

Here Goes the Red Bird

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2. Take a little girl, go hip-sip-si-da,
Hip-sip-si-da, hip-sip-si-da.
Take a little girl, go hip-sip-si-da,
Hi-lum diddle-um dee.

Game Directions

Formation: Single circle of children, hands joined and raised in arches all around the circle. One child is chosen to be It.

Action: Circle moves counterclockwise while the child who is It skips in and out, in the clockwise direction, under the raised arms of the other children. Just as the verse ends, circle movement stops, It chooses a child from the circle, and they dance in the center of the circle in time to the music. As the game is repeated the first child joins the circle, and the child that was chosen becomes It. The color of the bird is determined by the color of the clothing worn by the child who is It.