

Rain, Rain, Won't Go Away

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Here in the Pacific Northwest we can have rain any time of the year. Recently I received an e-mail from a librarian which prompted this song. It read, in part:

“...Since my library is on the rainy Oregon coast, I wanted a book to read that dealt with a RAINY winter day rather than a SNOWY winter day, or maybe a rainy CLIMATE book. So far I have found no books...none. *How is it that you don't have any rainy songs?* Seattle is in the world's largest temperate rain forest, just like my town, and famous (notorious?) for its rain...Maybe someday you'll write a rainy song for all of us living in or near this lovely but soggy temperate rain forest? - Keeping my fingers crossed...”

Well Sara, you can un-cross your fingers, because I've taken your request to heart! Here is your year-round rainy day song.

It can be done as a circle dance, as you will see from the instructions.

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Wintertime is here, maybe this year we'll have snow

We'll put our hats and mittens on, (pretend to put on hat, hold up mitten hands)

Make a snowball we can throw (claps hands together for snowball and pretend to throw)

CHORUS: (walk around in a circle, stopping for the verses)

Oh, no, it's raining, it's pouring, the old man is snoring

Rain, rain, go away, come again another day

Spring is nearly here, little flowers start to grow

(bring fingers of one hand up through other loose fist for “grow”)

Let's get the garden started,

Bring the shovel, bring the hoe (pretend to dig) (CHORUS)

Summer's finally here, you can almost feel the sun (circle arms above head for sun)

Let's go outside and climb a tree

And play 'til the day is done (pretend to climb) (CHORUS)

Now the fall has chilled the air, (hug self and rub arms indicating chill)

All the leaves are falling down (flutter fingers down)

Let's make a great big pile of them (pretend to gather leaves with arms)

And jump and twirl around (jump and twirl!) (CHORUS)

Let's put on our raincoats, let's put our rain boots on too (pretend motions)

Let's open a big umbrella,

It's the only thing to do (hold arms overhead, fingers touching for umbrella)

Because ...

It's raining, it's pouring, the old man is snoring,

Rain, rain won't go away,

So we'll just have to go outside anyway... and play