



The Campfire Songbook

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Look out for this symbol for songs with actions.



Look out for this symbol for 'Call and Response' songs.

Everyone should stand in lines around the fire.

A ram-sam-sam,
A ram-sam-sam.
A gooly, gooly, gooly,
And a ram-sam-sam.

A-ravi, a-ravi,
A gooly, gooly, gooly,
And a ram-sam-sam

Actions:

Ram-sam-sam – pat the knees of the person on your right.

Gooly, gooly, gooly – tickle the head of the person on your right.

A-ravi – Raise your hands over your head to the beat.

Make it harder:

- Change the direction of the actions
- Go faster



Alice the Camel had 10 humps, (*hold up ten fingers*)
Alice the Camel had 10 humps, (*hold up ten fingers*)
Alice the Camel had 10 humps, (*hold up ten fingers*)
Go Alice, go! (*Bom, bom, bom*)

Alice the Camel had 9 humps, (*hold up nine fingers*)
Alice the Camel had 9 humps, (*hold up nine fingers*)
Alice the Camel had 9 humps, (*hold up nine fingers*)
Go Alice, go! (*Bom, bom, bom*)

Repeat until...

Alice the Camel had no humps,
Alice the Camel had no humps,
Alice the Camel had no humps,
Now Alice is a horse!

When you sing each 'bom', do an action.

You could:

- *Lower yourself closer to the floor*
- *Shake your bum*
- *Clap*
- *Jump*



One person leads and everyone repeats each line. Whilst singing the chorus, create a beat by slapping your thighs and clapping your hands.

Chorus

We're going on a bear hunt,
We're gonna catch a big one,
We're not scared,
Cos', we've got guns,
And bullets,
Oh yeah!

We're coming to the long grass,
We can't go over it,
We can't go under it,
Oh no, we've got to go through it.
(together whilst doing a 'swish' action)
Swish, swish, swish, swish
Swish, swish, swish, swish

Chorus

Repeat with:

- River (splash, splash)
- Forest (stumble, trip)
- Supermarket (excuse me, excuse me)
- Cave (*look around the cave and find a bear*)

After the cave:

(together, at speed, without beat)

Back through the supermarket
Excuse me, excuse me, excuse me, excuse me
Back through the forest
Stumble, trip, stumble, trip
Back through the river
Splash, splash, splash, splash
Back through the field
Swish, swish, swish, swish

(repeat each line with beat)

We've been on a bear hunt,
We got scared!



One person leads and everyone repeats each line.

I said a boom chicka boom,
I said a boom chicka boom,
I said a boom chicka rocka chicka rocka chicka boom
Ha ha
Oh yeah
One more time
But this time [...]



Fill in the blank and sing again like that thing.

For example:

- Quietly
- Really loud
- Like a Scout (loud)
- Like an Explorer (bored and grunting)
- In a robot voice
- Like the King (posh)

Yo, my name's Joe, and I work in a button factory.
One day my boss came up to me, he said, "Joe!"
I said, "Yo!"
He said, "Ya busy"
I said, "No!"
"So push this button with your left hand then".
(push a 'button' with your left hand – don't stop!)

Yo, my name's Joe, and I work in a button factory.
One day my boss came up to me, he said, "Joe!"
I said, "Yo!"
He said, "Ya busy"
I said, "No!"
"So push this button with your right hand then".
(push a 'button' with your right hand too)



Repeat and add:

- *Left foot*
- *Right foot*
- *Head*
- *Tongue*
- *Etc.*

When you've used all your body parts...

Yo, my name's Joe, and I work in a button factory.
One day my boss came up to me, he said, "Joe!"
I said, "Yo!"
He said, "Ya busy"
I said, "YES!"

One person leads and everyone repeats each line.

(quietly)

Everywhere we go,
People always ask us,
Who we are,
And where we come from
So we tell them,
We're from the High Peak.
The mighty, mighty High Peak.
And if they can't hear us,
We shout a little louder!



Repeat and gradually get louder

End with:

Everywhere we go,
People always ask us,
Who we are,
And where we come from
So we tell them,
We're from the High Peak.
The mighty, mighty High Peak.
And if they can't hear us,
Then they must be deaf!

Found a peanut, found a peanut, found a peanut yesterday,
Yesterday I found a peanut, found a peanut yesterday.

It was rotten, it was rotten, it was rotten yesterday,
Yesterday it was rotten, it was rotten yesterday.

Ate it anyway, ate it anyway, ate it anyway yesterday,
Yesterday I ate it anyway, ate it anyway yesterday.

Got sick, got sick, got sick yesterday,
Yesterday I got sick, got sick yesterday.

Saw a doctor, saw a doctor, saw a doctor yesterday,
Yesterday I saw a doctor, saw a doctor yesterday.

Had surgery, had surgery, had surgery yesterday,
Yesterday I had surgery, had surgery yesterday.

Died anyway, died anyway, died anyway yesterday,
Yesterday I died anyway, died anyway yesterday

Went to heaven, went to heaven, went to heaven yesterday,
Yesterday I went to heaven, went to heaven yesterday.

Kicked an angel, kicked an angel, kicked an angel yesterday,
Yesterday I kicked an angel, kicked an angel yesterday,

Went the other way, went the other way, went the other way yesterday,
Yesterday went the other way, went the other way yesterday.

Found a peanut, found a peanut, found a peanut yesterday,
Yesterday I found a peanut, found a peanut yesterday.

Threw it away, threw it away, threw it away yesterday,
Yesterday I threw it away, threw it away yesterday.

One person leads and everyone repeats each line.

There was a crazy moose,
And he drank a lot of juice.
There was a crazy moose,
And he drank a lot of juice.

Chorus

Singing way-o-way-o,
Way-o-way-o-way-o-way-o,
Way-o-way-o,
Way-o-way-o-way-o.

The moose's name was Fred,
And he drank his juice in bed.
The moose's name was Fred,
And he drank his juice in bed.

Chorus

He drank his juice with care,
Till he spilt some in his hair.
He drank his juice with care,
Till he spilt some in his hair.

Chorus

The moose's hair went stiff,
So he combed it in a quiff.
The moose's hair went stiff,
So he combed it in a quiff.

Chorus

The moose's friends did laugh,
So he had to take a bath.
The moose's friends did laugh,
So he had to take a bath.

Chorus

As the water went down,
Fred the moose began to drown.
As the water went down,
Fred the moose began to drown.

Chorus

Singing glug-glug-glug-glug,
Glug-glug-glug-glug-glug-glug.
Glug-glug-glug-glug,
Glug-glug-glug-glug-glug-glug-glug-glug.

But if you count to five,
Fred the moose is back alive.
And if you count to five,
Fred the moose is back alive!

Chorus



Have you ever seen a penguin come to tea?
Take a look at me, a penguin you will see.
Penguins attention
Penguins salute
Right arm (*tap right arm against body*)

Have you ever seen a penguin come to tea?
Take a look at me, a penguin you will see.
Penguins attention
Penguins salute
Right arm (*tap right arm against body*)
Left arm (*tap right arm against body*)

Repeat adding:

- Right leg
- Left leg
- Nod the head
- Turn around

End with:

Have you ever seen a penguin come to tea?
Take a look at me, a penguin you will see.
Penguins attention
Penguins at ease!



(to the tune of John Brown's Body)

He jumped without a parachute from forty thousand feet,
He jumped without a parachute from forty thousand feet,
He jumped without a parachute from forty thousand feet,
And he ain't gonna jump no more.

Chorus

Glory, glory, what a terrible way to die,
Glory, glory, what a terrible way to die,
Glory, glory, what a terrible way to die,
And he ain't gonna jump no more.

He landed on the pavement in a lump like strawberry jam,
He landed on the pavement in a lump like strawberry jam,
He landed on the pavement in a lump like strawberry jam,
And he ain't gonna jump no more.

Chorus

They put him in a matchbox and sent him home to Mum,
They put him in a matchbox and sent him home to Mum,
They put him in a matchbox and sent him home to Mum,
And he ain't gonna jump no more.

Chorus

She put him on the mantelpiece for everyone to see,
She put him on the mantelpiece for everyone to see,
She put him on the mantelpiece for everyone to see,
And he ain't gonna jump no more.

Chorus

She put him on the table when the Vicar came for tea,
She put him on the table when the Vicar came for tea,
She put him on the table when the Vicar came for tea,
And he ain't gonna jump no more.

Chorus

The Vicar spread him on some toast and said what lovely jam,
The Vicar spread him on some toast and said what lovely jam,
The Vicar spread him on some toast and said what lovely jam,
And he ain't gonna jump on more.

Chorus

One person leads and everyone repeats each line.

I saw a bird,
With a yellow bill.
It landed on,
My windowsill.
So I coaxed it in,
With a bowl of jelly.
And cut off its head,
With a giant machete.

I saw a bird,
With a yellow beak,
That landed on my toilet seat.
So I pushed it in,
And pulled the chain.
I never saw,
That bird again.

I saw a bird,
With a yellow bill.
It landed on,
My windowsill.
So I coaxed it in,
With a chocolate digestive.
And pressed it through,
A wire sieve.

I saw a bird,
With a yellow bill.
It landed on,
My windowsill.
So I coaxed it in,
With some lemonade.
And then fed it,
A live hand grenade.



To the tune of 'If you're happy and you know it'.

If it's raining and you know it clap your hands,
If it's raining and you know it clap your hands,
If it's raining and you know it then your clothes will clearly show it.
If it's raining and you know it clap your hands.

If the mud is only knee deep stamp your feet,
If the mud is only knee deep stamp your feet,
If the mud is only deep and you wish that it were hip deep.
If the mud is only knee deep stamp your feet.

If the wind is really blowing shake your head,
If the wind is really blowing shake your head,
If the wind is really blowing and your permanent is going.
If the wind is really blowing shake your head.

If the temperature is really falling rub your hands,
If the temperature is really falling rub your hands,
If the temperature is really falling and your spirits are appalling.
If the temperature is really falling rub your hands.



Kum-Ba-Ya, my Lord, Kum-Ba-Ya,
Kum-Ba-Ya, my Lord, Kum-Ba-Ya,
Kum-Ba-Ya, my Lord, Kum-Ba-Ya,
Oh Lord, Kum-Ba-Ya.

Someone's crying, my Lord, Kum-Ba-Ya,
Someone's crying, my Lord, Kum-Ba-Ya,
Someone's crying, my Lord, Kum-Ba-Ya,
Oh Lord, Kum-Ba-Ya.

Someone's singing, my Lord, Kum-Ba-Ya,
Someone's singing, my Lord, Kum-Ba-Ya,
Someone's singing, my Lord, Kum-Ba-Ya,
Oh Lord, Kum-Ba-Ya.

Someone's laughing, my Lord, Kum-Ba-Ya,
Someone's laughing, my Lord, Kum-Ba-Ya,
Someone's laughing, my Lord, Kum-Ba-Ya,
Oh Lord, Kum-Ba-Ya.

Hum a verse

Kum-Ba-Ya, my Lord, Kum-Ba-Ya,
Kum-Ba-Ya, my Lord, Kum-Ba-Ya,
Kum-Ba-Ya, my Lord, Kum-Ba-Ya,
Oh Lord, Kum-Ba-Ya.

One person leads and everyone repeats each line. Everyone sings the chorus together.

Oh you'll never go to heaven,
In a baked bean tin,
'Cause a baked bean,
Has baked beans in.
(together, fast)

Oh you'll never go to heaven in a baked bean tin,
Cause a baked bean tin has baked beans in



Chorus *(together)*

I ain't gonna grieve my Lord, no more
I ain't gonna grieve my Lord,
I ain't gonna grieve my Lord, no more

Repeat with:

- In (leader's name) car – 'cause (leader's name) car – won't get that far
- In a jumbo jet – 'cause the Lord ain't built – no runways yet
- On roller skates – 'cause you won't get past – those pearly gates
- In a biscuit tin – 'cause the Lord don't let – no crumby ones in
- On a sheet of glass – 'cause a sheet of glass – will cut your elbow
- On water skis – 'cause the Lord don't allow – no hairy knees

End with:

If I get there,
Before you do,
I'll dig a hole,
And spit on you.

(together)

If I get there before you do,
I'll dig a hole and spit on you,
I ain't gonna grieve my lord, no more,
I ain't gonna grieve my Lord,
I ain't gonna grieve my Lord, no more.

A campfire twist on the classic nursery rhyme.

Old MacDonald had a farm,
Ee-i-ee-i-o,
And on that farm, he had a pig,
Ee-i-ee-i-o,
It was a fat pig, a thin pig, a thin pig, a fat pig,
A big pig, a little pig, a little pig, a big pig.

Old MacDonald had a farm,
Ee-i-ee-i-o,
And on that farm, he had a horse,
Ee-i-ee-i-o
It was a fat horse, a thin horse, a thin horse, a fat horse,
A big horse, a little horse, a little horse, a big horse.
A fat pig, a little pig, a little pig, a big pig,
A big pig, a little pig, a little pig, a big pig.



Repeat, adding different animals

For example:

- Cow
- Dog
- Elephant
- Giraffe
- Unicorn
- Dinosaur

A Pizza Hut, a Pizza Hut, Kentucky Fried Chicken and a Pizza Hut,
A Pizza Hut, a Pizza Hut, Kentucky Fried Chicken and a Pizza Hut,
McDonalds, McDonalds, Kentucky Fried Chicken and a Pizza Hut,
McDonalds, McDonalds, Kentucky Fried Chicken and a Pizza Hut.

A Ford Escort, a Ford Escort, a Mini, Mini, Mini and a Ford Escort,
A Ford Escort, a Ford Escort, a Mini, Mini, Mini and a Ford Escort,
Lamborghini, Lamborghini, a Mini, Mini, Mini and a Ford Escort,
Lamborghini, Lamborghini, a Mini, Mini, Mini and a Ford Escort.

A snotty-nose Cub, a snotty-nose Cub, a know-it-all Scout, and a snotty-nose
Cub,
A snotty-nose Cub, a snotty-nose Cub, a know-it-all Scout, and a snotty-nose
Cub,
A leader, a leader, a know-it-all Scout and a snotty-nose Cub,
A leader, a leader, a know-it-all Scout and a snotty-nose Cub.

A jumbo jet, a jumbo jet, a heli, heli, copter and a jumbo jet,
A jumbo jet, a jumbo jet, a heli, heli, copter and a jumbo jet,
A Concord, a Concord, a heli, heli, copter and a jumbo jet,
A Concord, a Concord, a heli, heli, copter and a jumbo jet.

She'll be coming round the mountain when she comes (toot, toot)
She'll be coming round the mountain when she comes (toot, toot)
She'll be coming round the mountain,
She'll be coming round the mountain,
She'll be coming round the mountain when she come. (toot, toot)

She'll be driving six white horses when she comes (woah back)
She'll be driving six white horses when she comes (woah back)
She'll be driving six white horses,
She'll be driving six white horses,
She'll be driving six white horses when she comes. (woah back)

Oh, we'll all go out to meet her when she comes (hey babe)
Oh, we'll all go out to meet her when she comes (hey babe)
Oh, we'll all go out to meet her,
Oh, we'll all go out to meet her,
Oh, we'll all go out to meet her when she comes. (hey babe)

Oh, she'll have to sleep with Grandma when she comes (snore, snore)
Oh, she'll have to sleep with Grandma when she comes (snore, snore)
Oh, she'll have to sleep with Grandma,
Oh, she'll have to sleep with Grandma,
Oh, she'll have to sleep with Grandma when she comes. (snore, snore)

She'll be wearing wool pyjamas when she comes (scratch, scratch)
She'll be wearing wool pyjamas when she comes (scratch, scratch)
She'll be wearing wool pyjamas,
She'll be wearing wool pyjamas,
She'll be wearing wool pyjamas when she comes (scratch, scratch)

The chorus is sung together, and the actions are repeated after a leader. When singing the actions, do the actions at the same time.

Chorus

I'm singing in the rain,
Just singing in the rain,
What a glorious feeling,
I'm happy again.

Hang about! (*echo*)
Arms out! (*echo*)

Chorus

Hang about! (*echo*)
Arms out! (*echo*)
Thumbs up! (*echo*)

Repeat with the following actions:

- Wrists together
- Knees together
- Feet together
- Bums out
- Tongues out
- Heads up



Ten sticks of dynamite standing on a wall,
Ten sticks of dynamite standing on a wall,
And if one stick of dynamite were to accidently fall,
They'd be no sticks of dynamite,
And no blummin' wall!

Give it some actions!

Have 10 people stand in a line, as if sticks of dynamite on a wall.
When you sing 'no sticks of dynamite', the people should fall over.

Peel banana, peel, peel banana. **x2**
(with 'peeling' action)

Cut banana, cut, cut banana. **x2**
(with 'cutting' action)

Blend banana, blend, blend banana. **x2**
(with 'blending' action)

Pour banana, pour, pour banana. **x2**
(with 'pouring' action)

Drink banana, drink, drink banana. **x2**
(with 'drink' action)

Ah banana, ah, ah banana. **x2**
(with hand rubbing stomach; feeling sick)

Sick banana, sick, sick banana. **x2**
(with 'vomitting' action)

Sweep banana, sweep, sweep banana. **x2**
(with 'sweeping' action)

Oo! banana, oo, oo banana. **x2**
(whilst licking lips)



When I was one, I sucked my thumb the day I went to sea,
I climbed aboard a pirate ship and the Captain said to me:

Chorus

We're going this way, that way, forwards, backwards, all over the Irish Sea.
A bottle of rum to warm my tum, that's the life for me.

When I was two, I lost a shoe, the day I went to sea,
I climbed aboard a pirate ship and the Captain said to me:

Chorus

Repeat but change the number and activity:

- *Three – Climbed a tree*
- *Four – Knocked on a door*
- *Five – Learned the jive*
- *Six – Carried sticks*
- *Seven – Went to heaven*
- *Eight – Closed a gate*
- *Nine – Toed the line*
- *Ten – Built a den*

When you sing each activity, do the action too



To the tune of 'The Twelve Days Of Christmas'.

On the first day of Scout camp my family sent to me,
A sausage roll for my tea.

On the second day of Scout camp my family sent to me,
Two skinned knees,
And a sausage roll for my team

Repeat and add:

- Three Bic pens
- Four flashlights
- Five bathing suits
- Six chocolate bars
- Seven missing buttons
- Eight leaders sleeping
- Nine pairs of skivvies
- Ten noisy Squirrels
- Eleven lost swimmers
- Twelve soggy towels

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Scouts

High Peak