

Shaker song-(sing to the tune of Old MacDonald)

Shake your shaker side to side shake it just like me,

Shake your shaker side to side and sing along with me

With a shake shake here and a shake shake there, here a shake, there a shake, everywhere a shake shake.

Shake your shake side to side shake and sing along with me.

Change how you are shaking eg shake your shaker up and down, or shake your shaker round and round or shake your shaker left and right etc.

Create a Band

Using any instruments you have, sing the tune but change the words to:

'Mrs Jones had a band EIEIO and in that band were triangles EIEIO

With a ting ting here and a ting ting there here a ting there a ting everywhere a ting ting

Mrs Jones had a band EIEIO'.

Change Mrs Jones to any name or the name of your preschool/nursery.

Change triangle to what instruments you have eg 'and in that band were noisy drums' (or quiet drums!) or 'and in that band were shakers' or 'and in that band were wooden claves'.

<https://www.singup.org/singupathome/there-was-an-old-woman-who-swallowed-a-fly>
watch the video of Charlotte Law exploring animal sounds with her voice (and some costumes and puppets!)

EY musical activities based on Old MacDonald had a Farm

Farm Sounds with instruments and home-made sound makers

Make your space into a farm ready to take a sound-walk. Do this by putting a some toy animals or pictures of animals in different parts of the room/outside area with a set of instruments or sound makers.

Lead the children singing and walking (to the tune of Old MacDonald).

Take a walk around the farm

Which sound can you hear? (X2)

Stop at one of the animals and choose some children to create an instrument sound that represents the animal you have come to.

All sing: e.g. **I can hear the chickens cluck** – followed by the children's choice of instrumental sound (X2).

Walk and sing again as you go to the next animal to create a new sound.

Little Piglet Song (tune: Im a little nut tree)

I'm a little piglet pink and black,
I have four trotters and a squiggle round the back,
Ears to hear, and eyes to see,
And a funny little snorty nose – oink oink
That's me!

Music to Listen to:

'Hens and Roosters' in Carnival of the Animals by the composer Saint Saens sounds just like chickens pecking, scratching, and clucking. You can also hear the noisy rooster! Can you move like a chicken to the music?

'Hoe Down' by Aaron Copeland is about the Wild West. Can you gallop like a horse to the music? Is the horse always galloping?

See the BBC Symphony Orchestra perform Hoe Down on BBC Teach:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ey7KgmHTQfl>

What instruments can you name?

This little Piggy went to market!

Try changing the words of this well know rhyme and changing your voice to match eg

This big elephant went to market (low voice)

This little mouse went to market (high squeaky voice)

This fast horse went to market (speak quickly)

This slippery snake went to market...

This cheeky monkey went to market...



Tractors Chugging (Sing to the tune of Polly put the kettle on)

Tractors chug across the field,

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Down on the farm.

Chickens strut across the field (X3) Down on the farm.

Horses gallop across the field (X3) Down on the farm.

Mice scamper across the field (X3) Down on the farm.

Farmers stride across the field (X3) Down on the farm.

Change your actions for each verse as you travel across the field. (Fast, slow, medium, smooth, jumpy, in time to a beat, quiet, loud, etc.)

A chant about ponies on the farm

Mum and dad and uncle john,

Got on a pony and rode along.

Mum fell off – wheeee!

Dad fell off – whoaaaa!

But Uncle John rode on and on and on.

Sit in a circle all holding on to a giant piece of stretchy fabric, or use individual scarves, as if holding pony's reigns. Keep the beat as you chant.

Change the speed of this chant. Ride a fast, speedy, slow, or medium speed pony.

Pitched instruments:

If you have any chime bars, choose the CDE and GA only as these make up a pentatonic scale. You can play any or all of them to Old MacDonald and they will sound great!

Transport Song-(tune: Old Macdonald)

AEROPLANE

Zoom up high and Dive down low (hands together in zoom mode)

Spread your wings out wide.

Swing through clouds and float on the breeze, (keeping arms wide)

The pilot is our guide (put on your pilot hat)

With a voom voom here, and a voom voom there, Here a voom there a voom, everywhere a voom voom,(vroom around)

Zoom up high and dive down low,

Down to earth we glide. (slow down and come in to land)

TRAIN

Chuff Chuff Chuff, Puff Puff Puff, (coming closer, slower, louder, screech to a halt)

Here's the train so let's get on, before the whistle blows (blow whistle)

Close the door and wave your flag (hand actions),

Now the driver goes (actions)

With a Puff Puff here and a Chuff Chuff there, here a puff, there a chuff, everywhere a puff chuff,(getting slower)

SPOKEN: Will we make it up the hill? YES

(sing) **This little train is just the best, as everybody knows!!!**(sing last line, huge slow chuff, then children get off)

BOAT

Up and down on the ocean waves, side to side we roll,(rolling action)

Our little boat is very brave as through the storm we go, (Agh I'm getting wet!)

With a swish swish here and a swash swash there, here a swish, there a swash, everywhere a swish swash, (lots of lip movement here)

Up and down on the ocean waves, Then sailing home we go.