

Mon petit lapin

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'Mon petit lapin' is a French endearment like 'sweetheart' and can be used to end a letter to a loved one but this Easter song is about cheering up a sad little rabbit. A version for home play charmingly ends with 'Et va vite embrasser quelqu'un' – 'And go quickly to kiss someone' the child who plays the rabbit chooses a brother, sister, friend or parent to kiss. Sing the first two lines sadly and slowly. Sing the last two cheerfully and briskly.

Begin in a circle with a child 'rabbit' in the middle. Rabbit crouches and looks sad. The circle turns slowly round the rabbit. Stop facing the centre. Children clap their hands and the rabbit hops around the circle.

The child in the centre chooses another to be the new rabbit.

Mon pe - tit la - pin à bien du cha - grin, Il ne sau - te plus, dans l'pe - tit jar - din. Sau - te, sau - te, sau - te mon p'tit la - pin! Sau - te, sau - te, saute dans l'pe - tit jar - din!



Mon petit lapin à bien du chagrin,
Il ne saute plus, dans l'petit jardin.
Saute, saute, saute mon p'tit lapin!
Saute, saute, saute dans l'petit jardin!

*My dear little rabbit is sad today,
In my garden he'll no longer hop and play.
Hop, hop, hop, hop, hop, wipe those tears away!
Hop, hop, hop, hop, hop, in my garden play!*