

Introduction To The Songs

Melody Tree House has produced this musical resource for parents and educators of children aged 3 to 7 years.

The accompanying notes are designed for both professionals and parents to use to promote healthy lifestyle choices with the young children in their care. The overall aim is to encourage learning through play.

The songs are designed to capture children's imagination and encourage positive play. The complementary notes provide suggestions and activities to help reinforce the learning content of the songs.

Instrumental versions of the songs have been included so that professionals and parents can use the melodies to make up their own lyrics for similar or other learning concepts.

Wildlife Garden Songs is a collection of 15 songs designed to help teach children about wildlife gardening. Within the framework of learning about this natural environment, the songs can also help to teach other concepts such as counting, positional words, bending knees while jumping and landing, fun games, as well as the theme of cooperation.

The Garden Song (Wildlife garden)

This song promotes and encourages wildlife gardening and uses the example of restoring a run-down garden and transforming it into a healthy, thriving natural environment for animals, insects, and plants.

Grasshoppers (Bending knees when jumping and landing)

This joyous song is to remind children to bend their knees when they jump and land, using grasshoppers as an example. The song may be used to encourage children to participate in an exercise that involves jumping.

Hedgehogs (Encouraging rolling movements)

This happy song encourages children to imagine being hedgehogs to carry out rolling movements such as somersaults and tumbling in a safe manner.

What Could It Be? (Ladybird – Crawling)

Something's Crawling in the Flowers

These 4 songs were designed as examples to show how this rhyme and tune can be used as a fun game to teach about different habitats in the garden and describe some animals that may be found in those environments. Once the rhyme and tune have been learned the lyrics can be changed to fit many environments and animals.

Bugs (Compost heap recycling)

This is a fun song (sung by little bugs) about a compost heap and the organisms that live in it. The song may be helpful to illustrate how bugs break down waste matter and recycle nutrients.

Dragonflies (Encouraging listening and responding)

This dance or movement song aims to teach awareness of personal space using dragonflies as an example of controlled movement. The song describes dragon-flies dancing about and how they can change their movement to hover on the same spot for a time before darting away again

What Could It Be? (Field Mouse - Nibbling)

Something's Moving in the Tree Stump

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Busy Bees (Encouraging cooperative behaviour & learning about bees)

In this cheerful song, bees are used to illustrate teamwork and cooperative behaviour with friends and family. The song also describes bees collecting pollen from flowers, making honey and living in a hive.

Suzie The Spider (Positional words)

This song teaches children about spiders and positional words such as up, down, left, and right.

What Could It Be? (Rabbit – Peeking)

Something's Rustling in the Bushes

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Ladybird (Counting song)

This song uses the spots on the ladybird's wings to encourage children to count from 1 to 10.

Sunshine & Rain (Illustrates how both sunny and wet weather are important for plant growth)

This lovely song celebrates how sunshine and rainfall help to nurture the growth of plants in our gardens. The harmonies help to illustrate how a combination of both sunshine and rainfall are important for the well-being of plants.

What Could It Be? (Frog – Hopping)

Something's Splashing in the Pond

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Birds (Bird behaviour)

This song celebrates birds and acknowledges how their presence enhances our gardens. The song provides some descriptions of bird behaviour. The lyrics also describe the free nature of wild birds.

The Log Pile (Wildlife garden habitat)

This is a fun song about some creatures hiding in a log pile. Log piles provide food and shelter for insects and small animals and are an important feature in a wildlife garden. Children will enjoy the surprise ending of the song.