

Giro, giro tondo

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A traditional Italian circle game for the very young. It is likely this nursery rhyme originates from 'Ring-ring- a-roses' three centuries ago during the Great plague in England. There are several versions of the game that can be played in small or large groups.

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Children hold hands and walk in a circle. At the end they fall on the floor.

Two staves of musical notation in G major, 4/4 time. The first staff contains the first line of the song, and the second staff contains the second line. Chords are indicated above the notes: G, C, G, C, G, D, D7, G, C, G.

Gi - ro gi - ro ton - do, Gi - ra il mon - do! Gi - ra la ter - ra, Tut - ti giù per ter - ra!

Gi - ro gi - ro ton - do, Il ma - re e' fon - do, Ton - do e' la ter - re, Tut - ti giù per ter - ra!

Giro, giro tondo, gira il mondo,
gira la Terra, tutti giù per terra!
Giro giro tondo, il mare è fondo,
tonda è la Terra, tutti giù per terra!



*Circle round and round-o, circle round the world-o,
Earth turns around-o, all fall on the ground-o!
Circle round and round-o, Sea is deep and stormy,
Earth is very round-o; all fall on the ground-o!*

Giro giro tondo, l'angelo è biondo,
biondo è il grano, tutti ci sediamo!
Giro giro tondo, ora ti circondo,
come una ciambella, tutti giù per terra!

*Circle round and round-o, angel hair is golden,
Golden is the grain too, now we all sit down-o!
Circle round and round-o, now I will surround you.
Just like a doughnut; all fall on the ground-o!*