

MUSIC FOR TRANSITIONS



*“Once upon a time, wasn’t singing a part of everyday life?”
(Pete Seeger)*

Greetings and Goodbyes

Hello, Yes Indeed

Hello [Ana], yes indeed, yes indeed, yes indeed

Hello [Ana], yes indeed

Yes indeed, my [darling].

Dinah

No one’s [in the house], but [Dinah, Dinah]

No one’s [in the house] but [me], I know

No one’s [in the house] but [Dinah, Dinah]

Strumming on the old [banjo]

Little Johnny Brown

Little Johnny Brown, lay your blanket down

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Let’s [say] [goodbye] to Selène Motron

Let’s [wave] [goodbye] to Paddy Clancy

Let’s [bow] [goodbye] to Yeh-Eun Kuyng

Let’s [say] [goodbye] to Johnny Brown

We’ve Got To Go Now

[He’s] got to go now, [bye, bye] (3X)

See you later, see you later

We’ll see you next time. [Ciao!]

Gatherings and Dismissal

We’ve Been Waiting For You

If you’re wearing [blue], we’ve been waiting for you

If you’re wearing [red], we’ve been waiting for you

Wherever you’re from, we’re so glad that you’ve come

If you’re wearing [brown], we’ve been waiting for you

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New Shoes, Old Shoes

[New shoes], [old shoes],
[Michael]'s wearing [old shoes]
1, 2, 3, 4, [tap them gently on the floor]

Donuts In The Bakery Shop

[10] little donuts in the bakery shop
Looking so yummy with the [sprinkles] on the top
Along came [André] with his penny to pay
[He] got this donut and [he] walked away

Chip Chop

We chip and we chop and we chippity chop
[Cut off] the bottom and [cut off] the top
What we have left goes in the pot
Chip, chop, chip, chop, chippity chop.

Moving

The Train Is A-Leaving

The train is a-leaving, oh yes! (2X)
Train is a-leaving, train is a-leaving, train is a-leaving, oh yes!
You better [get your tickets], oh yes...
[Luc], get your ticket, [Andre], get your ticket, [Mia] get your ticket, oh yes!

Come Along, Children

Come along, children, and hush your [talking]
Let's join hands and let's go walking
Walk along, [Peter], with your [purple pants] on
Walk along, [Thea], with your green jacket on.

Cleaning Up

Cleaning Spirit

[Anna] has that [clean-my-classroom] spirit
Right in [her hand], [she's got it] (2X)
Right in [her hand]
[Anna] has that [clean-my-classroom] spirit
Right in [her hand], [she's got it]
Right [in her hand] to sta-a-ay.

Papers Away

[Papers away], [markers away]
It's time to put [all the markers] away

Waiting

Yapo

Yapo, Y ya ya, Ya ya yo
Yapo, Ya ya. Yay
Yapo, Ya ya, Yapo
Y tooki tooki
Yapo
Y tooki tooki
Yay



Ding – “Finger Olympics”

My New Backpack

I have a [carrot] in my new backpack and an apple in my shoe
There’s a great purple [carrot eater] in my bed
Oh, what am I to do?

My Sleeping Bag

I was lying in my sleeping bag and couldn’t go back to sleep
The wind began to howl and the bugs began to creep
So I rolled to the left and I rolled to the right
And I heard every sound that I could hear at night.

Slowing Down

Sleep Dear Ducklings

Sleep, dear [Amanda], [in the rushes]
While the winds are blowing
[Sunshine] will warm you, [waves] will cool you
And I will care for and love you.

May There Always Be Sunshine

May there always be sunshine
May there always be blue skies
May there always be [Selene]
May there always be me



Calling Attention

Do As I’m Doing

Do as I’m doing, follow, follow me
Do as I’m doing, follow, follow me

Do as []'s doing, follow, follow []
 Do as []'s doing, follow, follow []

This Is My Turtle

This is my turtle, [she] lives in a shell
 [She] likes [her] home very well
 [She] pokes her head out, when [she] wants to eat
 And [she] tucks it back in, when [she] wants to sleep

Five Hotdogs

[Five] little hotdogs frying in the pan
 The pan got hot and one went BAM!

If you forget the melody, try using one of these:

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| 1. Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star | 8. Row, Row, Row Your Boat |
| 2. The Farmer In The Dell | 9. If You're Happy And You Know It |
| 3. Old Mc Donald Had A Farm | 10. Skip To My Lou |
| 4. Jingle Bells | 11. London Bridge |
| 5. Happy Birthday | 12. Frère Jacques |
| 6. The Wheels On The Bus | 13. We Wish You A Merry Christmas |
| 7. B-I-N-G-O | |

Transition Planning Guide – Sample!

TIME	ACTIVITY
Transition	Greetings and Goodbyes
<i>Arrival</i>	Hello, Hey, Hey
Transition	Clean Up
	Cleaning Spirit
Transition	Gatherings and Dismissals
<i>AM Meeting + Snack</i>	New Shoes, Old Shoes & Bakery Shop

SAMPLE

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