

10 Fall and Thanksgiving Songs and Fingerplays

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I'm a little Turkey *Tune: I'm a Little Tea Pot*

I'm a little turkey Short and fat Thanksgiving Day is coming What do you think of that? I had better run as fast as I can Or your mommy will roast me in a pan!

Source: http://www.preschooleducation.com/sthanksgiving.shtml

Mr. Turkey

No Tune

I have a turkey, big and fat. (Make a fist with one hand-thumb Out for turkey's head) He spreads his tail and walks like that. (Attach "tail" by spreading Out fingers of other hand and join together) His daily corn he would not miss. (Poke with thumb at floor) And when he talks, it sounds like this: Gobble Gobble Gobble Source: http://www.preschooleducation.com/sthanksgiving.shtml

I'm a little Indian *Tune: I'm a Little Tea Pot*

I'm a little Indian on the go, Here is my arrow and here is my bow. When I go out hunting, hear me shout-Bear and Buffalo better watch out.

Source: http://www.preschooleducation.com/sthanksgiving.shtml

Little Pilgrim Tune: Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star

Little Pilgrim clothed in gray On that first Thanksgiving Day, Little Indian clothed in brown Come to visit Plymouthe Town, Side by side they ate and prayed On that first Thanksgiving Day.

Source: http://www.theholidayzone.com/thanks/songs.html

In the Apple Tree No Tune

Away up high in an apple tree. (*Point up.*) Two red apples smiled at me (*Form circles with fingers.*) I shook that tree as hard as I could (*Pretend to shake a tree*) Down came those apples. And mmmmmm, were they good! (*Rub tummy.*)

Source: http://www.preschoolrainbow.org/prek-fall.htm

One Little Owl

No Tune

One little owl when the moon was new, Along came another owl, and that made two. Two little owls perched high in the tree, Along came another owl, and that made three. Three little owls flew to the barn door, Along came another owl, and that made four. Four little owls lined up side by side, Along came another owl, and that made five. Five little owls hooted "Whoo, whoo, whoo," Then they all flapped their wings and away they flew.

Source: http://www.preschoolexpress.com/theme_station03/sept03_ow ls.shtml

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If You're Thankful and you Know It

Tune: If You're Happy and You Know It

If you're thankful and you know it, clap your hands. If you're thankful and you know it, clap your hands. If you're thankful and you know it, Then your face will surely show it. If you're thankful and you know it, clap your hands.

Additional verses: If you're thankful and you know it, stomp your feet (etc)

If you're thankful and you know it, shout "I am!" (etc)

If you're thankful and you know it, do all three. (etc)

Source: http://www.theholidayzone.com/thanks/songs.html

Five Little Squirrels Fingerplay

No Tune

Five little squirrels sitting in a tree. The first one said, "It's getting cold for me." The second one said, "The leaves are falling to the ground." The third one said, "Let's get busy there's nuts to be found." The fourth one said, "We better not wait." The fifth one said, " Fall is really great!"

Source:

http://www.theideabox.com/Five_Little_Squirrels_Fingerplay.html



The Turkey Pokey

Tune: Hokey Pokey

You put your right wing in you put your right wing out You put your right wing in And you shake it all about. You do the turkey pokey And you turn yourself around. That's what it's all about.

Additional verses: Left wing Drumsticks (legs) Stuffing (tummy) Wattle (head) Tail feathers (bottom) Turkey body (whole self)

Source: http://rg022.k12.sd.us/Thanksgiving%20Unit.htm

The Leaves of the Trees

Tune: The Wheels on the Bus

The leaves of the trees turn orange, yellow and red orange yellow and red, orange yellow and red The leaves of the trees turn orange yellow and red All through the town.

Additional Verses:

The leaves of the trees come tumbling down (etc)

The leaves in the air go swish, swish, swish (etc)

The leaves on the ground go crunch , crunch, crunch (etc)

The people in the town then rake, rake, rake. (etc)

Adapted from the song at <u>http://canteach.ca/elementary/songspoems50.html</u>