

Five little birds

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A hand play for Spring.

Initial poem from 'Materials for nursery school teachers' Michigan Council of Cooperative Nurseries, Jackson, published in 1973.

The second two verses are by Dany Rosevear.

Verse 1. Raise fingers of left hand then right hand. Interlace fingers with palms up. Sway nests gently.

2. Raise two hands, wiggle fingers. Interlace fingers, palms down and fingers raised. Raise forefingers. Hands to heart. Make nest as before.

3. Raise fingers of left hand. Make nest as before. Make hedgehog as before.

Open and close forefingers

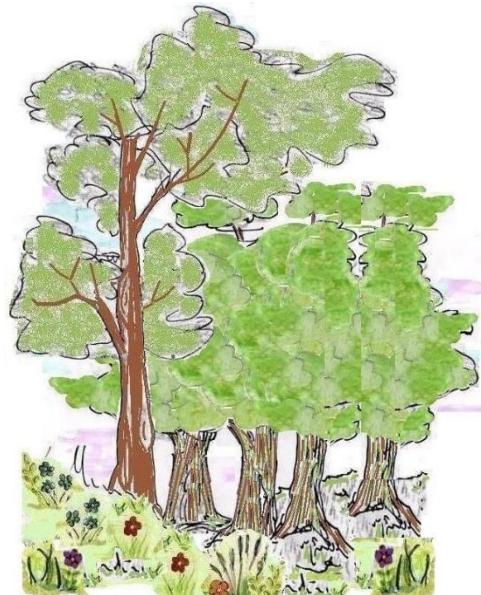


Five little birds without any home.

Five little trees in a row.

"Come build your nests in our branches tall.

We'll rock you to and fro.



Under the trees is a bed of dry leaves,

Where old hedgehog shuffles and sighs;

Looks up, up above where surrounded by love

In each nest is a big surprise!



Five little eggs all cosy and warm

Deep in each nest they lie;

Hedgehog snuffles past, hears the shells crack at last;

"Cheep, cheep! Cheep, cheep!" the little chicks cry.