

I sent a letter to my love

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A circle game from my childhood.

This isn't the actual version I remember as a child, that one is much closer to 'A-tisket a-tasket' but is the one found in the Clarendon books of singing games published in 1957 and later in the Ladybird book of 'Dancing rhymes' 1976.

Children sit in a ring; one child skips or runs round the outside and drops it behind a seated child some time during the second part. The child who finds the handkerchief jumps up and runs round the circle in the opposite direction to the dropper. Both aim for the empty space. The loser becomes the new skipper.



The musical score is written on three staves in 6/8 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the song, with chords F, Bb, F, C7, F, C7, and F above the notes. The second staff continues the melody for the second line, with chords F, Bb, F, C7, F, C7, and F. The third staff continues the melody for the third line, with chords C7, F, C7, F, C7, C7, and F. The lyrics are written below the notes.

I sent a let - ter to my love And on the way — I dropped it,
One of you has picked it up And put it in — their pock - et. I
dropped it, I dropped it, A - dree, a - dree, I dropped it.

I sent a letter to my love,
And on the way I dropped it,
One of you has picked it up
And put it in their pocket.
I dropped it, I dropped it,
A-dree, a-dree, I dropped it,
I dropped it, I dropped it,
A-dree, a-dree, I dropped it.

