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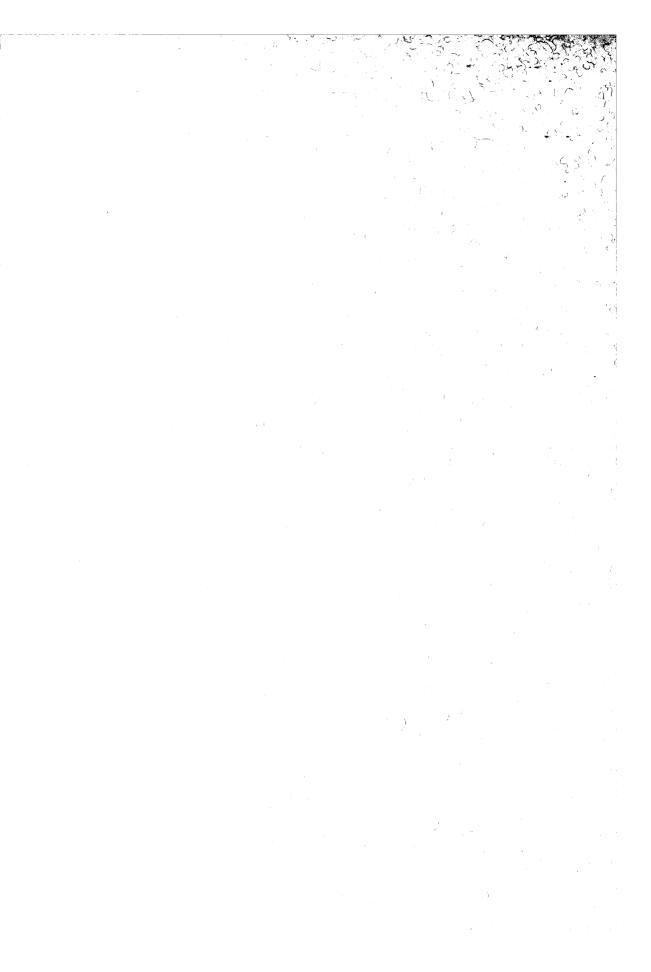
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Song of the Good Little Birds.











I. Song of the Good Little Birds.

The children stand in a straight line. If there are many, they can be arranged in two rows, the taller ones being placed behind. See Fig. 1.



Bars δ and g. The children raise their feet alternately, one at each beat, making four times in the two bars.

Bars 10 and 11. They revolve in couples.

Bars 12 and 13. Again raise their feet.

Bars 14 and 15. Again revolve.

Bar 15, from the second beat, each child turns to its partner, marking the beats with the index-finger of its right hand.

Bars 18 and 19. The Couples embrace.

Bars 20 and 21. They again mark heats with their fingers.

Bars 22, 23 and 24. They jump up and down, in their places, with heels pressed together.

Verse II. While singing "Waves his white wings" they wave their arms lightly.

Verse III. They jauntily rest their hands on their hips.

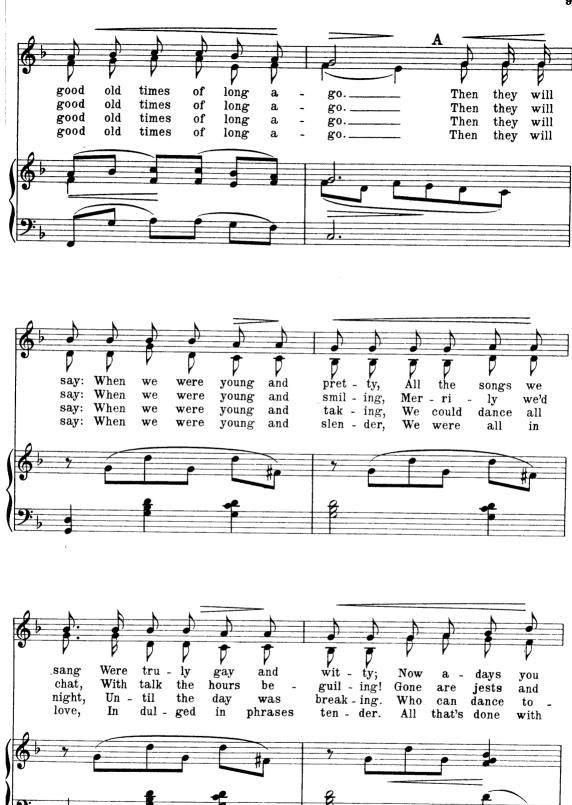
Verse IV. They flutter their hands downwards from on high, like falling leaves.

Verse V. They pretend to be fastening wreaths round one another's necks. At the words "Coo, Coo" they stretch forth their necks to eachother, with heads cocked on one side, in a cajoling manner.

Song of the old Grannies.













II. Song of the Old Grannies.

The children are arranged as in the preceding song.

From bar 9 onwards they stoop, imitating the movements of old grandmothers, and waggling their heads in time with the music.

Bar 16, at "ah" and bar 20, at "ah" they raise their arms to heaven; the couples looking at one another, and calling eachother as witness to the degeneration of the manners of nowadays.

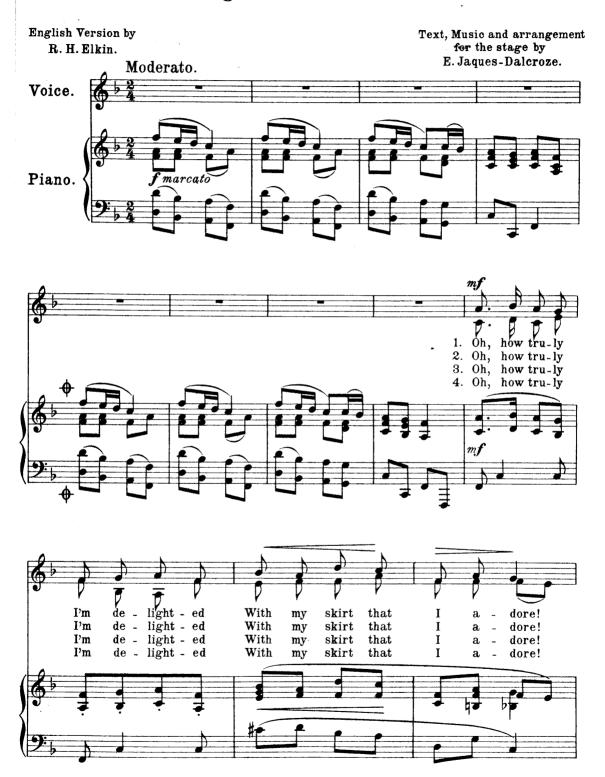
From bar 20 to the end of each verse, they tap the ground very gently with the sticks on which they are leaning.

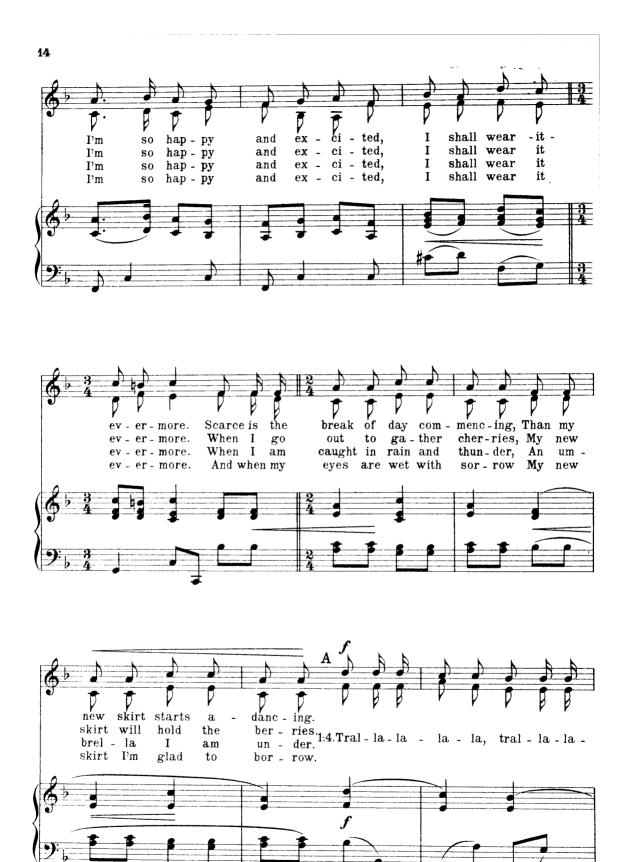
Verse II. When singing "you cycle off for miles" they stamp lightly on the floor, imitating pedalling.

The refrain, bar 20 to the end of the song, must be song with great volubility, waggling their heads and pretending to carry on an animated conversation.

Verse III. From bar 20 onwards, they revolve in couples, remaining in their places. Verse IV. From bar 20 onwards, they seize eachother round the waist and embrace.

Song of the New Skirt.

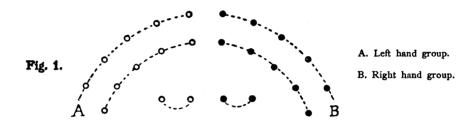






III. Song of the New Skirt.

The little Girls are arranged in couples in two semi-circles. See Fig. 1.



Verse I. Bar I at the word "oh" they raise their arms.

Bar 2 at the word "truly" they clap their hands.

Bars 3 and 4. They draw back their right foot which was forward, and gracefully lift, and examine their skirt.

Bars 5 and 6. Same action as bars 1 and 2.

Bars 10 and 11. They move their skirts to and fro.

Bars 12 and 13. At the second beat, when they sing "tralala" they alternately raise their right and left foot, crossing the right one over the left and the left over the right, and inclining their head in the contrary direction to the foot. See Fig. 2.

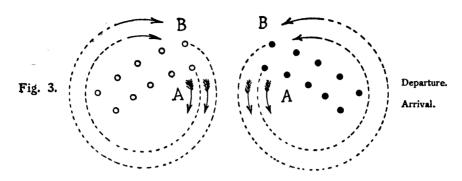


They continue to dance like this till Bar 19 when each child revolves round alone so that her skirt becomes distended and in Bar 20 at the word "fine" they all flop down on the floor.

Verse II. Same action for the first eight bars.

Bar 9. They take up their dresses in front and form a basket with them. Those on the left hold their dress with the right hand, and vice versâ.

Bar 12. Second beat, both groups advance towards the front of the stage, and at every second beat the children pretend to pick a flower and lay it in their baskets. Then each group turns round and resumes its former position. Fig. See 3.



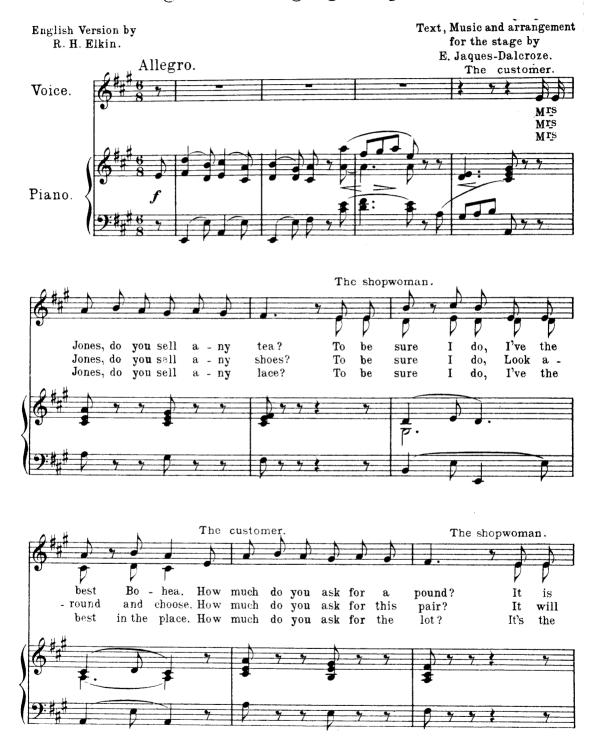
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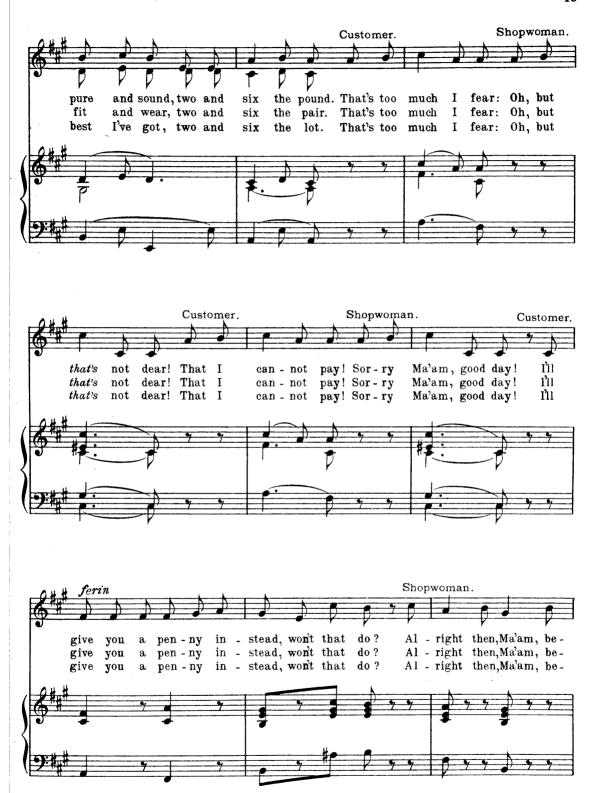
Bar 9. They turn their skirts up at the back over their heads like umbrellas. From bar 12, in this attitude, they troop in single file across the stage, following the same directions as in the preceding verse.

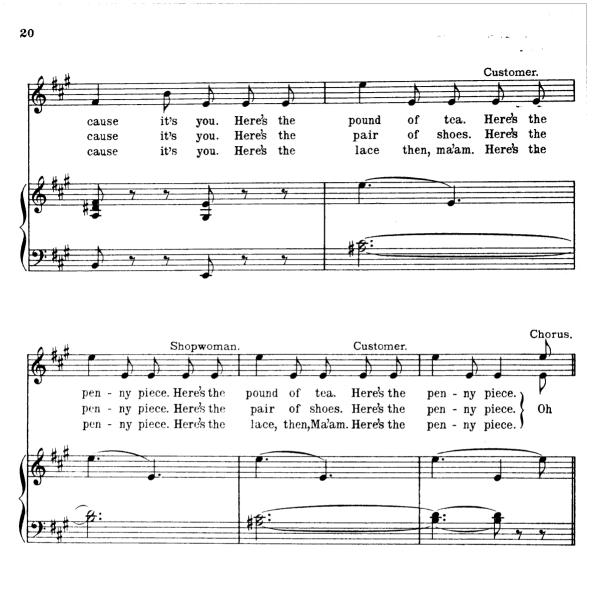
Verse IV. Same action; only instead of drawing their skirts over their head, they hold them up in front and dry their eyes with them.

IV.

Song of the Obliging Shopwoman.











IV. Song of the obliging Shopwoman.

The children stand in a semi-circle. In the middle stands the saleswoman, She carries a little basket which is slung round her neck on a ribbon and contains a packet of tea, a pair of shoes, some lace, &c.

After the introduction, a little girl (the customer) steps out of the semi-circle and addresses the saleswoman. The latter, emphasizes each of her replies (bars 3 and 4, 7 and 8) with a curtsey.

- Bar 9. The customer turns as if to go away.
- Bar 12. The saleswoman turns to go, but
- Bar 13. the customer keeps her back with a suppliant gesture.
- Bar 17. The saleswoman shews the tea (shoes or lace) to the customer.
- Bar 18. The customer shews a penny to the saleswoman.
- Bar 19. The saleswoman gives the tea to the customer.
- Bar 20. The customer hands the penny to the saleswoman.

Bars 23 and 24. The chorus mark the first beat of each bar with a gesture of the hand, recommending the saleswoman. See Fig. 1.



During the introduction of the next verse the customer returns to her place in the semi-circle, whilst the saleswoman walks round counting her change.

At the next verse a new customer steps out.

Song of the Seasons.





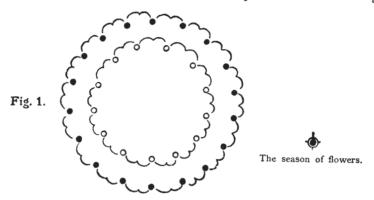






V. Song of the Seasons.

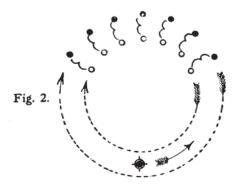
The children are arranged in a double circle, with joined hands. See Fig. 1.



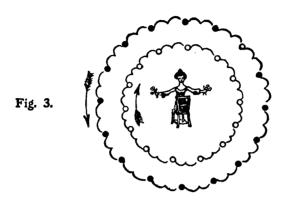
On the right is the little girl who represents one of the seasons, and who, according to whether she is spring, summer, autumn or winter, is provided with a basket of violets, a bunch of poppies, a garland of autumn leaves, or a fur cap and muff.

The children of both circles sing bars 1, 2, 3 and 4 looking at the Season. The Season advances towards the circles, singing bars 5, 6, 7 and 8. Same action during the 10 following bars.

Bar 20. The children let go eachother's hands; they turn sideways and each inner-circle child joins hand with an outer-circle child; they then raise their arms high and start moving round from left to right; and the Season passes under the arches of their raised arms from right to left. See Fig. 2.



Bar 28. The Season steps inside the revolving circle, mounts on a chair which has been placed in the middle, and holds out her hands full of flowers to the audience. The circles then re-form as in the beginning, (by the children joining hands again), and revolve round the chair; the inner-circle from left to right; the outer circle from right to left. See Fig. 3.



VI.

Song of the Little Dwarfs.

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5.
Into the garden next they trot,
Pit pat, pit a pat
Busy with rake and wat'ring pot.
Pit pat, pit a pat.
Far in the mountain &c.
Refrain.

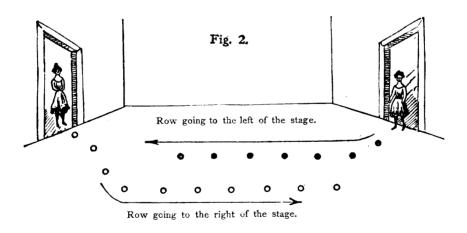
6.
Some by the babies vigil keep,
Pit pat, pit a pat
Guard them and rock them off to sleep.
Pit pat, pit a pat.
Far in the mountain &c.
Refrain.

VI. Song of the Little Dwarfs.

The children are drawn up in two parallel straight lines. See Fig. 1.



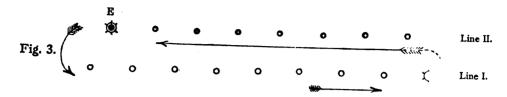
If two entrances to the stage can be arranged, one on the right and one on the left, the children can come on dancing and singing, bars 1 to 8. Of course, each row of children enters by an opposite door, and takes up the position indicated above, after having crossed the stage as in the following figure. See Fig. 2.



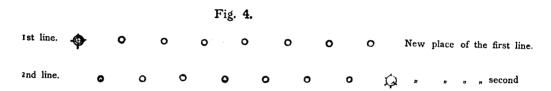
If it is not possible to let them come on dancing, then let them sing bars 1 to 8 standing in position, facing the audience.

Verse 1, Letter A. They imitate the action of sweeping, in time with the music. At the refrain, bars 1 to 8 they then trip across the stage with bent backs, imitating the movements of little old men.

The first child on the right (E) in line 1 goes from left to right, and the first child on the left (E) in line 2 goes from left to right also and follows the last child in line 1 to the left. See Fig. 3.



After this march when they have come to a halt, the children will be found in this position: Line 1 at the back and line 2 in the front. See Fig. 4.



Verse II. The children sit with their legs crossed under them like tailors and pretend to sew. Then at the refrain they repeat the march of the first verse, so that line I comes to the front again.

Verse III. They crouch down, and pretend to be milking a cow.

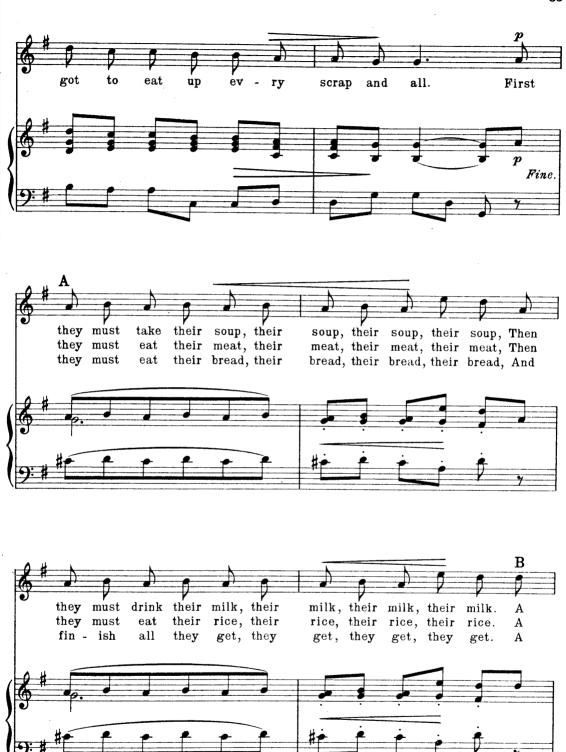
Verse IV. They move their arms up and down as though churning.

Verse V. They pretend to be rocking babies.

VII.

Song of the child who won't eat his food.

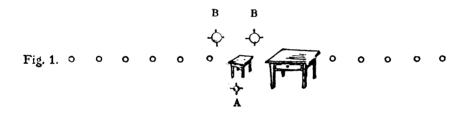






VII. Song of the Child who won't eat his Food.

The children are in a straight line. In the centre of the stage, cutting the line in half, is a little table and next to it a low stool. "The child who won't eat his food" (A) is standing in front of the stool; behind him are two children holding spoons (B. B.) Fig. 1. At letter A all the children turn towards little A, nodding encouragement and shaking their fore-finger at him. See Fig. 1.



At letter B the two children (B. B.) in turn and in strict time to the music lift their spoons to little A's mouth.

Verse II. Same action but A is standing on the stool.

Verse III. Same action, but A is standing on the table and the two children have to stand on the stool to reach his mouth.

At the end of the third verse, little A throws kisses to the audience with both hands.

VIII.

Song of the Bridal Pair.



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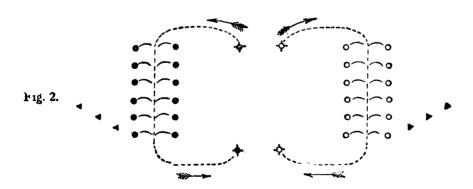
VIII. The Song of the Bridal Pair.

The children, carrying branches of blossoms, are arranged in couples in two straight parallel lines from back to front of stage. In the background are the bridegroom and bride (A). Right in the foreground on either side (B) stand some very little children with profile to the audience. See Fig. 1.



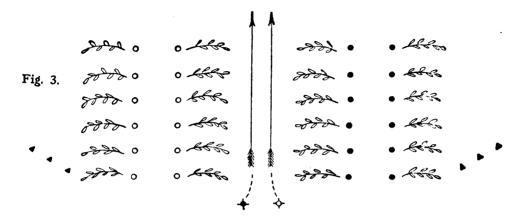
Bar 13. Each child raises its bough to its partner, thus forming an archway down each line. The bridegroom passes slowly beneath the arches on the right, and the bride beneath those on the left—and at

Bar 22 both halt in front of the footlights. See Fig. 2.

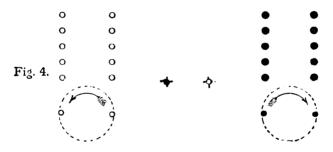


Bar 25. The bride curtseys.
Bar 27. The bridegroom bows.

Bar 28. They join hands and go up the centre of the stage towards the background, passing under a floral arch which is now formed by the two middle lines joining their branches. Meanwhile the two outside rows sway their branches in time to the music, resting their free hands on their hips, See Fig. 3.

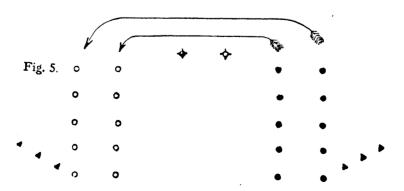


Bar 35. The bridal pair halt and turn round, facing the audience. Each couple in the right line, and each couple in the left line, joins hands and revolves in its place. See Fig. 4.



Bar 43. Both lines start marching; the right hand line starts from R to L behind the bridal pair; the lefthand line goes from L to R in front of the bridal pair. The couples all join hands and a continuous circle is thus formed.

The little children on either side imitate the action of bell-ringing. See Fig. 5.



Song of the Doctor's Visit.



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IX. Song of the Doctor's Visit.

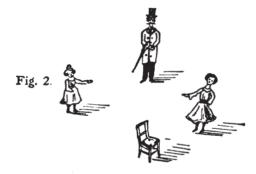
The children are in a semi-circle. In the centre, reclining on a chair, a little girl represents the patient. See Fig. 1.



Bar 1. The chorus points to the background, where the doctor, spectacles on nose and clad in a long coat or cloak, appears. He wears a tall hat and leans on a stick; in his left hand he has a note-book. See Fig. 2.

The chorus sings pianissimo, very mysteriously.

Bars 3 and 7. The patient moans out "oh dear, oh dear me" for very fear at the sight of the doctor.



Bar q. The doctor examines the patient's pulse (foot or eyes).

Bar 15. It is the doctor's turn to say "oh dear me" anxiously, after having seen the patient's tongue, protruded unnecessarily far.

Bar 17. The doctor, his head pressed against the patient's chest, sounds her lungs.

Bar 24. The chorus raise their index finger encouragingly towards the patient.

Bar 28. The doctor writes in his note book.

Bar 36. The children step out of the semi-circle and in the first verse, make the patient swallow a draught; in the second verse they rock her to sleep; in the third verse they make her dance about in her place, while the doctor departs. During each refrain the two children lead out the patient, while from the opposite side two other children lead in another patient, who sits down on the chair in the centre.

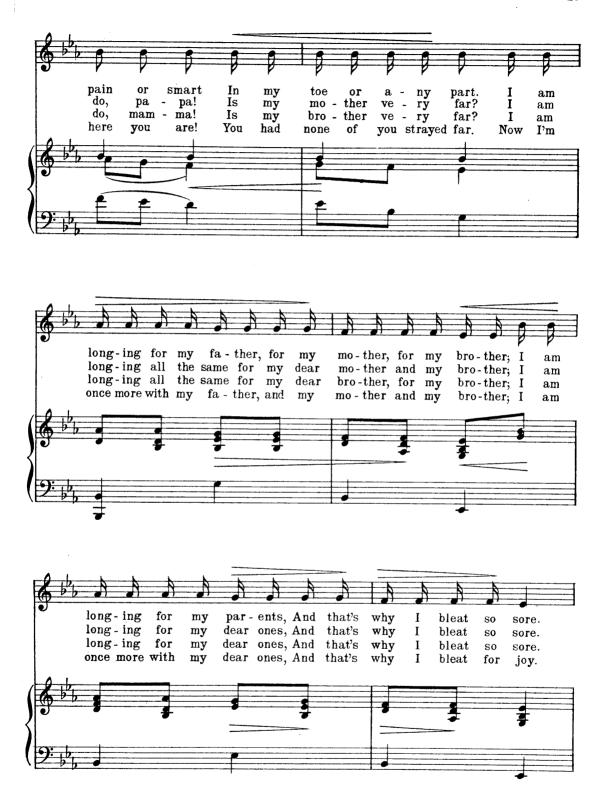
Same action for all the verses.

Song of the Bleating Lambkin.

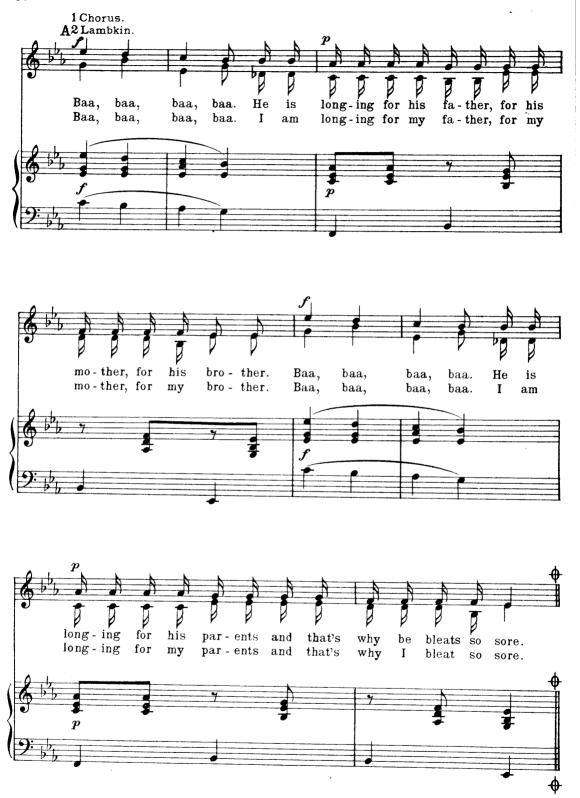


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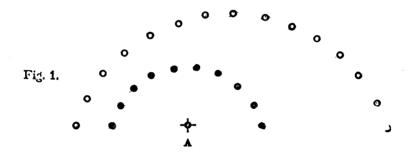






X. Song of the Bleating Lambkin.

As many children as possible form a semi-circle; within this a second smaller semi-circle is formed, in the centre of which stands the little lambkin A. See Fig. 1.



At bar 17 the lambkin takes out his handkerchief and wipes his eyes.

Bars 21 and 22. The chorus press their hands to their eyes.

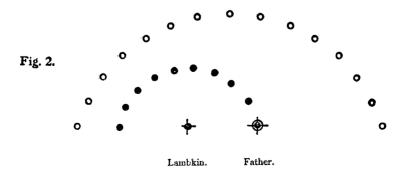
Bars 23 and 24. They mark each beat with a downward movement of both hands.

Bars 25 and 26. Same action as 21 and 22.

Bars 27 and 28. Same action as 23 and 24.

Verse II. Two children fetch out a third who represents the lamb's father.

Bar 9. The latter stands in front on the right of the small circle while he sings his part. Fig. 2.

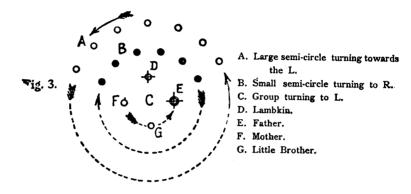


Bur 17. The father steps into the small semi-circle and fondles the lambkin till-the end of the verse.

Verses II and III. The same action is repeated. At

Verse IV the little lambkin will therefore have his father, mother and little brother inside the circle with him.

Verse IV. Bar 21 and following. The children of the large semi-circle march round from R to L; and the ones of the small semi-circle from L to R. In the centre of the latter, the lambkin, his parents and brother join hands and turn from R to L. See Fig. 3.



Bars 21 to 28 of the Refrain can be repeated twice.

XI.

Song of the Brave Little Soldiers.



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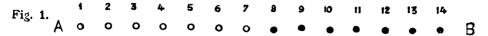




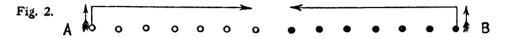


XI. Song of the Brave Little Soldiers.

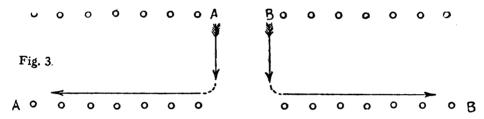
The children are drawn up in a straight line. See Fig. 1.



Bar 9. Soldier A starts marching from L to R followed by half his comrades (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7); and soldier B does the same from R to L, followed by 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14. See Fig. 2.



Bar 17. Soldiers A and B are now side by side at the back of the stage and all the children in one long line; side by side they march to the front followed by their men, then turn off R and L and regain their former position. See Fig. 3.

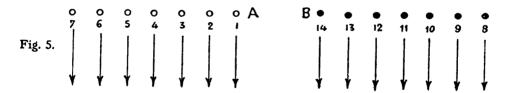


Bar 15. Same action as bar 9, so that at bar 33 the children form a straight line at the back of the stage with A and B in the middle of the line. See Fig. 4.



Bars 33, 34, 35 and 36 are sung at the back of the stage. The soldiers marking time.

Bar 37. Forward march, still in a straight line. See Fig. 5.



At the end of Verse I they are back in their original position.

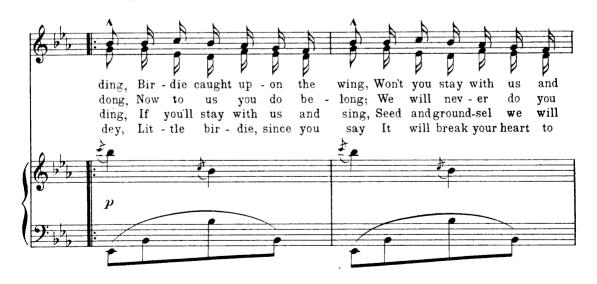
Verse II. Same action, in opposite directions. When the boys halt they give a military salute.

Bar 33. They beat imaginary drums. At the coda (four bars before the end of the song) they blow imaginary trumpets.

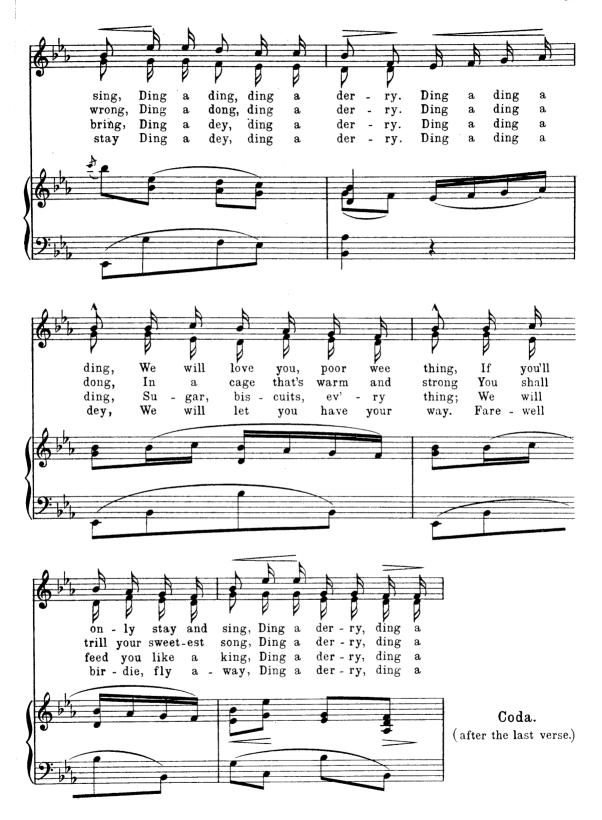
XII.

Song of the little Prisoner.





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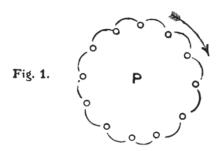




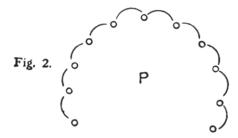


XII. Song of the Little Prisoner.

The children join hands and form a circle. In the centre of the circle a child represents the little captive bird (P). See Fig. 1.



Bar 1. The circle starts moving from L to R and continues turning till



Bar 1. It then divides into semi-circles and discloses the little Prisoner (see Fig. 2) who flutters around in the semi-circle singing.

Bars 7 to 14. Joining his hands, kneeling down and imploring his freedom. Then the circle closes up again and continues revolving.

Following bares. Same action.

Last Verse, at the coda, the little prisoner escapes from the circle and flies around it, small manipulating his arms like wings.

XIII. Song of the little doggie.

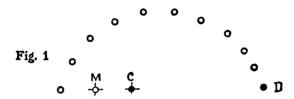




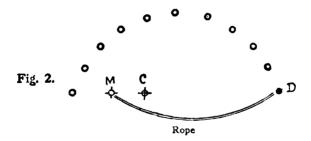


XIII. Song of the Little Doggie.

The children stand in a semi-circle. Inside it, on the left, is the doggie's little master (M), on the right the doggie (C).

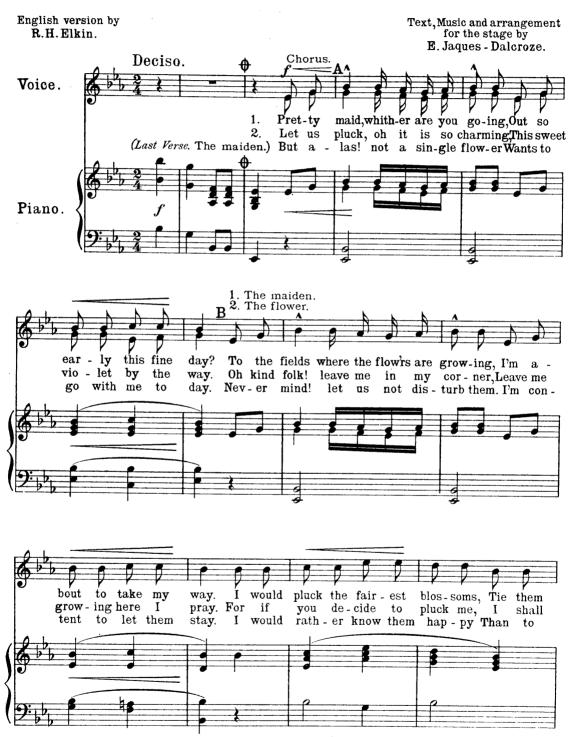


Bar 20. The master and the first child on the right (D) stretch a rope across the stage, and the doggie, refusing to jump over it, snaps alternately at the master (M) and the child (D). See Fig. 2.

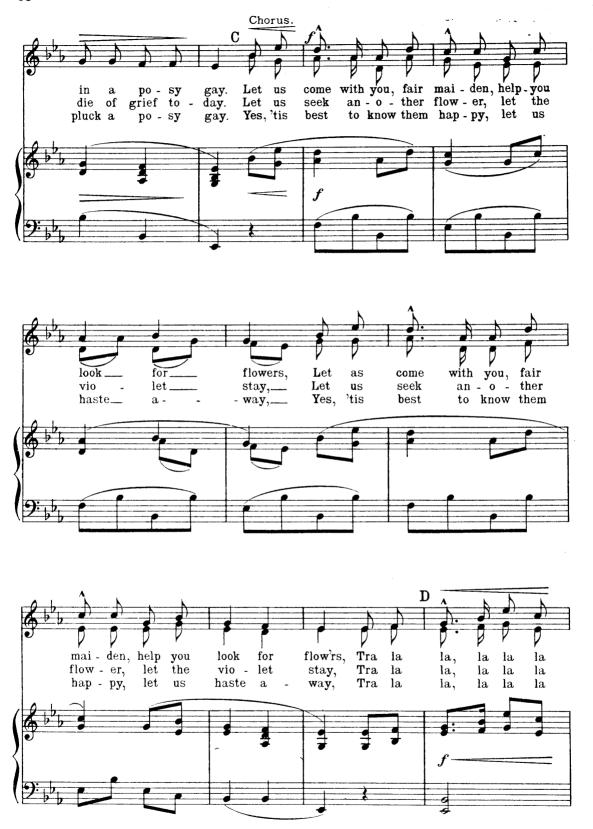


Verse II. The doggie jumps over the rope with alacrity, only stopping occasionally to caress his master with his paw.

Song of the Kind Maiden.



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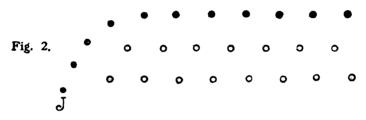
In verses 3,4,5,6 etc. change the name of the flower, substituting "proud lily" "wild roselud" "red poppy" "gay tulip" "white heather" etc. etc.

XIV. Song of the kind Maiden.

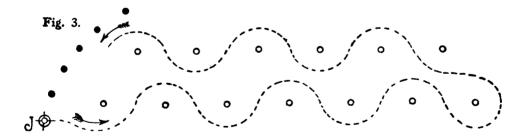
In the middle of the stage are two parallel lines of children, representing the flowers. See Fig. 1.



The Maiden (J) is in the foreground on the left, behind her the chorus of friends. See Fig. 2.



Bar 13. The maiden, followed by chorus, passes through the rows of flowers. See Fig. 3.



This walk continues throughout the whole song. When the flowers sing "O, kind folk, leave me in my corner" they drop on to their knees and fold their hands beseechingly. When, in the last verse, the maiden sings "But alas, not a single flower," it is better for her to stand still on the R or L of the stage, and to resume her walk at the refrain (letter D), till the end of the song.

Song of the Good Workmen.



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A) Come, tailor and work your best,
With your wax and thread; (bis)
And sing as your trade you ply
Those who sing at work, find the minutes fly!
Snip, snap, snip, snap, etc.

A) Come, baker'sman, work your best,
With your floury dough; (bis)
And sing as your trade you ply
Those who sing at work, find the minutes fly!
Pit, pat, pit, pat, etc.

7.

A) Come, roadmender work your best,
With your hard grey stones; (bis)
And sing as your trade you ply
Those who sing at work, find the minutes fly!
Chip, chip, chip, chip, etc.

XV. Song of the good Workmen.

The children are in a straight line.

Bar 1. They emphasize the word "this" with a movement of the hand. See Fig. 1.



Bar 10. They emphasize "earn his lodging" by leaning their cheek on their right hand.

Letter A. Here they imitate the movements of the various trades.

Verse VII. They kneel and knock the ground with their fists.