

Circle 'Round the Zero

Name of Song or Rhyme

"Circle 'round the zero"

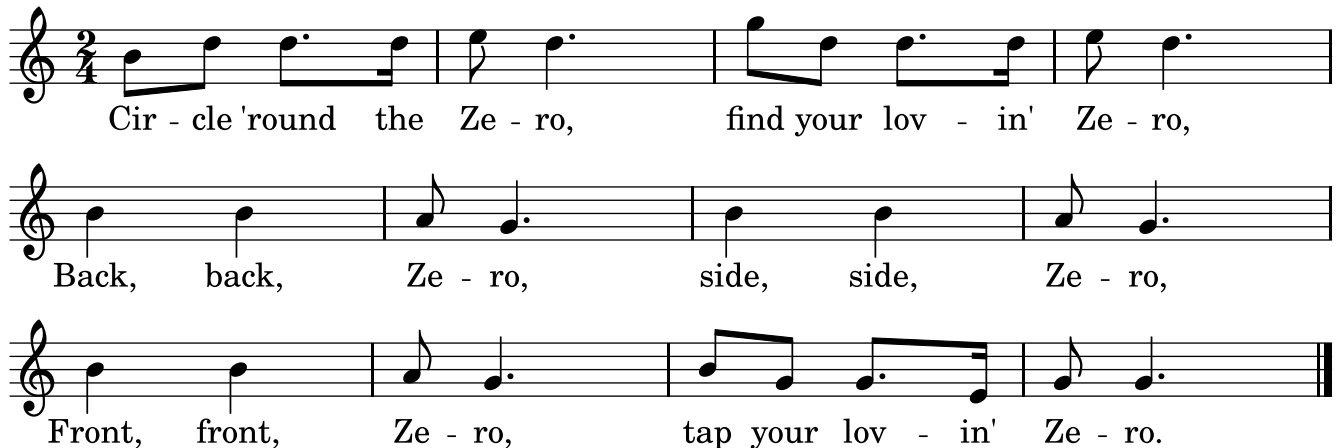
Singing Game

First line of song or rhyme (text only)

Song type

Use a checkmark (✓) or "X" in appropriate boxes

Melodic	Melodic/Cultural Analysis		Rhythmic/Uses Analysis		Rhythmic
M1. CSP	F#	Source's Starting Pitch: F#4			R1. Meter
M2. Scale	do pentatonic				R2. Metronome
M3. Toneset	l, (d) r m s l d'				R3. Note values
M4. Range	1	- 8	☐ Outer:	☐ Inner:	R4. Upbeat
M5. Mel. Form	A B C C C D		☐ Iso	☒ Hetero	R5. Rhy. Form
M6. Cadences	5 5 1 1 1 1		A A B B B A		R6. Beats/phrase
M7. Intervals	s↑d' (P4)		☒ Iso	☒ Bi	R7. Podia
M8. Target Phrases	A: m-s-l-s B: d'-s-l-s C: m-r-d D: m-d-l,-d		☐ Hetero	☐ Tetra	R8. Target Phrases
			A:  B: 		
M9. M. Diffic.					R9. R. Diffic.
M10. Other					R10. Other
Cultural					Classroom Use
C1. Context	Circle game		Actual Verses on Page 2		U1. # of verses
C2. Ethnicity	African-American				U2. Improv.
C3. Geographic	Lincoln, Massachusetts				U3. Listening
C4. Source: Where did this version come from?	Chosky, L., & Brummitt, D. (1987). 120 <i>Singing Games and Dances for Elementary Schools</i> (p. 54). Prentice-Hall, Inc.		Additional Room on Page 2	See page 2	U4. Game Directions/ Movement
C5. Source info	☐ Primary	☐ Secondary	☒ Tertiary	high do 	U5. Ped. Uses
C6. Research Notes	Additional Room on Page 2 See page 2				U6. Roles
C7. Holiday			Numbers, Movement		U7. Themes



Cir - cle 'round the Ze - ro, find your lov - in' Ze - ro,

Back, back, Ze - ro, side, side, Ze - ro,

Front, front, Ze - ro, tap your lov - in' Ze - ro.

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Stick Notation:

2/4

m	s	s	s	l	s	
d'	s	s	s	l	s	
m	m	r	d			
m	m	r	d			
m	m	r	d			
m	d	d	l,	l,	d	

C6. Additional Research Notes

Sung by children at Hartwell School, Lincoln, MA, in the 1960s. Collected by Maureen Kenny in her book *Circle 'Round the Zero* (1974). From *120 Singing Games*: "In this variant... it appears to be an inner-city children's game. However, it does exist outside urban areas; folk singer Bessie Jones recalled another version of it from her childhood on the Georgia Sea Islands."

U4. Game/Dance/Movement Instructions

Children stand in a circle while one child walks around the outside. On the words "Back, back, Zero", the child chooses someone, stands back-to-back with the person chosen, and bumps behinds. On the words "Side, side, Zero", the same two children turn sideways and bump hips together. On "Front, front, Zero", they face each other and pat hands. On "Tap your lovin' Zero", they each tap each other's shoulders. The child who is "it" then changes places with the other child, and the game continues.

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The game may also be played with more than one child as "it" at one time, or as a cumulative game in which the first child never goes back into the circle and more children are added with each repetition until all are chosen.