

Hand Games

Compiled and arranged by Timothy Piper

Dedicated to the rhythm of everyday life, and the skipping/clapping playground child in all of us.

See, see my playmate,
Come out and play with me
And bring your dollies three
Climb up my apple tree
Shout down my rain barrel
Slide down my cellar door
And we'll be jolly friends for evermore

Stella, ella, ola, clap, clap, clap
Say yes chico, chico, chico, chico, chap
Say yes, chico, chico, aloa, aloa
The toilet overflowa, say 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7

Je suis allé chez Madame Larose
Madame Larose m'a donné une rose
J'ai jamais vue une rose si rose
Que celle de Madame Larose

1st Part

Lemonade, crunchy ice,
Sip it once, sip it twice
Turn around, touch the ground
Kick your boyfriend out of town
Strike a pose, pick your nose,
Everybody freeze!

2nd Part

See, see my playmate
Come out and play with me
And bring your dollies three
Climb up my apple tree
Shout down my rain barrel
Slide down my cellar door

Un éléphant qui se balançait
Sur une toile, toile, toile, toile d'araignée
C'était un jeu tellement
Tellement amusant que tout à coup,
BA! DA!

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Sur une toile, toile, toile, toile d'araignée
C'était un jeu tellement
Tellement amusant que tout à coup,
BA! DA! BOOM!

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Madame Larose m'a donné une rose
J'ai jamais vue une rose si rose
Que celle de Madame Larose

2nd Part

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Everybody freeze!

EVERYBODY

(Bim bum, bim bum, bitty bitty bum
Bitty bum, bitty bitty bum, bim bum) X2
(Bim bum, bitty bitty bum
Bitty bum, bitty bitty bum, bim bum) X2

Repeat Bim Bum section

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See, see my playmate
I cannot play with you
My dollie's got the flu
Boo hoo hoo hoo hoo hoo
Ain't got no rain barrel
Ain't got no cellar door
But we'll be jolly friends
FOREVER MORE!

River Song

Words and Music by

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Dedicated to teacher Fiona Medley for her devotion and vision for the arts in schools, and to principal David McFall for his enduring support of that vision.

Face to the west child
As the river flows by
Wind in your hair
Rain in the air
Ancient power swelling
Its story alive
Listen, listen
Know that you are home

*Rushing river, pouring rain
L'eau qui coule comme un refrain
Child of water, wet like spring
Partage ta voix and sing
Water is life, l'eau c'est la vie
Niibii Bimatiisiyuun, Nibi Opimadziwin
Water is life, l'eau c'est la vie
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Face to the east child
And see where it goes
Spray on your cheek
Damp on your feet
Ancient wisdom bursting
Aloud from the deep
Listen, listen
Know that you are home

Chorus

I hope as you grow older
You will find your way back here
For I know when I am gone
This water will flow on
Singing its ancient river song

Chorus

Face to the river child
Listen and learn
Songs in your ear
Your heart beat can hear
Ancient knowledge rumbling
Calling you on
Listen, listen
Know that you are home

Chorus

Face to the west child
As the river flows by
Know that you are home

The refrain of this song grew out of a music curriculum developed in 2019 for grade 3 students at Pierre Elliott Trudeau Elementary School in Hull, QC.

The verses were added later and this song was premiered on Earth Day 2020 at MusicMakers, a concert put on by the Western Quebec School Board.

Niibii Bimatiisiyuun means "water is life" in the Cree language. This translation is in the James Bay dialect and was provided by Jamie Gull.

Nibi Opimadziwin means "life of the water" in the Algonquin language. This translation is in the Rapid Lake dialect and was provided by Gracie Ratt.