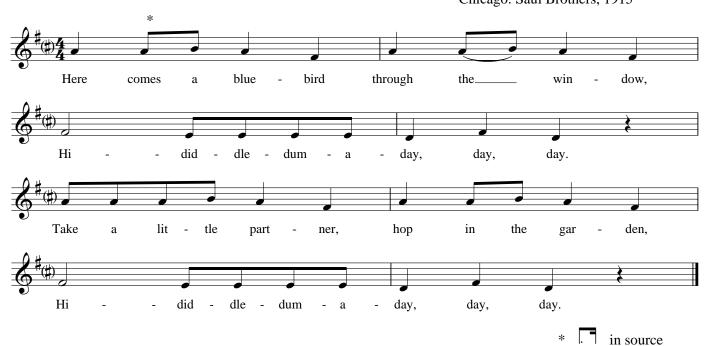
Here Comes A Bluebird

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Florence W. Brown and Neva L. Boyd Old English and American Games for School and Playground Chicago: Saul Brothers, 1915



Game Directions

The children stand, with hands joined, in a ring. One child walks in and out under the arches. On "Take a little partner," this child takes a partner, and with both hands joined they face each other and galop out through the opening where the child was taken from the ring, and back again, or dance the same around inside the ring. The first child joins the ring, the partner becomes the bluebird, and the game is repeated.

Background Information

Newell [Games and Songs of American Children, 1883] says the color of the bird is determined by the color of the child's dress and the song is changed to "Here comes a red bird," etc., but it is popularly sung "blue bird," without regard to the child's dress. This game probably originated in America.