

All around the old oak tree

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A cheerful Autumn 'choose a partner' game. Play as below or just dance around the trees and 'high five' another child on 'Whoops! I beg your pardon'. Adapt this song to your own setting, identify and name trees encountered outside.

Words by Dany Rosevear set to a classic nursery rhyme tune.

Verse 1. Skip round with a partner, first one way, then the other.

2. Drop hands skip round the room looking for a new partner. 'High five' first one opposite hand and then the other. Continue as before.



Music notation for the first line of the song. The melody is in G major, 6/8 time. Chords: G, D7, G, G, D7, G.

All a - round the old oak tree, Au - tumn comes a - call - ing,



Music notation for the second line of the song. Chords: G, D7, G, C, D7, G.

Red and yel - low, o - range and brown, Watch the leaves a - fall - ing!



Music notation for the third line of the song. Chords: C, D, C, D.

All a - round the horse- chest - nut tree, In the Au - tumn gar - den,



Music notation for the fourth line of the song. Chords: C, D7, G.

Shi - ny con - kers, pick them up; Whoops! I beg your par - don!

All around the old oak tree,
Autumn comes a-calling,
Red and yellow, orange and brown.
Watch the leaves a-falling!

All around the horse chestnut tree,
In the Autumn garden,
Shiny conkers, pick them up;
"Whoops, I beg your pardon!"

