

Little Cabin in the Woods

Songwriter: unknown

Little cabin in the woods,
Little man by the window stood,
Saw a rabbit hopping by
Knocking at his door.

"Help me! Help me!" he said
"For the hunter shoots me dead!"
"Little rabbit come inside,"
Quickly to be fried.*

This song is sung with hand motions to act out the plot. With each repetition of the song, another line of the song is left out while the hand motions continue. By the end of the song, there is complete silence and only the hand motions remain. Today, this tradition continues, BUT there are now sound effects that accompany many of the hand motions. ("boing, boing, boing, boing" while the rabbit hops.)

*There is still a hot debate over the fate of the rabbit in the last line of this song. Some campers prefer the line stated above; others prefer a more humane destiny for the rabbit and sing, "Safely to abide." Which fate do you think faces the rabbit?