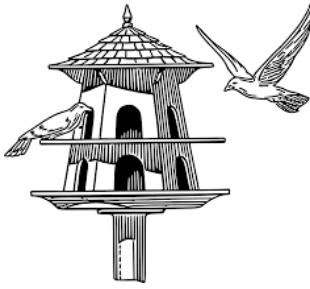# My pigeon house

Grandparents from many countries including Romania, Scandinavia, Spain, Russia and Ireland and have sung versions of this beautiful lullaby to send young children to sleep. In Germany this traditional tune is known as 'Muss I Den' and was popularised by Elvis Presley.Watch at: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q00fe_Uj_nM
Play as below or spread around the room with all children miming the movements of the pigeons. I just play this as a hand play, see video.

Half the class form a circle, the others 'the pigeons' stand in the centre. The circle walks gently round then makes tall arches. The pigeons fly out and twirl high and low around the outside, finally standing on tippy toes. The circle re-opens the 'doors' so the pigeons can enter and settle down to sleep hands to cheek.
As before but pigeons finish by dancing in pairs in the centre of the circle.
Swap roles.

I open up my pigeon house,
And I set all my pigeons free.
They fly around on every side,
'Til they perch on the highest tree.
And when they return from their merry, merry flight,
They close their eyes and they say, 'Good night'.
Coo-oo coo, coo-oo coo, coo-oo coo, coo-oo coo,
Coo-oo coo, coo-oocoo, coocoo. x 2

I open up my pigeon house, pigeon house,
And I set all my pigeons free.
They fly around and up and down, up and down,
'Til they perch on the highest tree.
And when they return from their merry, merry flight,
They turn on the light and they dance all night.
Coo-oo coo, coo-oo coo, coo-oo coo, coo-oo coo,
Coo-oo coo, coo-oocoo, coocoo. x 2