



**KIDS TALK™ PRESENTS TRANSITION SONGS**

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**Willabee Wallabee Wee**

*This is great song to use to help move children from one activity to another. When they hear their name, for example, they might move from group time to go wash their hands or out to recess. At home, it is a good song to grab a child's attention when you finish up one activity like reading a book, then getting into bed.*

Willabee Wallabee Wee  
An elephant sat on me

Willabee Wallabee Woo  
An elephant sat on you

Willabe wallabee wam  
An elephant sat on Sam

Willabee wallabee Wobin  
An elephant sat on Robin

## **Mary Wore Her Red Dress**

*Start out with the first verse then add children's names and an item of clothing.  
In a group setting, the child whose name is called can skip around the inside or the outside of the circle, then return to his or her spot in the circle.*

*To move from one activity to another, change all day long to "off to lunch", "back to work", "home from school", etc.*

*For a listening exercise, leave out the child's name and just do the item of clothing. The children will have to pay attention to pick up their clue.*

*Be sure to sing everybody's name in the group, or you will have tears.*

Mary wore her red dress, red dress red dress  
Mary wore her red dress, all day long

Johnny wore his blue jeans, blue jeans blue jeans  
Johnny wore his blue jeans, out to play

Hum – hum wore her overalls, overalls, overalls  
Hum – hum wore her overalls, home from school

## **This is the Way**

*Use your imagination to use this song to go from one activity to another.*

This is the way we get ready for lunch  
Ready for lunch, ready for lunch  
This is the way we get ready for lunch  
In our home (school)

First we put away our work  
Away our work, away our work  
This is the way we get ready for lunch  
In our home

This is the way we wash our hands  
Wash our hands, wash our hands  
This is the way we get ready for lunch  
In our home

This is the way we set the table,  
Set the table, set the table  
This is the way we get ready for lunch  
In our home

This is the way we sit at the table  
Sit at the table, sit at the table  
This is the way we get ready for lunch  
In our home.

This is the way we say our prayers  
Say our prayers, say our prayers  
This is the way we get ready for lunch  
In our home

Use this song for getting ready for bed:

This is the way we get ready for bed...  
Brush our teeth, wash our faces, put on our jammies, get in to bed, turn of the lights, say  
good night, etc.

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*These are songs that will help quiet down children so you can move from a high energy  
activity to a quiet activity.*

**Pan Yoo**

Taiwanese Song

Pan yoo, woh yung yune chu fu ni  
Pan yoo, woh yung yune chu fu ni

Chu fu ni gen khan  
Chu fu ni quai leh

Pan yoo, woh yung yune chu fu ni

Friends forever we'll be friends  
Friends forever we'll be friends

I'll be your friend  
You'll be my friend  
Friends forever we'll be friends

## **The Spiders Are Creeping**

*Use hand movements with your fingers walking up your arm, then use your fingers to make the Sh! motion.*

The spiders are creeping, Sh! Sh!  
The spiders are creeping, Sh! Sh!  
They don't make a sound as their feet touch the ground  
The spiders are creeping, Sh! Sh!

The mice are creeping, Sh! Sh!  
The mice are creeping, Sh! Sh!  
They don't make a sound as their feet touch the ground  
The mice are creeping, Sh! Sh!

Sara, what did you see creeping? A cat!

The cat is creeping, Sh! Sh!  
The cat is creeping, Sh! Sh!  
She doesn't make a sound as her feet touch the ground  
The cat is creeping, Sh! Sh!

## **The Name Sound Song**

*This is a good song to help gather a group. Be sure to sing everybody's name, twice.*

Alice, Alice, a, a, a  
Alice, Alice, a, a, a

Jim, Jim, j, j, j  
Jim, Jim, j, j, j

Tiffany, Tiffany, t, t, t,  
Tiffany, Tiffany, t, t, t

Alexander, Alexander, a, a, a,  
Alexander, Alexander, a, a, a

Sharon, Sharon, sh, sh, sh  
Sharon, Sharon, sh, sh, sh

## **Mother Looney Bird**

*This is a song that requires a lot of movement. At the end, it is perfect just to collapse and sit cross-legged, ready to go to a quiet activity. On rainy days, I like to follow this with the next song, "It Rained a Mist", which is also a good car song.*

Mother Looney Bird had seven chicks  
Seven chicks had Mother Looney bird  
They couldn't swim, no.  
They couldn't fly, no  
All they could do was go like this. (right arm)

*Tuck right arm and flap in wing position*

Mother Looney Bird had seven chicks  
Seven chicks had Mother Looney bird  
They couldn't swim, no.  
They couldn't fly, no  
All they could do was go like this. (left arm)

*Tuck left arm and flap in wing position.*

*Repeat verse adding these directions and additional movements.*

*Right leg. Move right leg, lifting knee high.*

*Left leg. Move left leg, lifting knee high.*

*Your head. Move chin to chest and back.*

*Turn around. While doing leg, arm and head motions, turn around.*

*The end song with*

All they could do was go like this. Whew.

*Wipe your brow and sit down.*

## **It Rained a Mist**

It rained a mist, it rained a mist  
It rained all over the town, the town  
It rained all over the town.

It rained a mist, it rained a mist  
It rained all over my car, my car,  
It rained all over my car.

Frank, where did you see it rain? On my house. On the road. On the grass. On my head.

*Ask each child in the group where they saw the rain.*

### **Clap, Clap, Clap Your Hands**

*This song can keep going until everybody in the group is quieted down. Also works for just one child. This song is also excellent for children who are learning English as a second language.*

Clap, clap, clap your hands  
Clap your hands together  
Clap, clap, clap your hands  
Clap your hands together.

Touch your toes.  
Wiggle your fingers.  
Blink your eyes.  
Touch your ears.  
Move your nose.  
Tap your toes.  
Shake your head.  
Sit right down.

### **Clean Up Song**

One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine,  
Let's finish up. It's clean up time.

*Use this song for all kinds of activities.*

*It's go to school time. It's off to bed time. It's brush your hair time.*

### **Kids Talk Hint**

***A bit of advice: I've learned through many years of working with young children that when you sing a song with them, be prepared to sing it at least three times through.***

***This also goes for reading a book. Be prepared to read it three times in a row. It is boring to us, but the children love it. So, pick out short books to read. And avoid a few power struggles.***

Happy Parenting! Maren Schmidt

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