

Hickory, Dickory, Dock

Name of Song or Rhyme

“Hickory, dickory, dock”

Rhyme

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	Source's Starting Pitch:				R1. Meter
M2. Scale					R2. Metronome
M3. Toneset					R3. Note values
M4. Range			☐ Outer:	☐ Inner:	R4. Upbeat
M5. Mel. Form			☐ Iso	☐ Hetero	R5. Rhy. Form
M6. Cadences					R6. Beats/phrase
M7. Intervals			☐ Iso	☐ Bi	R7. Podia
			☐ Hetero	☐ Tetra	
M8. Target Phrases					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	English				U2. Improv.
C3. Geographic	England				U3. Listening
C4. Source: Where did this version come from?	Feierabend, J. M. (2020). <i>The Book of Songs & Rhymes with Beat Motions: Revised Edition</i> (p. 26). GIA Publications, Inc.		Additional Room on Page 2		U4. Game Directions/ Movement
C5. Source info	☐ Primary	☐ Secondary	☒ Tertiary		U5. Ped. Uses
C6. Research Notes	Additional Room on Page 2 See page 2		Compound meter awareness		
C7. Holiday			Animals, Time		U6. Roles
					U7. Themes

Hickory, dickory, dock.
The mouse ran up the clock.
The clock struck one, the mouse ran down,
Hickory, dickory, dock.

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Stick Notation:

As spoken

C6. Additional Research Notes

Roud Folk Song Index #6489. The earliest written version is in *Tommy Thumb's Pretty Song Book* (1744), which is written as "Hickere, Dickere Dock". *Mother Goose's Melody* (c. 1765) contains "Dickery, Dickery Dock" The rhyme is thought by some to have originated as a counting-out rhyme. Westmorland shepherds in the 1800s used the numbers "hevera" (8), "devera" (9), "dick" (10), which are from the Cumbric language. It also may have been based on the astronomical clock at Exeter Cathedral, which has a small hole in the door below the face for the cat which lives there to hunt mice.

U1. Additional Verses

U4. Game/Dance/Movement Instructions