

Skin and Bones

Name of Song or Rhyme

“There was an old woman all skin and bones”

Songtale

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	E	Source's Starting Pitch: E4	$\frac{6}{8}$		R1. Meter
M2. Scale	la pentatonic tetrachord		$\text{♩} = 54$		R2. Metronome
M3. Toneset	(l,) d r m		♪♪♪/♪♪/♪		R3. Note values
M4. Range	1 - 5		☒ Outer: ♪	☐ Inner:	R4. Upbeat
M5. Mel. Form	A B		☐ Iso	☒ Hetero	R5. Rhy. Form
M6. Cadences	1 1		$4\frac{1}{3} 3\frac{1}{3}$		R6. Beats/phrase
M7. Intervals	r↓l, (P4) l,↑m (P5)		☒ Iso	☒ Bi	R7. Podia
M8. Target Phrases	A: l,-d-l,-d-l,-d-r-l, B: m-r-d-l,		☐ Hetero	☐ Tetra	R8. Target Phrases
M9. M. Diffic.			A: ♪ ♪ ♪ ♪ B: ♪ ♪ ♪ 		R9. R. Diffic.
M10. Other					R10. Other
Cultural					Classroom Use
C1. Context	Songtale		Actual Verses on Page 2	6	U1. # of verses
C2. Ethnicity	Appalachian				U2. Improv.
C3. Geographic	Viper, Kentucky		Jean Ritchie, “Skin and Bones” Lomax Digital Archive: T1016R16 Recording on <i>Mountain Hearth & Home</i> , Jean Ritchie, Rhino Handmade		U3. Listening
C4. Source: Where did this version come from?	Locke, E. G. (Ed.). (1981). <i>Sail Away: 155 American Folk Songs to Sing, Read and Play</i> (p. 52). Boosey & Hawkes.		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		low la Compound meter Call & response		U6. Roles
C7. Holiday			Life & Death		U7. Themes



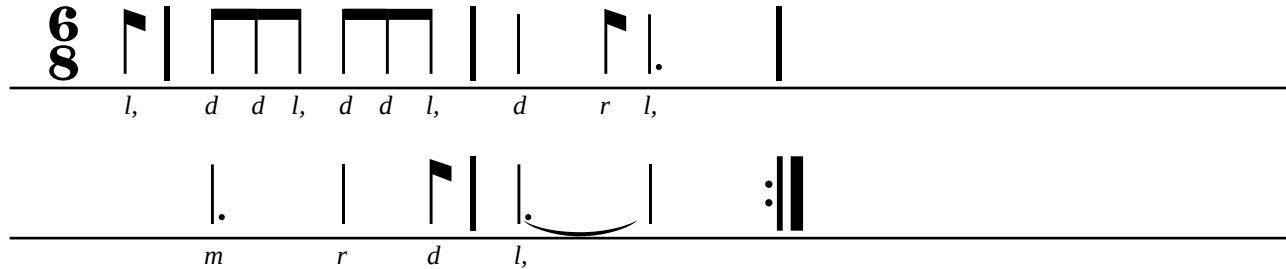
1. There was an old woman all skin and bones, Oo - oo - oo - oooo.



6. She o - pened the door and BOO!

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Stick Notation:



C6. Additional Research Notes	
<i>Sail Away</i> lists the following citation: “As sung by Jean Ritchie of Viper, Kentucky”. The Lomax Digital Archive lists a recording date of May 5, 1949. Alan Lomax recorded Jean Ritchie in his New York City apartment on 3rd street.	
U1. Additional Verses	U4. Game/Dance/Movement Instructions
2. One night she thought she’d take a walk... 3. She walked down by the old graveyard... 4. She saw the bones a-lyin’ around... 5. She went to the closet to get a broom... 6. She opened the door and..... BOO!	