

Song Title: All Around the Buttercup

Source: Kodály in the Kindergarten Classroom

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The image shows two staves of musical notation for the song "All Around the Buttercup". The first staff begins with a treble clef, a 2/4 time signature, and a tempo marking of quarter note = 88. The melody consists of quarter notes and eighth notes. The lyrics are: "All a - round the but - ter - cup, one two three,". The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics: "If you want to find a friend*, just choose me." The piece ends with a double bar line.

Original text: If you want a nice young friend

Game Directions:

Game 1: Children stand in a circle, forming windows by raising their hands upwards. Choose one child to weave in and out of the windows. On the last word of the song, the child taps the child in front of them, who then becomes the leader of the line. The last child left becomes the “buttercup” in the center of the new circle, and the game begins again.

Game 2: With one child standing in the middle, have a small group of students hold hands in a circle around the child. The group sings the song as they walk around the circle. On the last word, the child in the middle chooses someone in the circle. The student chosen drops both hands, turns around in place, and faces the outside, and then joins hands with the circle again. This continues until all have been chosen and all are facing the outside of the circle. On the last repetition, sing the song slower, and on the last phrase of the song the children walking in the circle kneel on one knee and hold their hands up in the air to represent the flower’s “petals” while the person in the middle remains standing and holds their arms up in the air to form the “stamen,” or “the sweet stuff the bees like.”