

Little Robin Redbreast

Name of Song or Rhyme

“Little Robin Redbreast came to visit me”

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	A Source's Starting Pitch: A4	$\frac{2}{4}$	R1. Meter
M2. Scale	Childhood Chant		R2. Metronome
M3. Toneset	(m) s l	$\text{♩}/\text{♩}/\text{♩}/\text{♩}/\text{♩}/\text{♩}$	R3. Note values
M4. Range	1 - 4	☐ Outer: ☐ Inner:	R4. Upbeat
M5. Mel. Form	A B A x	☐ Iso ☒ Hetero A B A C	R5. Rhy. Form
M6. Cadences	1 3 1 x	4 4 4 4	R6. Beats/phrase
M7. Intervals		☒ Iso ☒ Bi ☐ Tri ☐ Hetero ☐ Tetra ☐ Other:	R7. Podia
M8. Target Phrases	A: s-l-s-m B: s-l-s	A: ♩ ♩ B: ♩ ♩ ♩ C: ♩ ♩ ♩	R8. Target Phrases
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	American		U2. Improv.
C3. Geographic	Massachusetts		U3. Listening
C4. Source: Where did this version come from?	Kodály Center for Music Education. (n.d.) <i>Little Robin Redbreast</i> . https://kodalycollection.org/song.cfm?id=518&title=Little%20Robin%20Redbreast	Additional Room on Page 2 See page 2	U4. Game Directions/ Movement
C5. Source info	☐ Primary ☒ Secondary ☐ Tertiary	Vocal exploration	U5. Ped. Uses
C6. Research Notes	Additional Room on Page 2 Sung by a 6-year-old boy named Jack in Massachusetts. Collected by Anne Laskey; Oakland, CA, 1999.	la	U6. Roles
C7. Holiday		Animals	U7. Themes



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Stick Notation:

2/4



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s s s l s



s s s l s m



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C6. Additional Research Notes

U1. Additional Verses

U4. Game/Dance/Movement Instructions

Formation: standing in a circle of children, one child (Robin Redbreast) outside the circle.

Children take different shapes, impersonating trees. Robin Redbreast “flies around” outside the circle as all sing. On “Chirp, chirp, chirparee”, Robin Redbreast taps the shoulders of three children in a row in the circle. The third child becomes a robin also. For the next verse, both robins fly around and tap other children, so that two more become robins. The game continues until all children have become robins.