

Twig by twig

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A Spring hand play.

Last year I watched as a magpie flew regularly across our garden with a large twig in its beak, I was unable to follow it to its destination but could imagine what would happen next.

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Verse 1. Hold up fingers one at a time. Cross hands at the wrist and flap. Hands make a nest. 2. Hold up fingers one at a time. Tap on hand. Open hands at wrist. 3. Hold up wiggling fingers one at a time. Open thumbs and forefingers. 4. Hold up fingers one at a time. Cross forefingers and fly away.

The musical score is written on three staves in 2/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, with chords C, F, C, F, C above it. The second staff continues the melody for the second line, with chords Dm, G7, C, F above it. The third staff concludes the melody for the third line, with chords C, F, C, G7, C above it. The lyrics are: 'One twig, two twigs, three twigs, four, Five twigs, six twigs, sev - en and more. Car - ried by a mag - pie fly - ing through the sky, To make a stur - dy nest in a tree up high.'

One twig, two twigs, three twigs, four,
Five twigs, six twigs, seven and more,
Carried by a magpie flying through the sky,
To make a sturdy nest in a tree up high.

One egg, two eggs, three eggs, four,
Five eggs, six eggs, seven and more,
Who is that a-tapping with a tippety-tap,
Now watch the little chicks as they start to hatch.

One worm, two, worms, three worms, four,
Five worms, six worms, seven and more,
Mother bird is feeding her very hungry brood,
Beaks wide open for their wiggly food.

One chick, two chicks, three chicks, four,
Five chicks, six chicks, seven and more,
Follow each chick as it grows each day,
'Til each chick is big enough to fly away.

