



# First, We Sing!

## Teaching Strategies

Rhythmic and Melodic Elements for Primary Grades

### About The Revisions

The *First, We Sing!* books reflect a commitment to discovering, documenting and sharing accurate, interesting and useful information about song material used throughout the series. As teachers, we must understand the critical importance of adjusting and reworking curriculum materials as times and the needs of our students change. Ongoing research also provides an opportunity to examine and reconsider widely used “standard” repertoire and to suggest more culturally sensitive and relevant options. Consequently, several books in the *First, We Sing!* series have undergone significant revisions, including the *Teaching Guide* and *Teaching Strategies* for both Primary and Intermediate grades. New editions contain updated song lists and revised lessons for teaching various elements. Purchasers of the original materials can download the updated pages [here](#).



# K-2 Songlist

## **Singing and Vocal Exploration**

Cuckoo, Where are You?  
Doggie, Doggie  
Hickory Dickory Dock  
Hinx Minx  
I Love My Little Rooster  
Old MacDonald  
Tommy Tittlemouse

## **Fast and Slow**

Bee, Bee  
Goin' on a Bear Hunt  
The Mill Wheel  
Paige's Train  
Snail, Snail

## **Loud and Soft**

Bye Baby Bunting  
Closet Key, The  
Engine, Engine, Number Nine  
Hushabye  
Hush, Little Baby  
Lady, Lady  
Lazy Mary

## **Long and Short**

Cobbler, Cobbler  
Engine, Engine Number Nine  
Hunt the Cows  
Seven Jumps  
Bell Horses

## **High and Low**

Bounce High, Bounce Low  
I Can Sing Up High  
Handy, Dandy

## **Beat Activities (Simple Meter)**

All Around the Buttercup  
Bee, Bee Bumblebee  
Burnie Bee  
Busy Buzzy Bee  
Cobbler, Cobbler (Hunt the Slipper)  
Deedle Deedle Dumpling  
Eachy Peachy Pelly Plum  
Engine, Engine Number Nine  
Hot Cross Buns  
Ickle, Ockle  
Johnny Works With One Hammer  
Lucy Locket  
The Mill Wheel  
Pattycake, Pattycake, Baker's Man  
Peas Porridge Hot  
Sammy Sackett  
See Saw, Up and Down  
Shoe a Little Horse  
Snail, Snail

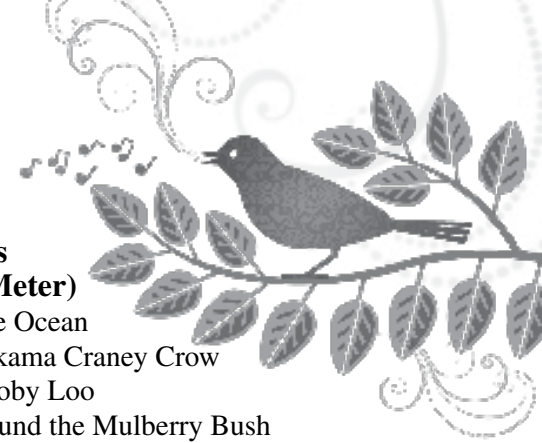
## **Beat Activities**

### **(Compound Meter)**

Charlie Over the Ocean  
Chickama Chickama Craney Crow  
Here We Go Looby Loo  
Here We Go Round the Mulberry Bush  
Hickory Dickory Dock  
Higglety Pigglety  
Humpty Dumpty  
Itsy Bitsy Spider  
Jack Be Nimble  
Jack and Jill  
Johnny, Get Up and Light the Fire  
Lady, Lady  
Pop Goes the Weasel  
Ring Around the Rosy  
Sally Go Round the Sun  
Skating Away  
This Is the Way the Ladies Ride



Bluebird, Bluebird  
Bounce High, Bounce Low  
Cuckoo, Cuckoo  
Frosty Weather  
Sammy Sackett  
Snail, Snail  
Star Light, Star Bright  
Tsuki (Firefly)  
Two, Four, Six, Eight



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Bobby Bingo  
Bluebells, Cockleshells  
Bye-lo, Baby-o  
Hey, Hey, Look at Me  
Jean, Jean, Dressed in Green  
Miss White Had a Fright  
Mouse, Mousie  
One, Two, Tie My Shoe  
Queen, Queen Caroline  
Rain, Rain, Go Away  
See Saw, Up and Down



Bye, Baby Bunting  
Bye Bye Baby  
Doggie, Doggie, Where's Your Bone?  
Down Came a Lady  
Here Comes a Bluebird



A La Ronda, Ronda (Round and Round)  
All Around the Buttercup  
Apple, Apple, on the Tree  
Bee, Bee, Bumblebee  
Bow Wow Wow  
Burnie Bee  
Busy Buzzy Bee  
Bye-lo, Baby-o  
Cobbler, Cobbler, Mend My Shoe  
Doggie, Doggie, Where's Your Bone?  
Engine, Engine Number Nine  
England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales

Fuzzy Wuzzy Was a Bear  
Here Comes Mrs. Macaroni  
Hey, Hey, Look at Me  
I Have Lost the Closet Key  
In and Out the Dusty Bluebells  
Jean, Jean, Dressed in Green  
Knock the Cymbals  
Lemonade  
Matthew, Mark, Luke and John  
Miss White Had a Fright  
Mrs. Red Went to Bed  
Pajarito Tan Bonito (Beautiful Little Bird)  
Rain, Rain, Go Away  
Rueda De San Miguel (Wheel of San Miguel)  
See Saw, Up and Down  
Star Light, Star Bright  
We Are Dancing in the Forest



A La Ronda, Ronda (Round and Round)  
Bobby Shafto  
Bluebells, Cockleshells  
Bounce High, Bounce Low  
Button, You Must Wander  
In and Out the Dusty Bluebells  
Kitty, Kitty Casket  
Los Pollitos (The Chicks)  
Lucy Locket Lost Her Pocket  
Miss White Had a Fright  
Sammy Sackett  
Tengo, Tengo (I Have, I Have)



Bell Horses  
Wallflowers



Burnie Bee  
Matthew, Mark, Luke and John  
Mrs. Red Went to Bed  
Peter Pan Said to Paul  
Star Light, Star Bright



Here Comes Mrs. Macaroni



Peas Porridge Hot  
Star Light, Star Bright



Cinderella Dressed in Yellow  
Dic-Dictation  
Here Comes Mrs. Macaroni  
Hot Cross Buns  
Icka Backa Soda Cracker  
Lucy Locket  
Pajarito Tan Bonito (Beautiful Little Bird)  
We Are Dancing in the Forest

# K-2 Songlist



Ding Dong, Digga Digga Dong



Ring, Bells



Kookaburra



Love Somebody

Paige's Train

Paw Paw Patch

Shanghai Chicken



All Around the Buttercup

Bow Wow Wow

Down Came a Lady

Hot Cross Buns

Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear



Bow Wow Wow

Old Mrs. Witch

Peas Porridge Hot



Paw Paw Patch



Madelina Catalina



Biddy Biddy, Hold Fast

In and Out the Dusty Bluebells

Johnny, Get Your Hair Cut



Pajarito Tan Bonito (Beautiful Little Bird)



in longer rhythmic configurations

Doña Araña (Miss Spider)

Los Patitos (The Ducklings)



Naughty Kitty Cat



Old Brass Wagon



Johnny, Get Your Hair Cut

Tideo



Pumpkin, Pumpkin



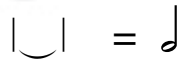
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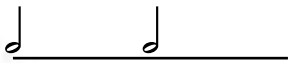
Ding, Dong, Digga Digga Dong



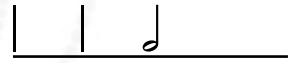
# K-2 Songlist



All Night, All Day  
Ally Bally  
Are You Sleeping?  
Here Comes a Bluebird  
Yellow Bird  
Who's That Tapping at My Window?



Dúermete (Go to Sleep)  
Hava n'Shira  
Hushabye  
Mary Had a Baby  
Who Killed Cock Robin?  
Who's That Tapping at My Window



Dúermete (Go to Sleep)  
Hushabye



Dúermete (Go to Sleep)



Chickahanka  
Over My Head  
Sweep Away

## 2 Meter

Apple, Apple on the Tree  
Bee, Bee, Bumble Bee  
Bounce High, Bounce Low  
Bye-lo, Baby-o  
Engine, Engine Number Nine  
Hey, Hey, Look at Me  
Lucy Locket  
Rain, Rain, Go Away  
We Are Dancing in the Forest

## 4 Meter

All Night, All Day  
Are You Sleeping?  
Black Snake  
Bow Wow Wow  
Dance to Your Daddy  
Down Came a Lady  
Frosty Weather  
Hot Cross Buns  
Hush-a-bye  
Hush, Hush  
I'm On the King's Land  
Over My Head  
Mary Had a Baby  
My Good Old Man  
My Owlet  
Rain, Come Wet Me  
Somebody's Knocking at My Door  
Sweep Away  
Who Killed Cock Robin?

## Repeat Signs

I See the Moon  
Lucy Locket  
Peas Porridge Hot  
We Are Dancing in the Forest

## First & Second Endings

All Around the Buttercup  
Button You Must Wander  
Great Big House in New Orleans  
Let Us Chase the Squirrel

# K-2 Songlist

## so & mi

### s m s m ↑↓

Bluebird, Bluebird  
El Burito Del Teniente  
(The Lieutenant's Little Burro)  
Lady, Lady  
Snail, Snail  
Starlight, Star Bright  
Tsuki (Firefly)

### s m ss m ↑↓

Bluebells, Cockleshells  
Bye-lo, Baby-o  
Hey, Hey, Look at Me  
Rain, Rain, Go Away  
See Saw, Up and Down

### m s m s ↑↓

Tengo, Tengo (I Have, I Have)

### s m (in other patterns)

Andy Pandy  
Bell Horses  
Come Back Home, My Little Chicks  
El Burito Del Teniente  
(The Lieutenant's Little Burro)  
Lemonade  
Oliver Twist  
Teddy Bear

## la

### s l s m ↑↓

A La Ronda, Ronda (Round and Round)  
Bluebird, Bluebird  
Bounce High, Bounce Low  
El Burito Del Teniente  
(The Lieutenant's Little Burro)  
Here Comes a Bluebird  
Luna, Lunera (Moon, Moonlight)  
Matthew, Mark, Luke and John  
Mill Wheel, The  
On the Mountain Stands a Lady

### ss ll ss mm ↑↓

Icka Backa Soda Cracker  
Lucy Locket  
We Are Dancing in the Forest

### ss ll ss mm ↑↓

Icka Backa Soda Cracker  
Lucy Locket  
We Are Dancing in the Forest

### s l s (m) (in other patterns)

Bell Horses  
Bobby Shafto  
Naughty Kitty Cat  
Plainsies, Clapsies  
Rover  
Round and Round  
Snail, Snail  
Teddy Bear

## m l ↑↓ (in various patterns)

Bluebells  
Bye Baby Bunting  
Doggie, Doggie, Where's Your Bone?  
El Arco Santigo (The Arch of Santiago)  
Little Sally Water  
Ring Around the Rosy

# K-2 Songlist

do

s m d ↓

Fuzzy Wuzzy  
Here Comes a Bluebird  
Ickle Ockle  
I See the Moon  
Knock the Cymbals  
Mouse, Mousie  
Mother, Mother, I Am Ill  
One, Two, Three (Johnny Caught a Flea)  
Peep Squirrel  
Teddy Bear  
There Was a Lovely Princess  
Turn the Glasses Over  
Wallflowers

d m s ↑

Bow Wow Wow  
Fuzzy Wuzzy  
Knock the Cymbals  
Pumpkin, Pumpkin, Round and Fat  
There's a Little Sandy Girl

l s m d ↓

Old Quebec  
Rocky Mountain  
There's a Little Sandy Girl

d s ↑

Here Comes a Bluebird  
Here We Go Looby Loo  
Twinkle, Twinkle  
Who's That Tapping at My Window?

d l ↑

Over in the Meadow  
Zudio

d m s l ↑

Ida Red  
Old Quebec  
Rocky Mountain  
Willowbee

s d ↓

Apple, Apple on the Tree  
Hunt the Cows  
I'm on the King's Land  
I See the Moon  
Mouse, Mousie  
Over in the Meadow  
Pajarito Tan Bonito (Beautiful Little Bird)  
Ring Around the Rosy

# K-2 Songlist

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## m r d ↓

All Around the Buttercup  
Bought Me a Cat  
Bow Wow Wow  
Closet Key, The  
Do, Do, Pity My Case  
Doña Araña (Miss Spider)  
Down to the Baker Shop  
Frog in the Meadow  
Grand Old Duke of York, The  
Great Big House in New Orleans  
Here Comes a Bluebird  
Hop Old Squirrel  
Hot Cross Buns  
Let Us Chase the Squirrel  
London Bridge  
Long Legged Sailor  
Mama, Buy Me a Chiney Doll  
Mother, Mother, I Am Ill  
Oh, Sailor, Come Ashore  
Old McDonald  
Over My Head  
Peep Squirrel  
Pumpkin Man  
Rocky Mountain  
Sailor, Sailor on the Sea  
There's a Little Sandy Girl

## s m r ↓

Peep Squirrel  
Tea Without Sugar

## d r m ↑

All Around the Buttercup  
Are You Sleeping?  
Doña Araña (Miss Spider)  
Grand Old Duke of York, The  
Hot Peas and Barley-O  
Let Us Chase the Squirrel  
Long Legged Sailor  
Oh, Sailor Come Ashore  
Suo Gan

## s m r d ↓

Frosty Weather  
Luna, Lunera  
Mary Had a Little Lamb  
Merrily We Roll Along  
Peep Squirrel  
Rain, Come Wet Me  
Rockin' Bye the Baby  
Tea Without Sugar  
Turnip Greens

## r m r ↑↓

There's a Little Sandy Girl  
Vote, Vote, Vote (*mrd m*)  
San Serafin Del Monte (St. Serafin of the Mount)

## r m d ↑↓

All Around the Buttercup  
Mama, Buy Me a Chiney Doll  
Suo Gan

## d r m s ↑

Johnny Works With One Hammer  
Let Us Chase the Squirrel

## l s m r d ↓

Tengo, Tengo (I Have, I Have)

## d r d ↑↓

Hot Peas and Barley-O  
Let Us Chase the Squirrel

## m r m ↑↓

Tengo, Tengo (I Have, I Have)

## s m r m ↑↓

Luna, Lunera (Moon, Moonlight)

## s r ↓

All Around the Buttercup  
Cobbler, Cobbler  
Mama, Buy Me a Chiney Doll  
Mother, Mother, I Am Ill  
La Palomita (Little Dove)

## r s ↑

Button, You Must Wander  
Bye, Bye, Baby  
Deedle Deedle Dumpling  
Matarile