

The Jolly Miller

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There was an old mil - ler all a - lone by him - self,
Wheel rolled a - round and he gained all his wealth;
One hand in the hop - per and the oth - er in the sack,
La - dies step for - ward and the gents step back.

Game Directions

Circle of partners hand in hand, boys on the inside, with extra boy (the "miller") in the middle.

All sing and march around, representing the mill wheel.

The last line is sung by the boy in the middle, who may substitute "the gents step forward and the ladies step back."

At the word "back" the miller attempts to steal a partner for himself. The boy without a partner becomes the new miller.