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Everybody Has A Hat

My 18-month old grandson, like most children LOVES hats! When he arrives he searches out the collection and assigns everyone a hat to wear. I'm not really a hat person, so I came up with this song to make it more fun (for me - and him!). Children do love hats, and this song is a great way to actually use them as props. Of course very young children can just put on hats and dance around. But even my little grandson followed the directions as I made up this song. These simple repeated motions will build listening skills, and both fine and gross motor skills- and they definitely make hat wearing even more fun!

Motions: Every time you say "fancy that," lift hat on fancy, put it back on your head on that. Freeze on the musical breaks in the chorus (see lyrics below)

Other motions are self-explanatory

*If you don't have enough hats for your group, they can be purchased inexpensively at dollar stores, party stores, and toy stores. Of course firefighter and construction worker hats are favorites. But you can also purchase fun used hats at your local thrift store. You can't have too many hats where kids are concerned!

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Chorus:

Everybody has a hat on his head, now fancy that, fancy that Everybody has a hat on her head, now fancy that, fancy that Everybody has a hat (freeze) now fancy that, fancy that

Take your hat off your head. Wave it around in the air Put it back on your head, take it off, put it back, leave it there, oh-----(CHORUS)

INSTRUMENTAL CHORUS Fancy that, fancy that fancy that, fancy that

Some people wear hats at work, some people wear hats at play Some people wear hats to keep out the sun, some to keep the rain away oh-----(CHORUS)

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