

Red Red Robin Sticks Dance

by Harry Woods ©1926 with additional lyrics
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When the red red robin comes bob bob bobbin' along, along
There'll be no more sobbin' when he starts singin' his old, sweet song
Wake up, wake up you sleepyhead
Get up, get up get outta bed
Cheer up, cheer up the sun is read
Live, love, laugh and be happy

Start out tapping your sticks (claves, rhythm sticks or lummi's) to the beat. On the second line start tapping your sticks to the floor, popping back up on "Wake up!" Keep tapping! Then follow the directions to tap sticks on the side (cross-lateral movement), switch to the other side, etc.

This song is helpful in accessing a child's knowledge of directionals – beside, in front, behind, etc. I usually talk through and practice what some of them look like BEFORE starting the song. Demonstrate, and have the children try a few of them (or all) before starting the music.