

All Around the Maypole

Informant/Performer:
Eight girls
Kirby Industrial School, Atmore, AL, 1934

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VERSE
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All a - round the May - pole, May - pole, May - pole

All a - round the May - pole, and now Miss Sal - ly won't you bow

(and) Now Miss. Sal - ly won't you jump for joy,- jump for joy,- jump for joy-

Now Miss_ Sal - ly won't you jump for joy,___ and now Miss Sal - ly won't you bow.

Transcribed by Gail Needleman

Game Directions

"One child skips about the inside of the ring, and at the singing of the fourth line bows to the one she chooses. Then both 'jump for joy', a peculiar step rather like a clog... Then the song is repeated, the second child choosing, and so on."

Darby, Loraine, *Ring Games from Georgia*, JAFL XXX.