

# Using Songs for Teaching EFL or ESL to Young Learners



“Tender Shepherd” (A Round)

# Experience and Rationale

Listening to songs in the target language is a great way to get children familiar with the sounds of the language, with words and phrases, and with grammar structures.

This slideshow gives some ideas for using songs with children for listening but also for singing.

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Songs add variety to lessons and can be used as warm-up's or closing activities.

Songs provide situated practice for vocabulary, grammar, and pronunciation.



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Songs provide opportunities for learning “chunks” and formulaic expressions, which may be available for analysis later.

Songs may appeal to varied learning styles and multiple intelligences.

Songs involve “tonal memory” for learning.

Children can sing while doing other things (like drawing or cleaning up the room).

# What is a “Round”?

A “**round**” is a song where more than one person or more than one group sings the same words with the same tune, but by starting at different times.

When rounds are sung well, they create beautiful harmony. As a result, singing rounds can be very rewarding for young singers without any vocal training.

# Tender Shepherd

This round is the “good-night song” from the musical, “Peter Pan.”

The music was written by Moose Charlap.

The words were written by Caroline Leigh.

A good-night song is called a lullaby. You can ask your students to share lullabies from their home culture(s).

# Tender Shepherd

You can hear the melody and see a video clip of the song from the musical here:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3RqeSreXU3g>

You can see a video of children singing this song as round here:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1fm\\_y03S3Qo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1fm_y03S3Qo)

# Tender Shepherd

Tender shepherd, tender shepherd,  
Let me help you count your sheep.  
One in the meadow, two in the garden,  
Three in the nursery, fast asleep, fast asleep.





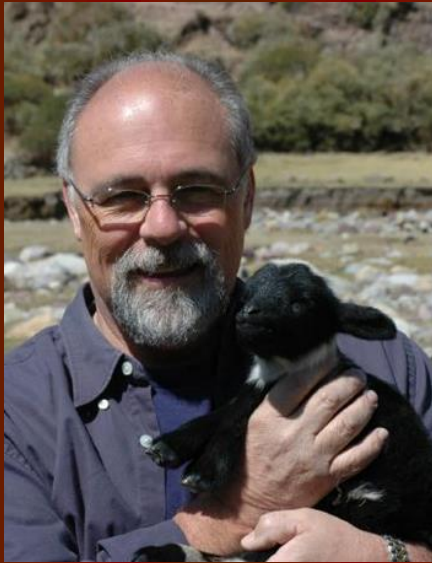
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Tender shepherd, tender shepherd,  
Won't you help me go to sleep?

One, say your prayers, and  
Two, close your eyes, and  
Three, safe and happily,  
Fall asleep, fall asleep.

# Tender Shepherd

Tender shepherd, tender shepherd,



# Tender Shepherd

Let me help you count your sheep.



# Tender Shepherd

One in the meadow



# Tender Shepherd

Two in the garden



# Tender Shepherd

Three in the nursery, fast asleep, fast asleep.



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## Language notes:

This song has concrete vocabulary words that can be taught with pictures:

Shepherd, tender, count, sheep,  
meadow, garden, nursery, sleep



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## Productive word ending:

Shepherd  Cowherd, Goatherd

## Productive phrase:

Let me help you count your sheep.

Let me help you \_\_\_(verb or verb phrase)\_\_\_

# Tender Shepherd

**Collocations:** words that frequently occur together in phrases, like “bread and butter” or “once upon a time”.

Here are some collocations from this round:

say your prayers

close your eyes

safe and happily

fall asleep

# Parting Thoughts

I hope these lyrics and the photos will be helpful for you and your students. Please feel free to change the slideshow in any way that would be helpful to you.

