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1. Early One Morning/All the Birds

Early one morning just as the sun had risen  
I heard a bluebird in a field gaily sing  
"Warm winds are blowing, green grass is growing  
We have come to herald the merry, merry spring!"

All the birds have come again  
Come again to greet us  
Robins, bluebirds, thrush, and all  
Listen to their merry call  
All the world with song is ringing  
Welcome to the springtime!

Nathan Haskell Dole/English Folk Song  
German Folk Song

## 2. The Robin

There came to my window one morning in spring  
A sweet little robin, she came there to sing  
The tune that she sang, it was prettier far  
Than any I heard on the flute or guitar

Her wings she was spreading to soar far away  
Then resting a moment, seemed sweetly to say  
"Oh happy, how happy the world seems to be  
Awake, dearest child, and be happy with me."

Traditional

## 3. May Day Song (Bedford Carol)

*The Bedford Carol has been welcoming in the month of May for many a generation!*

Good morning, lords and ladies, it is the first of May  
We hope you'll view our garland; it is so bright and gay  
For it is the first of May, oh, it is the first of May  
Remember lords and ladies, it is the first of May

We gathered them this morning, all in the early dew  
And now we bring their beauty and fragrance all for you  
For it is the first of May, oh, it is the first of May  
Remember lords and ladies, it is the first of May

The cuckoo comes in April, it sings its song in May  
In June it changes tune, in July it flies away  
For it is the first of May, oh, it is the first of May  
Remember lords and ladies, it is the first of May

And now you've seen our garland, we must be on our way  
Remember lords and ladies, it is the first of May  
For it is the first of May, oh, it is the first of May  
Remember lords and ladies, it is the first of May

English Folk Song

## 4. The Cuckoo and the Donkey

The cuckoo and the donkey, they quarreled one fine day  
As to who could better sing, as to who could better sing  
In the lovely month of May, in the lovely month of May

The cuckoo said, "Hear me sing," and so began to call  
"But I can do it better, but I can do it better,"  
Said the donkey with "Ee-aw," said the donkey with "Ee-aw."

These sound so sweet and lovely, one heard them far and wide  
They sang so well together, they sang so well together  
"Cuck-oo, Cuck-oo," "Ee-aw, Ee-aw."

### German Folk Song

#### 5. The Elfin Cap

*A popular circle game song*

Around, around our circle runs a pointed elfin cap, diddle, dum  
Around, around our circle runs a pointed elfin cap  
Three times three is nine you know  
See the cap nod to and fro  
Add some more then if you will  
Elfin cap stands still, stands still, stands still  
Then jumps to the left and jumps to the right  
Kicks up heels, it's quite a sight  
Then greets the new elf cap, then greets the new elf cap.

### German Folk Song

#### 6. Blow Wind, Blow

Blow, wind, blow, and go, mill, go!  
That the miller may grind his corn  
That the baker may take it and into bread bake it  
And bring us a loaf in the morn, and bring us a loaf in the morn.

### Slovak Folk Song

#### 7. Fair Rosa

*Another circle game song where you can have children create movements for each verse*

Fair Rosa was a lovely child, lovely child, lovely child  
Fair Rosa was a lovely child, a long time ago

She lived up in a castle high...  
A wicked fairy cast a spell...  
Fair Rosa slept a hundred years...  
A thorny hedge grew all around...  
A gallant prince came riding by...

He cut the hedges one by one...  
Fair Rosa wakened by his touch...  
He took Fair Rosa by the hand...  
They all lived for a hundred years...

#### Irish Folk Song

##### 8. I Had a Little Nut Tree

I had a little nut tree, nothing would it bear  
But a silver nutmeg and a golden pear  
The King of Spain's daughter came to visit me  
And all for the sake of my little nut tree.

I skipped over the water, danced over the sea  
And all the birds on wing couldn't come catch me.

#### Mother Goose/English Folk Song

##### 9. The Pine Tree Swing

Amid the boughs of an old pine tree  
I've found me a wonderful swing  
Where I can rest so safe, so high,  
And hear the breeze in the branches sigh  
And up and down, and up and down  
The wind sings rock-a-bye

I lie and watch through the branches  
The white clouds sail lazily by  
And sometimes little birds fly near  
And sing their songs close to my ear  
And up and down, and up and down  
I rock between earth and sky

#### Homer H. Harbour/German Folk Song

##### 10. Early One Morning (Reprise)

One autumn afternoon just as the sun was setting  
I heard a bluebird in a field pipe a song  
"Farewell, we're going, cool winds are blowing  
But we'll be back when the days grow long."

##### 11. Autumn Hiking Song

The blue of the sky stretches high o'er the trees  
The leaves 'neath our feet make a carpet below  
The warm autumn air calls us out from our ease  
And up from our labors we must go  
Hi-o, hi-o  
Hi-o hi-o hi-o ho  
Hi-o, hi-o ho, hi-o

#### German Folk Song

#### 12. The Carpenters

The carpenters are working, sawing the lumber  
We love to watch them working, sawing the lumber  
They go *see*, we go *saw*  
They go *see*, we go *saw*  
Until we've sawed the lumber, finished at last!

The carpenters are working, pounding the nails in  
We love to watch them working, pounding the nails in  
They go *bang*, we go *clang*  
They go *bang*, we go *clang*  
Until we've pounded the nails in, finished at last!

Oh, see the masons working, mixing the mortar  
We love to watch them working, mixing the mortar  
They go *swish*, we go *swoosh*  
They go *swish*, we go *swoosh*  
Until we've mixed the mortar, finished at last!

Oh, see the masons working, putting the bricks in  
We love to watch them working, putting the bricks in  
They go *clink*, we go *clank*  
They go *clink*, we go *clank*  
Until we've put the bricks in, finished at last!

#### South American Folk Song

#### 13. My Paddle's Keen and Bright/Land of the Silver Birch

*"My Paddle's Keen and Bright" is a classic Steiner round. "Land of the Silver Birch" is a traditional Canadian folk song set to the words of a poem by 19<sup>th</sup> Century Six Nations poet, E. Pauline Johnson (Tekahionwake).*

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  
Follow the wild goose track  
Dip, dip and swing

Land of the silver birch  
Home of the beaver  
Where still the mighty moose wanders at will  
Blue lake and rocky shore  
I will return once more  
Boom-diddy-ah-da, boom-diddy-ah-da  
Boom-diddy-ah-da, boom

High on a rocky ledge  
I'll build my wigwam  
Close to the water's edge, silent and still  
Blue lake and rocky shore  
I will return once more  
Boom-diddy-ah-da, boom-diddy-ah-da  
Boom-diddy-ah-da, boom

My heart, it longs for thee  
Here in the lowlands  
I will return to thee hills of the north  
Blue lake and rocky shore  
I will return once more  
Boom-diddy-ah-da, boom-diddy-ah-da  
Boom-diddy-ah-da, boom

#### Canadian Folk Songs

#### 14. On A Frosty Morning

Patter go the nuts on a frosty morning  
Falling from the trees to the ground below  
Here's Mister Squirrel going hop, hop, hop!  
Picking them up as fast they drop  
Packing them away for his food in winter  
When the woods and fields will be white with snow

Mister squirrel lives in a hollow maple

Window there is none, and but one small door  
Time after time fast home he hops  
Into his door the nuts he drops  
Who do you suppose is inside to meet him?  
Mother Squirrel gray and her children four

John Erwin/French Folk Song

#### 15. Jack-O'-Lantern

Jack-o'-lantern, Jack-o'-lantern  
You are such a funny sight  
As you sit there in the window  
Looking out at the night  
You were once a yellow pumpkin  
Growing on a sturdy vine  
Now you are a Jack-o'-lantern  
See the candle light shine

German Folk Song

#### 16. Saint Martin

*Celebrated in many countries on the night of November 11<sup>th</sup>, children go to houses with paper lanterns and candles, singing songs of Saint Martin in exchange for treats.*

Saint Martin, Saint Martin, Saint Martin rode through wind and snow  
On his strong horse, his heart aglow  
He rode so boldly through the storm  
His large cloak kept him well and warm

By the roadside, by the roadside, by the roadside a poor man arose  
Out of the snow in tattered clothes  
"I beg you help me in my plight, or else I'll die of cold tonight."

Saint Martin, Saint Martin, Saint Martin stopped his horse  
And drew his sword and cut his cloak in two  
One half to the beggar man he gave and by this deed his life did save

Anonymous

#### 17. I Walk With My Little Lantern

I walk with my little lantern  
My lantern, myself and I  
Above, the stars are shining  
Down here we're stars to the sky

The new moon shines, the cat meows  
Ay, ay, ay! La boom-a-la, boom-a-la bay!  
Ay, ay, ay! La boom-a-la, boom-a-la bay!

German Folk Song

#### 18. Oh, We Are Three Musicians

Oh, we are three musicians, we come from Musicland  
Oh, we are three musicians, we come from Musicland  
We can, we can, we can play the piano  
We can play the cello and the flute  
And we can dance and sing fa-la-la, sing fa-la-la, sing fa-la-la  
And we can dance and sing fa-la-la, fa-la-la

German Folk Song

#### 19. Jack Frost

Look out! Look out! Jack Frost is about!  
He's after our fingers and toes  
And all through the night, the gay little sprite  
Is working where nobody knows  
He'll climb each tree, so nimble is he  
His silvery powder he'll shake  
He'll tumble and leap and while we're asleep  
Such wonderful pictures he'll make  
Across the grass, he'll merrily pass  
And change all its greenness to white  
Then home he'll go and laugh, "Ho, ho, ho!  
What fun I have had in the night!"  
So look out! Look out! Jack Frost is about  
What wonders will he bring our way?  
What fun it will be when Jack Frost and we  
Wake up to a new Jack Frost day!

From a poem by Cecily E. Pike/Lorraine Nelson Wolf

#### 20. Autumn Goodbye

Autumn goodbye, autumn goodbye  
You may no longer stay; winter is on its way

Autumn goodbye, autumn good-bye

German Folk Song

### 21. It Snows In the Night

Slowly the snow comes floating down  
Over the rooftops in the town  
Down through the night without a sound  
Turning and whirling to the ground

Gray comes the daylight dawning clear  
Clouds all are gone, the sun is here  
Oh, what a lovely morning blue  
Shines on a world made white and new

Homer H. Harbour/Lorraine Nelson Wolf

### 22. The Sleigh Ride

Ting-a-ling-a-ling go the sleigh bells sweet  
Ting-a-ling-a-ling in the snowy street  
Ting-a-ling-a-ling go the sleigh bells sweet  
Ting-a-ling-a-ling in the snowy street  
Here comes a sleigh to take us riding  
Merrily along on its runners gliding  
Stops for a moment in the snow  
Tumble-umble in and then away we go!

Ting-a-ling-a-ling as we glide along  
Ting-a-ling-a-ling in the sleigh bell's song  
Ting-a-ling-a-ling as we glide along  
Ting-a-ling-a-ling in the sleigh bell's song  
See how the horses pull together  
Gallop along in the frosty weather,  
Trot! go the hoofs with cheery sound  
Clatter, clatter, clatter, o'er the frozen ground

Ting-a-ling-a-ling by the frozen lake  
Ting-a-ling-a-ling, what a noise we make!  
Ting-a-ling-a-ling by the frozen lake  
Ting-a-ling-a-ling, what a noise we make!  
All afternoon our bells are tinkling  
With a merry tune till the stars are twinkling  
Back to the city turn we fast

Ting-a-ling-a-ling, and now we're home at last!

Homer H. Harbour/Canadian Folk Song

23. Winter

All the winter long the trees are bare  
Not a green leaf flutters anywhere  
Winds from icy regions blow  
Down the hillside drifts the snow  
Crows and squirrels ask for scraps to eat  
One would think the river fast asleep  
Yet the trees are dreaming as they stand  
Rosy buds are ready to expand  
When the breath of spring is felt  
All the ice and snow will melt  
Full of life the river will rise and flow  
There'll be food for squirrel and for crow!

Nathaniel Haskell Dole/Bohemian Folk Song

24. Chickadee

*What other lyrics do you associate with this famous tune?*

Trees are bare everywhere  
Snows are deep and skies are gray  
Yet one bird may be heard on the coldest day  
Ask his name and he'll reply  
Cocking up a roguish eye  
"Chick-a-dee, chick-a-dee, chick-a-dee-dee-dee."

May Morgan/German Folk Song

25. Winter Goodbye

Winter goodbye, winter goodbye  
You may no longer stay; springtime is on its way  
Winter goodbye, winter goodbye

German Folk Song

26. Oh Angel Mine

Oh, angel mine, guardian so fine  
Night and day, early and late  
Lead me until I reach heaven's gate  
Oh, angel mine

Anonymous

27. Sleep, O, Sleep/Whippoorwill  
*Learn "Whippoorwill" and sing it as a round.*

Sleep, O sleep  
While breezes so softly are blowing  
Sleep, O sleep  
While streamlets so gently are flowing  
Sleep, O sleep, sleep, O, sleep

Sleep, O sleep  
While angels are watching beside thee  
Sleep, O sleep  
May blessings forever betide thee  
Sleep, O sleep, sleep, O, sleep

Sleep, O sleep  
While echoes of music are ringing  
Sleep, O sleep  
While birds in the forests are singing  
Sleep, O sleep, sleep, O, sleep

Gone to bed, the setting sun  
Night is coming and day is done  
Whippoorwill, whippoorwill has just begun

Anonymous