

“Had a Little Rooster”

Name of Song or Rhyme

“Had a little rooster and my rooster pleased me”

Cumulative Song

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	C Source's Starting Pitch: C4	$\frac{6}{8}$	R1. Meter
M2. Scale	Major		R2. Metronome
M3. Toneset	<i>d r m f s l t d' r' m'</i>		R3. Note values
M4. Range	1 - 10	☐ Outer: ☒ Inner:	R4. Upbeat
M5. Mel. Form	A A _{v1} A _{v2} B	☐ Iso ☒ Hetero A B C D	R5. Rhy. Form
M6. Cadences	3 2 8 1	4 4 3½ 4½	R6. Beats/phrase
M7. Intervals	d↑f (P4) d↑l (M6)	☒ Iso ☒ Bi ☐ Tri ☐ Hetero ☐ Tetra ☐ Other:	R7. Podia
M8. Target Phrases	A: <i>d-l-s-m-d-m</i> B: <i>d-l-s-m-d-r</i> C: <i>d-l-s-m-d-f-s-l-t-d'</i> D: <i>r'-m-'-r'-d'-l-d'l-s-m-r-d</i>	A: B: C: D:	R8. Target Phrases
M9. M. Diffic.			R9. R. Diffic.
M10. Other			R10. Other
Cultural			Classroom Use
C1. Context	Songtale	<i>Actual Verses on Page 2</i> 8	U1. # of verses
C2. Ethnicity	American		U2. Improv.
C3. Geographic	Kentucky	Recording on <i>Birds, Beasts, Bugs & Fishes</i> , Pete Seeger, Smithsonian Folkways	U3. Listening
C4. Source: Where did this version come from?	Feierabend, J. M. (2021). <i>The Book of Children's Songtales: Revised Edition</i> (pp. 50-51). GIA Publications, Inc.	<i>Additional Room on Page 2</i>	U4. Game Directions/ Movement
C5. Source info	☐ Primary ☐ Secondary ☒ Tertiary	Compound meter	U5. Ped. Uses
C6. Research Notes	<i>Additional Room on Page 2</i> See page 2	Major	U6. Roles
C7. Holiday		Animals	U7. Themes

1. Had a lit - tle roost - er and my roost - er pleased me.

Fed my roost - er 'neath yon - der tree,

That lit - tle roost - er went, "Cock - a - doo-dle doo,

Dee - doo - dle, dee - doo - dle, dee - doo - dle, dee - doo."

2. Had a lit - tle cat and my cat pleased me.

Fed my cat 'neath yon - der tree.

That lit - tle cat went, "Meow, meow, meow."

That lit - tle roost - er went, "Cock - a - doo-dle doo,

Dee - doo - dle, dee - doo - dle, dee - doo - dle, dee - doo."

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Stick Notation:

6
8

d d l l s m d d m m m m

d l s m d r r r

d l l s m d f s l t d'

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

C6. Additional Research Notes

This song is a version of “The Farmyard Song” or “The Barnyard Song”, and is related to “Bought Me a Cat”. “The Farmyard Song” is Roud number 544. The earliest written version of the song is attributed to James Halliwell-Phillipps in 1849. The version in *The Book of Children’s Songtales* is the version Pete Seeger recorded in the 1950s with Smithsonian Folkways. It was released on the 1955 release *Birds, Beasts, Bugs & Fishes*.

Miriam Berg on her folksong collection, says she “learned [this song] from my sister Phyllis Fitz in about 1951”.

U1. Additional Verses

3. Had a little dog and my dog pleased me,
Fed my dog ‘neath yonder tree,
That little dog went, “Arf, arf, arf,”
That little cat went, “Meow, meow, meow,”
That little rooster went, “Cock-a-doodle-doo, Dee
doodle-dee, doodle-dee, doodle-dee doo.”

- 4. ...duck went, “Quack, quack, quack”...
- 5. ...pig went, “Oink, oink, oink”...
- 6. ...sheep went, “Baa, baa, baa”...
- 7. ...cow went, “Moo, moo, moo”...
- 8. ...horse went, “Neigh, neigh, neigh”...

U4. Game/Dance/Movement Instructions