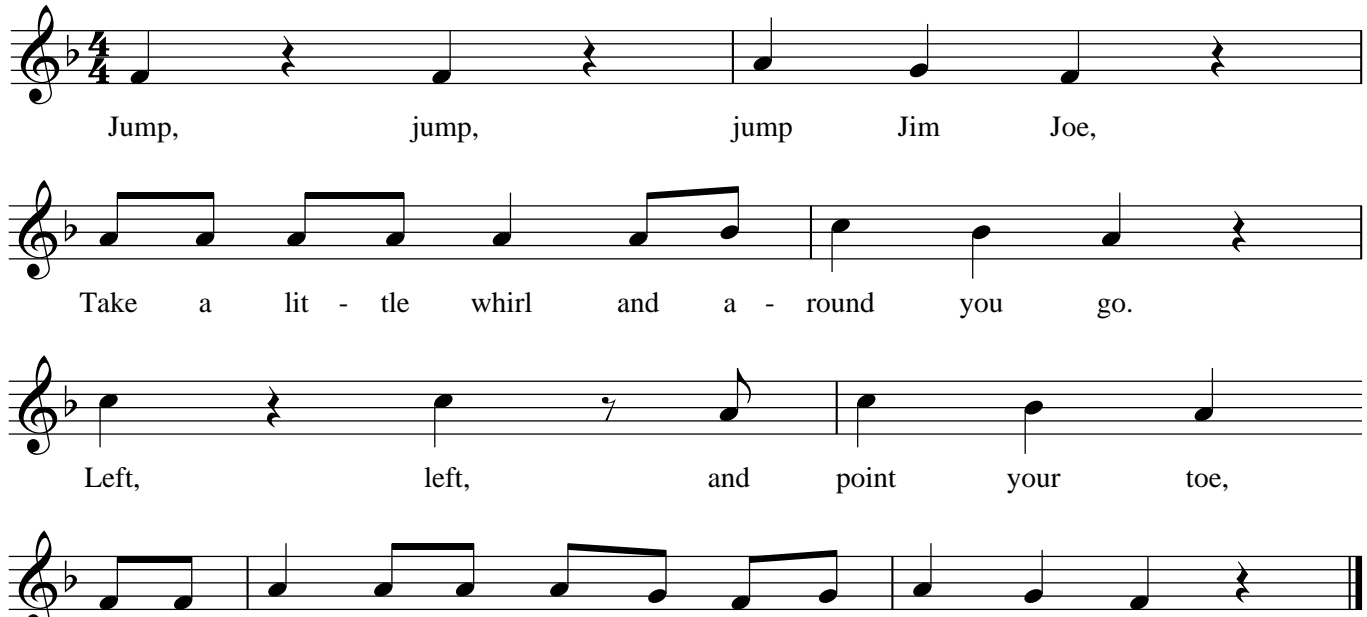


Jump Jim Joe

Informant/Performer:
Six children
Jasper, TX, 1940

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Jump, jump, jump Jim Joe,
Take a lit - tle whirl and a - round you go.
Left, left, and point your toe,
and go back to your part - ner and you jump Jim Joe.

alt b: and you bow
alt c: and you take a - no - ther

Transcribed by Gail Needleman

*Can be sung as canon

Game Directions

Formation: Any number of couples forms a double circle, girls inside, facing partners, hands joined. (optional)

Action:

Line 1. All couples jump in place, twice slowly, then thrice quickly, in time with the rhythm of the song.

Line 2: The boys swing their partners once around with an elbow hook, returning to facing position.

Line 3: Each player slides in two steps to his or her left to face a new partner, and then each points the right toe.

Line 4: three alternate ways of playing game:

A. Slide back right to *same* partner, join hands, and jump three times on "Jump Jim Joe".

B. Bow to *new* partner and jump three times. (TEXT: "and you bow to your partner.")

C. Join hands with *new* partner, turn around in four steps, (optional) and then jump three times.