Frogs Around the Pond
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I wrote this song one beautiful summer afternoon in 2003 sitting under the trees in my backyard with the sun shining in a big blue sky and a gentle breeze blowing. It was a lovely day to get carried away in a musical reverie playing with words and frogs and a big blue pond. This is fun to sing with the children sitting in a circle, each on their own ‘lily pad’ catching flies with their long, sticky tongues; ready to jump into the pond in the middle of our circle, to dance in their most ‘froggy-like’ way!

Sitting on a lily pad
Dreaming in the sun
Watching, waiting patiently
Frog is having fun

Little fly comes buzzing by
Riding on a breeze
Frog darts out a sticky tongue
Gulping down with ease

Rib a dib a dib a dib a dib a doo
Rib a dib a dib a dib a doo, Oh!
Rib a dib a dib a dib a dib a doo
Rib a dib a dib a dib a doo!

Along comes another fly
Then two, three and four
All the hungry, little frogs
Gobble up some more

Puffing out their bulgy throats
Croaking harmony
They croon an amphibious
Slimy symphony

Rib a dib a dib a dib a dib a doo
Rib a dib a dib a dib a doo, Oh!
Rib a dib a dib a dib a dib a doo
Rib a dib a dib a dib a doo!

Then they jump into the pond
Diving cool and deep
Landing on their lily pads
With a dancing leap

Rr-bb-tt-ing, they flip and flop
In their froggy way
Frolicking around the pond
On a summer’s day

Rib a dib a dib a dib a dib a doo
Rib a dib a dib a dib a doo, Oh!
Rib a dib a dib a dib a dib a doo
Rib a dib a dib a dib a doo!