Kitty Kitty Casket

Informant/Performer: Source: Library of Congress AFS 88 A5 Eight girls Kirby Industrial School, Atmore, AL, 1934 Collected by John A. Lomax kit - ty yel -Kit - ty cas ket. Green and ket. low bas hand - ker - chief yes - ter - day, So full of mud I tossed it way.

Transcribed by Gail Needleman

Game Directions

Children form a ring, holding hands, and step in a circle while singing the song. The child who is "it" skips around the outside of the circle in the opposite direction, carrying a handkerchief. On the last word of the song, the children in the ring stand still and the child who is "it" drops the handkerchief behind the nearest child and starts running around the circle. The child behind whom the handkerchief is dropped picks up the handkerchief and then chases the first child. If the first child runs all the way around the circle and rejoins the circle at the space left by the second child, she is safe and the second child becomes "it". If the second child catches the first child before she has regained her place, the first child remains "it."