in front of you! "Where is my purse?" - Behind you! "Where are my glasses?" - You had them all the time!	Waddle, look in front, look behind, then glasses gesture
Verse 4 PAPER	Old Mother Goose is waddling around. "Where is my pen?" – down on the floor. "Where are my keys?" – in front of you! "Where is my purse?" - Behind you! "Where are my glasses?" - You had them all the time!	Waddle, look down, look in front, look behind, then glasses gesture
Verse 5 PEN	Old Mother Goose is waddling around. "Where is my paper?" – up on the shelf. "Where is my pen?" – down on the floor. "Where are my keys?" – in front of you! "Where is my purse?" - Behind you! "Where are my glasses?" - You had them all the time!	Waddle, look up, look down, look in front, look behind, then glasses gesture
Verse 6	Old Mother Goose is scratching her head. "What is my name?" –	Scratch head shout 'Old Mother

NAMES

Old Mother Goose is scratching her head. "What is my name?" – Old Mother Goose! "What is your name?"That's right – I had it written down. Where's that piece of paper? - up on the shelf. "Where is my pen?" – down on the floor. "Where are my keys?" – in front of you! "Where is my purse?" - Behind you! "Where are my glasses?" - You had them all the time!

Scratch head ... shout 'Old Mother Goose', say your ownname, look up, look down, look in front, look behind, then glasses gesture



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Track 9

3	Mother Goose Dance by Radha Sahar	Actions
Verse 1	Mother Goose honks her orange beak Scratches the ground with busy feet Ruffles her feathers fluffy and neat And now she's ready to dance - left wing	With hands under armpits to make wings, lift head, scratch ground with feet, wiggle around Then 'flap' your left arm
Verse 2	Mother Goose honks her orange beak etc Left wing, Right wing	As before, then Flap left arm then right arm
Verse 3	Mother Goose honks her orange beak etc Left wing , right wing, left leg	Lift head, scratch ground, wiggle, flap each arm, shake left leg
Verse 4	Mother Goose honks her orange beak etc Left wing , right wing, left leg, right leg	Lift head, scratch ground, wiggle, 'flap' each arm, then shake each leg
Verse 5	Mother Goose honks her orange beak etc Left wing , right wing, left leg, right leg, tail feather	Lift head, scratch ground, wiggle, 'flap', shake, then wiggle bottom
Verse 6 X2	Mother Goose honks her orange beak etc Left wing, right wing, left leg, right leg, tail feather - and HONK!!!!	Lift head, scratch ground, wiggle, flap, shake, wiggle bottom, honk

Track 10

	Three Kind Mice new version by Radha Sahar	Actions
Chorus	Three kind mice, three kind mice. These mice dare to show they care! Squeak, squeak on the run, doing good to everyone Kindness is lots of fun with the three kind mice!	Run around in little steps pretending you're a mouse
Verse 1	Wriggle our tails, wriggle our tails, wriggle our tails everyone! Instrumental then Chorus	Wriggle bottoms during instrumental section
Verse 2	Wriggle our whiskers, wriggle our whiskers, Wriggle our whiskers everyone!	Wriggle heads during instrumental section
	Instrumental then Chorus	
Verse 3	Wriggle our ears, wriggle our ears, wriggle our ears everyone! (Inst) Squeak, squeak on the run, doing good to everyone Kindness is lots of fun with the three kind mice!	Hold ears & wriggle them during instrumental then & make funny faces

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Grandfather Clock

by Radha Sahar

Actions

Verse 1 Grandfather clock stands very tall
He's a piece of furniture in our hall
His pendulum swings from side to side
He has a door but we don't go inside

Stretch arms & leas to a star shape& rock from side to side like a pendulum.

Verse 2 Grandfather clock is very old
His wood and brass is shiny as gold
His face is yellow, his hands go round
As the children dance to the ticking sound!

Continues to do the 'Pendulum Rock' until the end ...

Tick tock, tick tock, tick tock ...

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Track 12

Hickory Dickory Dock

new verses: Radha Sahar

Actions

Verse 1 Stretch arms & leas to a star shape & Hickory dickory dock, the mouse ran up the clock ... rock from side to side like pendulum. The clock struck one ... the mouse ran down ... Hickory dickory dock 'Run' up, clap on '1',then 'run' down Mime pendulum, run up, clap twice Verse 2 Hickory dickory dock, the mouse ran up the clock ... The clock struck Then enjoy jumping two, 1,2, the mouse jumped through ... Hickory dickory dock Verse 3 ... The clock struck three, 1,2,3, the mouse went wheee! ... Pendulum, run up, twirl around Verse 4 ... The clock struck four, 1,2,3,4, mouse jumped some more ... Pendulum, run up, then jumping Verse 5 ... The clock struck five, 1,2,3,4,5, mouse danced a jive ... Pendulum, run up, dance

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Hickory, dickory dock. Then suddenly the tired old clock - Fell asleep - no tick or tock - hickory, dickory dock!

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Traditional

Actions

Chorus

Ring-o-ring-o roses, a pocket full of posies A tishoo! A tishoo! We all fall down! Banging thunder, tinkling rain. Climb-ing up the lad-der a-gain!

Dance in a circle then fall. Bang hands on floor for thunder then stretch fingers up & wiggle for rain, then 'climb' back up to repeat

rack 14



Humpty Dumpty

Traditional

Actions

Verse 1

Humpty Dumpty sat on the wall Humpty Dumpty had a great fall ... All the king's horses and all the king's men Couldn't put Humpty together again!

Stretch arms above head, fingers touching, then let them fall. Slap hands up & down on knees to imitate horses galloping

Track 15



Twinkle Little Motor Car new words: Radha Sahar

Actions

Verse 1

Twinkle little motor car, steering wheel and bumper bar Driving fast - Opps – a crash! ... Now my car is in the trash! Oh! Twinkle little motor car, steering wheel and bumper bar (Now I'm a safe driver! ... Treat time – it's jelly!)

'Drive' around, turning your steering wheel. Crash down on floor, arms up, for last few turns on 'steering wheel'

Verse 2

Twinkle, twinkle, funny tummy, too much jelly, wobbly, runny Phone the doctor, doctor said "No more jelly – go to bed!" (yawn) Twinkle, twinkle, funny tummy, to much jelly, wobbly, runny

Wobble hips & tummy, rub tummy, mime phone call, big yawn then clap'

Verse 3

Twinkle, twinkle blue and green, jumping on the trampoline Jumping, bouncing oh so high. Touch the stars up in the sky! Twinkle, twinkle blue and green, jumping on the trampoline

Jumpina ... then Stretch arms up while jumping

Verse 4

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

Hands up, wiggle your fingers . Stretch arms up, form diamond shape with hands, then wiggle fingers again

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	Baa Baa Black Sheep Action Song new sections: Radha Sahar	Actions
Verse 1	Baa baa black sheep, have you any wool? Yes sir, yes sir, 3 bags full – but first it has to <i>grow</i> Grow, grow, grow, grow. A great, big fleece is heavy you know!	Clap then s-t-r-e-t-c-h
Verse 2	Baa baa black sheep, have you any wool? Yes sir, yes sir, 3 bags full – but now we have to <i>shear</i> it Clip, clip, clip, clip. Cut off the wool – but leave a little bit!	Clap then shearing actions
Verse 3	Baa baa black sheep, have you any wool? Yes sir, yes sir, 3 bags full – but now we have to make the bags Stitch, stitch, stitch, stitch. Stitch up the bags , like so	Clap then Sewing actions
Verse 4	Baa baa black sheep, have you any wool? Yes sir, yes sir, 3 bags full – Now we push the wool in Press it down, press it down. Sew up the bags to take to town!	Clap, then act out the drama
Verse 5	Baa baa black sheep, have you any wool? Yes sir, yes sir, 3 bags full. One for the master, one for the dame and one for the little boy who lives down the lane!	Clapping

Track 17

;	Nursery Rhyme Hammer Time by Radha Sahar	Actions
Verse 1	Baa Baa Black Sheep hammer with us. Hammer with one hammer, no fuss. Along comes Little Boy Blue	'Hammer' with fist on leg
Verse 2	Little Boy Blue come hammer with us. Hammer with two hammers, no fuss Along comes Old King Cole	Hammer with fists on both legs
Verse 3	Old King Cole come hammer with us. Hammer with three hammers, no fuss Along comes Wee Willie Winkie	Hammer with both fists, and one foot
Verse 4	Wee Willie Winkie hammer with us. Hammer with four hammers, no fuss. Along comes Little Bo Peep	Hammer with both fists, and two feet
Verse 5	Little Bo Peep come hammer with us. Hammer with five hammers, no fuss. Along comes naughty Georgie Porgie. Can he hammer with his <i>tongue?</i>	Hammer with both fists, two feet & head
Verse 6	Georgie Porgie hammer with us. Hammer with six hammers – I give up!	Hammer with both fists, two feet, head and tongue!







Mother Goose Stretch by Radha Sahar

Actions

(Hello little goslings! Follow me – it's time for the Mother Goose stretch ...)

Verse 1 Our goosey legs stretch out w – i – d – e!

Wings stretch far on either side Beaks way up to honk at the sky That's the 'Mother Goose Stretch' ...

Good, now ...

Breathing a great big goosey breath Puffing out that feathered chest Well done! - Now take a rest from the Muscle loose 'Mother Goose Stretch' -

Ahhh!

Stretch legs apart Arms wide apart Lift head (while in this 'star-shape' position) Hold pose

Deep breathing Puff out chest Relax Flop down



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Track 19



Actions

Each time Diddle, diddle dumpling, sleepwalking John

Went to bed with his trousers on One shoe off and one shoe on Diddle, diddle dumpling my son John

Stretches his arms straight ahead ... Sleep-walks around ...

1st time ... in friendly ghost land!

2nd time ... in fairy land! 3rd time ... in outer space! ...

Then it's back to bed!

Stomp your feet

Hold up alternate feet

Stretch arms and 'sleep-walk' – though do not completely close you eyes! Palms together on face on the last line of each verse.

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ROW ROW ROW YOUR BOOK new words: Radha Sahar

Actions

Verse 1 Row, row, row your boat gently down the stream Forwards, backwards, pull the oars, in the rowing team

Sit on floor, rowing... (Great in pairs holding hands, but OK alone).

Verse 2 Row, row, row your boat sinking in the stream Underneath the murky water we cannot be seen! Let's spy on the fish ... It's spooky down here ... Quick, row fast! Get out of here! ...

Rowing – downward gestures, maybe slumping ... slowing down

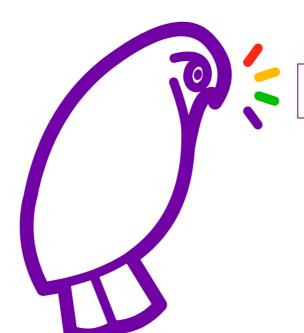
Verse 3 Up, up, up again, rowing to the top Now my arms are falling off. Soon we'd better stop! - And flop!

Row fast then flop

Verse 4 Row, row, row your boat slowly down the stream Merrily, merrily, merrily, life is but a dream! Gentle paced rowing

When you rest in bed tonight Sweetly may you dream

Palms together in sleep gesture



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