

Nuts in May

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This old English song is commonly sung and danced at the May Day festivities; the tune is very similar to 'Here we go round the mulberry bush'. Wikipedia suggests that as nuts are commonly picked in autumn the 'nuts' here would refer to 'knots' or bunches of flowers, perhaps 'knots of May / hawthorn' for the May time celebrations.

Divide children to form two facing lines.

1. Two lines advance and retreat. 2. One line only advances and retreats.

3. The other side advances and retreats choosing a child from the line

opposite. 4. The first side advances to ask their question. 5. The second side choose a child from their own line.

The two chosen children then have a tug of war until one child is pulled to the other side where they join that line.

The game continues until one side has all the players.

Here we go ga - ther - ing nuts in May, nuts in May,
nuts in May, Here we go ga - ther - ing nuts in May, On a
cold and fros - ty morn - ing.

The musical score is written on three staves in 6/8 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the verse, with chords F, Dm, F, Gm, and G7. The second staff continues the melody for the second line, with chords C, C7, F, Dm, and F. The third staff concludes the melody for the third line, with chords Gm, C7, F, and F.

Chorus:

Here we go gathering nuts in May,
nuts in May, nuts in May,
Here we go gathering nuts in May,
On a cold and frosty morning.

Who will you have for nuts in May?...

Chorus

We will have for nuts in May...

Chorus

Who will you send to fetch her away?...

Chorus

We will send to fetch her away...

Chorus:

