Songs That Dance
Dances That Sing

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O How Lovely

Phrase 1

O how lovely is the evening. Is the evening:

Phrase 2

When the bells are sweetly ringing, sweetly ringing.

Phrase 3

Ding Dong, Ding Dong, Ding Dong.

Dance Directions

Phrase 1

In one large circle, walk on the dotted quarter beat to the left six steps.

Phrase 2

Walk on the dotted quarter note to the right six steps.

Phrase 3

Swing arms; out, in, out, in, out, in.

Dance as a Round

Form three concentric circles. Sing and dance as a round. Perform the entire song three times. After the final time, each part repeats the last phrase until the last group has finished. On the last “Dong,” all children hum the last note as they slowly lift their arms in a large circle (forward, up, and down). As they lower their arms, the humming fades out.
Come to the Top

1. Come to the top of the path in the garden,

2. Look how the sails are turning up so

3. Down again and down again the

There you’ll see the mill.

fast upon the hill and falling—

ground they touch until.

Dance Directions

During the first phrase take quick steps around in a circle.

During the second phrase extend arms straight out to each side and tip from side to side.

During the third phrase begin with hands above head and slowly lower hands to the ground by the end. After learning in a single circle perform as a three-part canon in three concentric circles.
Double Circle (partners)

Heel and Toe

\[ \text{Heel and toe, Heel and toe, Slide and slide and slide and slide.} \]

\[ \text{Heel and toe, Heel and toe, Slide and slide and slide and slide.} \]

\[ \text{Right, right, right, left, left, left, both, both, both, down, down, down.} \]

\[ \text{Swing your partner round and round, Move on to the next.} \]

Dance Directions

Students stand in two concentric circles facing each other.

Reach out and hold both hands of the person in the opposite circle. Outer circle does heel and toe with right foot, inside circle does heel and toe with left foot. Slide and slide is a skipping step to the right for the outer circle and to the left for the inner circle.

The next heel and toe is with the opposite foot so now the outer circle uses their left heel and toe and the inner circle use their right heel and toe. Slide in the opposite direction as before.

Standing still, partners tap right hands together three times, tap left hands together three times, tap both hands together three times, tap their own legs three times.

Swing your partner by the right arm one time around and move to the left to a new partner (circle will travel in opposite directions).

Repeat the song until you are back to your original partner.
**Golden Ring**

**Chorus:**

Gold-en ring around the Sus-an girl,

Gold-en ring around the Sus-an girl,

Gold-en ring around the Sus-an girl,

All the way around that Sus-an girl.

**Verse 1:**

'Round and 'round Sus-an girl, 'Round and 'round Sus-an girl,

'Round and 'round Sus-an girl, All__

the way around that Sus-an girl.
**Dance Directions**

**Chorus**

*Partners stand in a single circle, “ones” (or gents) on the left.*

*All take hands and walk left for 16 beats.*

**Verse 1**

‘Round and ‘round Susan girl, ‘Round and ‘round Susan girl,
‘Round and ‘round Susan girl, All the way around that Susan girl.

*Walk right 16 beats.*

**Chorus**

*Walk left 16 beats.*

**Verse 2**

Swing Oh Swing...

*Swing partner by right arm for 8 beats, swing corner by left arm for 8 beats.*

**Chorus**

*Walk left 16 beats.*

**Verse 3**

Promenade home...

*“Ones” step into the circle and promenade partner counterclockwise 16 beats.*

**Chorus**

*Walk left 12 beats. During beats 13–16 circle stops, “ones” stop, and with their right hand pull partner in front and place partner on their left. Repeat dance with new partner.*
Goin’ to Boston

Verse 1
Good-bye girls we’re go-in’ to Boston.

Good-bye girls we’re go-in’ to Boston.

Good-bye girls we’re go-in’ to Boston. Early in the morning.

*Chorus
Won’t we look pretty in the ball-room.

Won’t we look pretty in the ball-room.

Won’t we look pretty in the ball-room. Early in the morning.

*The Chorus is only sung after verses 4, 5, and 6.
**Dance Directions**

*Longways formation*

**Verse 1**

All face the top and take both of their partners' hands. Head couple leads the set to the right around to the bottom of the set and back up to original place.

**Verse 2**

Saddle up girls and lets go with em’, Saddle up girls and lets go with em’, Saddle up girls and lets go with em’, Early in the morning.

Make one large circle and sashay left around once and back to original places.

**Verse 3**

Get out the way or you’ll get run over...

Head couple takes hands and sashays to the bottom of the set and back.

**Verse 4 and Chorus**

Rights and lefts will make it better...(Chorus)

Head couple begins the Grand Right and Left.

All stop when they return to their original place.

**Verse 5 and Chorus AND Verse 6 and Chorus**

(5) Swing your partner all the way to Boston...(Chorus)

(6) Johnny Johnny gonna tell your papa...(Chorus)

Head couple swings down the set and ends at the bottom of the set.

Repeat dance until all have been head couple.
Squares (Four couples)

Buffalo Gals

1. First Buffalo boy go around the outside, go around the outside go around the outside, First

Buffalo boy go around the outside and

balance to your neighbor.

Chorus Oh turn your partner with a right hand 'round, and your

neighbor lady with a left hand 'round, Oh you

swing your partner off the ground, Promenade by the light of the moon.
**Dance Directions**

The first couple is the one with their backs to the caller.

**Verse 1**
First gent skips clockwise around the set and back to place, then balances with his neighbor (16 beats).

**Chorus**
All partners do a right hand turn (four beats).
To your neighbor do a left hand hand round (four beats).
Swing your partner (eight beats) and end in promenade position.

**ON THE REPEAT OF THE CHORUS,** sing the following words, while promenading partner counterclockwise two times around back into original place.

Will you, won’t you, will you, won’t you come out tonight? Won’t you come out tonight? Won’t you come out tonight? Oh, will you, won’t you, will you, won’t you come out tonight? Promenade by the light of the moon.

**Verse 2**
Two Buffalo boys go around the outside, go around the outside, go around the outside,
Two Buffalo boys go around the outside and balance to your neighbor.
Repeat dance with first gent and second gent skipping around the set while singing.

**Verse 3**
Three Buffalo Boys go around the outside...
Repeat dance with first, second, and third gents skipping around the set while singing.

**Verse 4**
Four Buffalo Boys go around the outside...
Repeat dance with all gents skipping around the set while singing.

**Repeating the dance**
All four verses can be sung starting with the second gent: Second Buffalo boy...
Then all four verses starting with the third Buffalo boy: Third Buffalo boy...
Then all four verses starting with the fourth Buffalo boy: Fourth Buffalo boy...
The entire dance can also be repeated with the gals skipping counterclockwise:
First Buffalo gal...
All four verses can be sung starting with the second gal: Second Buffalo gal...
Then all four verses starting with the third Buffalo gal: Third Buffalo gal...
Then all four verses starting with the fourth Buffalo gal: Fourth Buffalo gal...
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The chief aim of the Feierabend Approach is to build community through music by evoking enthusiastic participation of all people. To that end this approach strives for all people to become tuneful, beatful and artful through research based and developmentally appropriate pedagogies that use quality literature. Ideally begun in early childhood, these goals remain of primary importance at any age as they serve as the foundation for all further musical development. Accomplish these goals by first learning authentic folk songs and folk dances (music and movement created by a community for the purpose of encouraging community participation). Further the understanding and appreciation of music through making connections from folk songs and dances to masterworks.

Learning notation, playing instruments and giving performances are secondary goals and should be introduced only after individuals become tuneful beatful and artful. Present notation only after rhythm and melodic elements are aurally (conversationally) understood through the use of rhythm syllables and solfege syllables. Express music through instruments rather than use instruments to become musical.

The mission of the Feierabend Organization is to promote and create print and electronic resources that further develop these ideas, to promote seminars and teacher certification training that encourage these ideas and to organize regional, national and international conferences that proliferate and expand on these ideas.