

There was a little turtle

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A cumulative action song and great fun as the movements get progressively harder to perform each time the song is sung.

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Verse 1. Make hand into a fist with thumb out. Cover turtle with the other hand. Place one hand on top of the other and make thumbs 'swim'. Hands make a climbing motion. 2. Snap thumb and finger three times. Snap at self. 3. Grab three times. Shake finger from side to side and point to self.

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. It consists of four staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: 'There was a lit - tle tur - tle. He lived in a box. He swam in a pud - dle. He climbed on the rocks. He snapped at a mos - qui - to. He snapped at a flea. He snapped at a min - now. And he snapped at me! He caught the mos - qui - to. He caught the flea. He caught the min - now. But he did - n't catch me!' The chords indicated above the notes are D, G, D, A7, D, A7, D, D, G, D, D, G, A, D, D, D, G, D, A, Em, D.

There was a little turtle.
He lived in a box.
He swam in the puddles.
He climbed on the rocks.
He snapped at the mosquito.
He snapped at the flea.
He snapped at the minnow.
And he snapped at me!
He caught the mosquito.
He caught the flea.
He caught the minnow.
But he didn't catch me!

