

4. Halloween Hike

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Chorus:

Let's take a Halloween hike
A haunted Halloween hike
A spooky, haunted, Halloween hike A spooky,
haunted, Halloween hike

Whooo - What's that howling sound?
Maybe it's the hooting of an owl
It could be a coyote on the prowl
Or maybe it's a ghost gliding through
a graveyard! Whooo ...
Let's get out of here! (*Fast running music*)

Repeat Chorus

(*Thumping Sound*) – What's that thumping sound?
Maybe it's a pumpkin bouncing down the trail.
Maybe it's a goblin banging on a pail
Or maybe it's a dinosaur stomping through the forest
(*Loud stomping music*)
Let's get out of here! (*Fast running music*)

Repeat Chorus

(*Rattling Sound*) - What's that rattling sound?
Maybe it's a seedpod rattling in the breeze
Maybe it's a baby shaking daddy's keys
Or maybe it's a skeleton dancing on a tombstone!
(*Jingling tap dance*)
It's getting dark!
Let's get back home. (*Fast running music*)

Phew! Home at last!
Shut the door, lock it tight
Pull down the shade, turn on the light
Take a breath, we're safe tonight
From a spooky, haunted, Halloween hike.
A spooky, haunted, Halloween hike

This song is about a group of children walking through a forest on Halloween. They hear ordinary sounds that cause them to imagine scary things. The idea is to show that many of our fears are imaginary.

This is a fun story to act out in movement. Pretend you are walking through a dark and scary forest. Make the different sounds of scary things you hear in the recording. Imagine you are running to a quieter and safer place. After each verse, stop and take a deep breath. Each verse features a different noise – a howling sound, a thumping sound, and a rattling sound. Finally, as it gets dark, you run back to the safety of your home.

