

Jack-in-the-box

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A simple suspense action game or hand play as children wait for that magic moment when Jack is released from his box. You will notice how the notes descend until the last ones.

This is from one of my favourite song books for young children, 'Singing Fun' by Lucille F. Wood and Louise B' Scott, published in 1962. I came across it when first teaching.

Game: Squat down with hands over head, put finger to lips. Jump up high! Hand play: Place hands over head, put finger to lips. Wrap forefinger with opposite hand. Lid thumb springs open and 'Jack' forefinger jumps out.



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Jack - in - the - box, Quiet as a mouse, Deep down in - side Your dark lit - tle house.



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Jack in the box,
Quiet as a mouse,
Deep down inside
Your dark little house.
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Yes, I will!

