

Button You Must Wander

Name of Song or Rhyme

Stick Notation:

2/4

d d d r m s r s m d

d d d r m s r s d

l l l s d l l l s d

d d d r m s r s d

C6. Additional Research Notes

This song appears in a variety of instructional texts dating back to the 1950s, which cite *A Singing School: Merry Music* (1939). I can confirm through online archives that this song does appear in this book, but I am unable to find the book itself to see if it is the version that survives today.

U1. Additional Verses

U4. Game/Dance/Movement Instructions

The child who is “it” sits in the center of the circle. The rest of the children pass an object (the button) around the circle while trying to cover their actions from the child in the center. When the song is over, the button stays with whoever has it at that point, and the child who is “it” must try to guess who has it.

From *The Book of Beginning Circle Games*:

Children sit in a circle with hands behind their backs (or in front). One child sits in the center. A button is passed around the circle while the rest of the children pretend to be passing the button. At the end of the song, the child in the center gets three guesses to discover who is really holding the button. If the child guesses correctly, they get another turn; if not, the child holding the button takes the place in the center.