## October 2015 Song of the Month from www.nancymusic.com

## **Autumn is Here**

Mid-September through October here in the northern hemisphere is called "autumn", or "fall". (Fall is the British word for the season, and autumn is an American word)

You can do this song in a variety of ways, depending on the ages of the children, the space you are in, and whether or not you have scarves or even leaves to dance with. So just have fun with it and use the ideas below, or make up your own!

- Simple hand motions while seated (wave arms around for wind, fingers flutter down for leaves, etc.)
- Standing, and doing similar motions to above, but with whole body involved
- Scarves! Have each child hold one or more scarves, depending on how many you havethe more the merrier! Let the scarves be the leaves, and simply follow the lyrics. Have a box or basket for children to put the scarves in at the end of the song and you have a built-in clean up!
- LEAVES! If you are lucky enough to have an outdoor space with fallen leaves, why not act out the song with those leaves. Children can just use their hands to rake the leaves, and again, put them in a basket. A little twirling around in the fresh air is also a must. And if the ground is dry and covered with leaves, have the children lie down and make snow angels with the leaves. Leaves provide endless fun for kids,. You can even collect some of them for later indoor art projects. What a fun time of year!

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Oh feel the wind begin to blow, feel the wind begin to blow Feel the wind begin to blow, autumn is here

All the leaves are falling down, all the leaves are falling down All the leaves are falling down, autumn is here

We'll toss them up in to the sky, toss them up into the sky Toss them up into the sky, autumn is here

We'll rake them into great big piles, rake them into great big piles Rake them into great big piles, autumn is here

We'll jump into the great big piles, jump into the great big piles Jump into the great big piles, autumn is here

We'll put them in a basket now, put them in a basket now Put them in a basket now, autumn is here Autumn is here