Alouette

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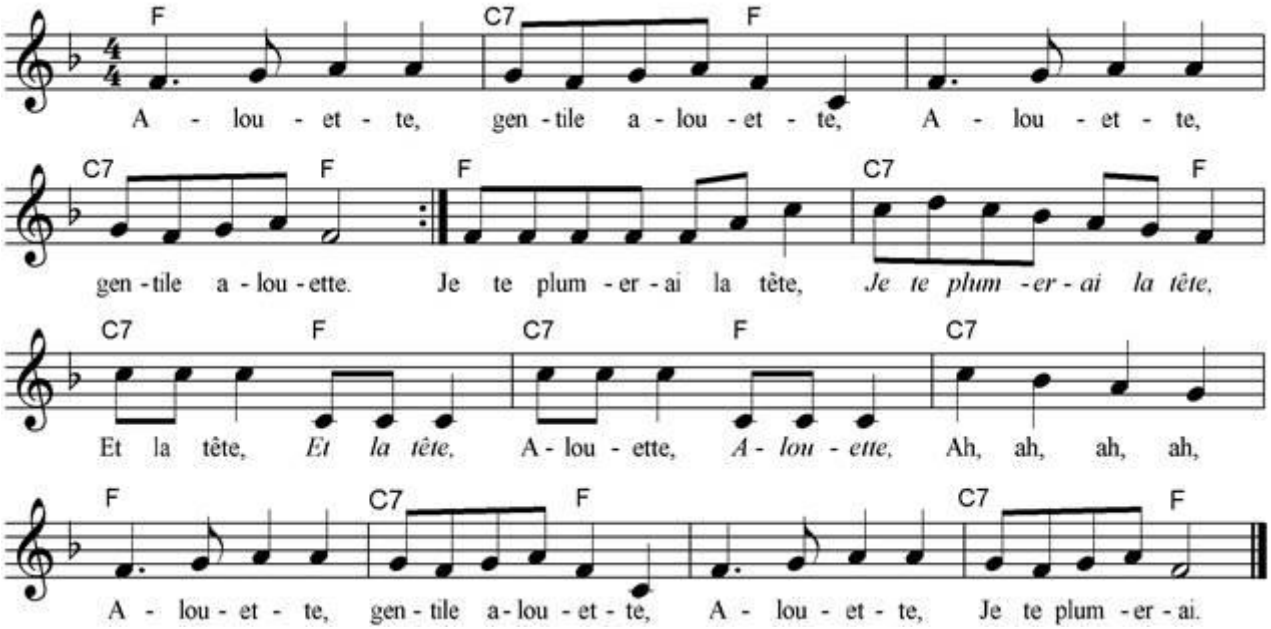
One of the most popular of French and Canadian folk songs. Easily identifiable from the first few bars with its lively 2/4 time. In this cumulative song the skylark's feathers are plucked from various parts of its anatomy in preparation for cooking! It can also be sung as a round.

1. All join hands and skip in a circle around a leader standing in the centre clapping. 2. Leader sings first line and touches the head. Circle echo words and imitates actions. 3. Walk three steps to the left with hands held aloft then back three steps (check step count with music) 4. Skip counter clockwise.
5. Repeat as above but each time add another body part and action working down the body.





Alouette, gentille alouette, Alouette, je te plumerai.

Je te plumerai la tête, (the head) *Je te plumerai la tête,*
Et la tête! *Et la tête!*
Chorus: Alouette! *Alouette!* Ah, ah, ah, ah,
Alouette, gentille alouette, Alouette, je te plumerai.

Je te plumerai le bec, (the beak) *Je te plumerai le bec,*
Et le bec! *Et le bec!* Et la tête! *Et la tête!*
Alouette! *Alouette!* Ah, ah...

Je te plumerai le cou, (the neck) *Je te plumerai le cou,*
Et le cou! *Et le cou!* Et le bec! *Et le bec!* Et la tête! *Et la tête!*
Alouette! *Alouette!* Ah, ah...

Je te plumerai les ailes, (wings) *Je te plumerai les ailes,*
Et les ailes! *Et les ailes!* Et le cou!
Et le cou! Et le bec! *Et le bec!* Et la tête! *Et la tête!*
Alouette! *Alouette!* Ah, ah...

Je te plumerai le dos, (the back) *Je te plumerai le dos,*
Et le dos! *Et le dos!* Et les ailes! *Et les ailes!*
Et le cou! *Et le cou!* Et le bec! *Et le bec!* Et la tête! *Et la tête!*
Alouette! *Alouette!* Ah, ah...

Je te plumerai les pattes, (the legs) *Je te plumerai les pattes,*
Et les pattes! Et *les pattes!*
Et le dos! *Et le dos!* Et les ailes! *Et les ailes!*
Et le cou! *Et le cou!* Et le bec! *Et le bec!* Et la tête! *Et la tête!*
Alouette! *Alouette!* Ah, ah...

Je te plumerai la queue, (the tail) *Je te plumerai la queue,*
Et la queue! *Et la queue!* Et les pattes! Et *les pattes!*
Et le dos! *Et le dos!* Et les ailes! *Et les ailes!*
Et le cou! *Et le cou!* Et le bec! *Et le bec!* Et la tête! *Et la tête!*
Alouette! *Alouette!* Ah, ah...