

Lemonade

Informant/Performer:

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Solo: Here I come. *Group:* Where from?

Solo: New York. *Group:* What's your trade?

Solo: Lem - on - ade. *Group:* Give us some, don't be a - fraid.

Game Directions

Formation: A stationary circle, standing.

Action: One child is chosen to stand in the middle of circle and sing solo. On "give us some don't be afraid," children in circle extend one hand, forming a cup. Center child picks one child and pretends to pour a glass of lemonade. This child pretends to drink it, then becomes the new leader.

Note: Children may improvise different locations, or drinks.

Background Information

The game is mentioned by Mr. Babcock as played in Washington, D.C., under the name of "New York." He observes that the name of any other place may be substituted for "New York."

In England Mrs. Gomme gives the game as "Trades." In France it has been played under the title "Metiers."

Newell, *Games and Songs of American Children*