

Dance, little baby, dance up high

Ann Taylor published this couplet in 1808 as 'The baby's dance'.

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The words of this song suggest how you should move the baby.



Musical score for the song "Dance, little baby, dance up high". The score is written in 6/8 time and consists of five staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "Dance, lit - tle ba - by, dance up high, Nev - er mind ba - by, moth - er is by; Crow and ca - per, ca - per and crow, There, lit - tle ba - by, there you go; Up to the ceil - ing, down to the ground, Back - wards and for - wards round and round; Dance, lit - tle ba - by, and moth - er shall sing, With a mer - ry gay co - ral, sing, ding - a - ding ding, ding - a - ding ding!"

Dance, little baby, dance up high,
Never mind, baby, mother is by;
Crow and caper, caper and crow,
There, little baby, there you go;

Up to the ceiling, down to the ground,
Backwards and forwards, round and round;
Dance, little baby, and mother shall sing,
With a merry gay coral, sing ding-a-ding ding,
With a merry gay coral, sing ding-a-ding ding!