

Hickety Pickety Buttercup

Name of Song or Rhyme

“Hickety pickety buttercup”

Singing Game

First line of song or rhyme (text only)

Song type

Use a checkmark (✓) or “X” in appropriate boxes

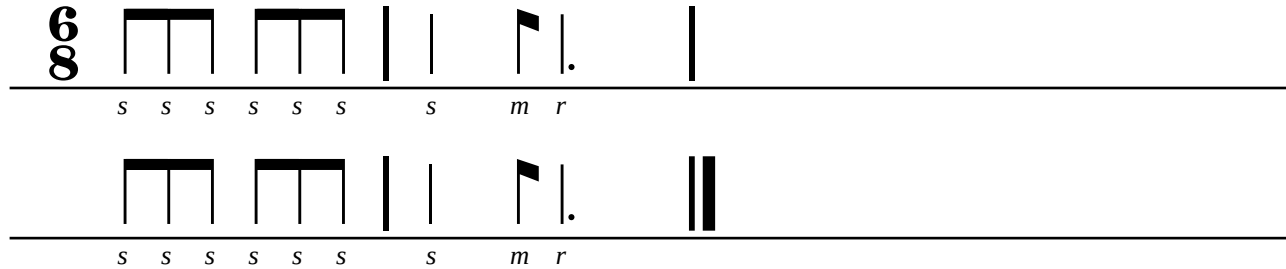
Melodic	Melodic/Cultural Analysis		Rhythmic/Uses Analysis		Rhythmic
M1. CSP	C	Source's Starting Pitch: B4			R1. Meter
M2. Scale	Incomplete pentatonic				R2. Metronome
M3. Toneset	(r) m s				R3. Note values
M4. Range	1 - 4		☐ Outer:	☐ Inner:	R4. Upbeat
M5. Mel. Form	A A		☒ Iso	☐ Hetero	R5. Rhy. Form
M6. Cadences	1 1				R6. Beats/phrase
M7. Intervals	r↑s (P4)		☒ Iso	☒ Bi	R7. Podia
M8. Target Phrases	A: s-m-r		☐ Hetero	☐ Tetra	R8. Target Phrases
M9. M. Diffic.					R9. R. Diffic.
M10. Other					R10. Other
Cultural					Classroom Use
C1. Context	Nursery rhyme		Actual Verses on Page 2		U1. # of verses
C2. Ethnicity	American				U2. Improv.
C3. Geographic	Alabama				U3. Listening
C4. Source: Where did this version come from?	Transcribed from Dr. Grimsby on 7/21/25 in Level One, JMU		Additional Room on Page 2		U4. Game Directions/ Movement
C5. Source info	☒ Primary	☐ Secondary	☐ Tertiary	See page 2	U5. Ped. Uses
C6. Research Notes	Additional Room on Page 2		Solo singing		U6. Roles
C7. Holiday			Counting, Nature		U7. Themes



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Stick Notation:



C6. Additional Research Notes

This song shares a melody, and most of the text, with the song “Hickety” from *150 American Folk Songs*. The textual differences are in the name of the flower; *150 American Folk Songs*’s text is “Hickety, hickety horny cup”. The game from *150 American Folk Songs* is also quite jarring in the 21st century.

U1. Additional Verses

U4. Game/Dance/Movement Instructions

Students stand in a circle, with teacher walking around the circle while singing the song. At the end of the song, teacher stands behind a student and holds up a number between 1-5. That student has three attempts to guess the number correctly. The other students say “yes” or “no” for the guesser. If the guesser guesses correctly, they become “it”.