Sur le pont d'Avignon

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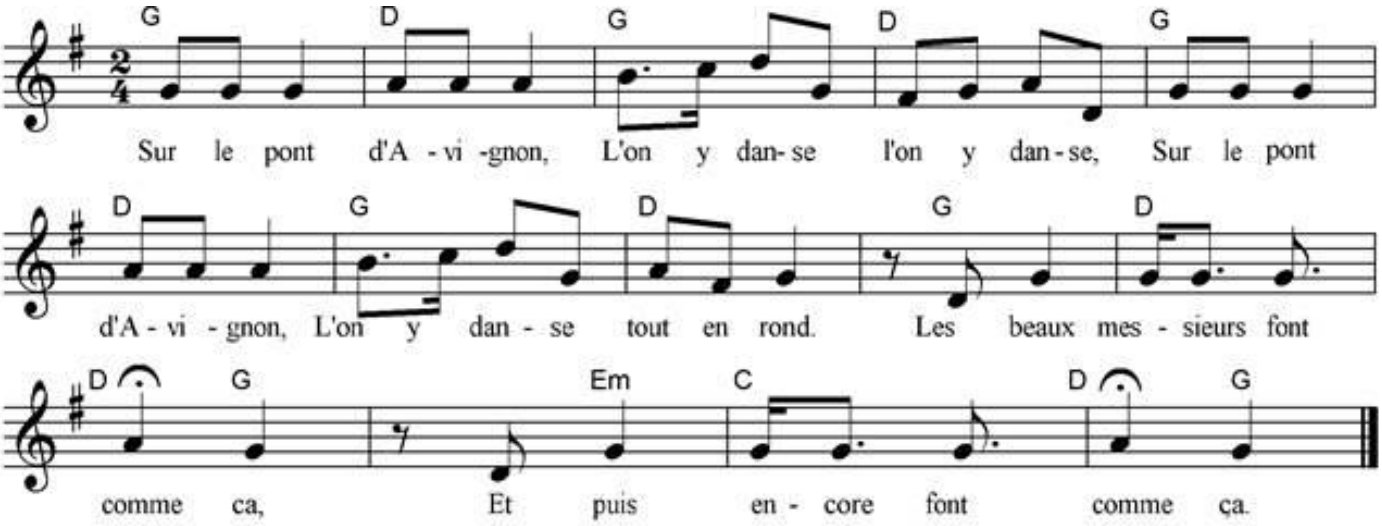
'Sur le Pont' was written by an anonymous composer in 1853. At this time dancing occurred under rather than on the bridge The initial wooden bridge spanned the River Rhone dividing France from the Holy Roman Empire. It dates from the end of the 13th century. Only four of its original 22 arches have survived.
Watch the game at: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ya8EZ5092RU
Make a circle with boys and girls alternating.





Chorus: Sur le pont d'Avignon, l'on y danse, l'on y danse
Sur le pont d'Avignon, l'on y danse, tout en rond.
(On the bridge of Avignon, all are dancing, all are dancing
On the bridge of Avignon, all are dancing in a ring.)
Holding hands skip first to the left then to the right.

Les beaux messieurs font comme ça,
Et puis encore comme ça.
(The gentlemen go this way,
And then again go that way.) Chorus
Boys step into the circle, bow and doff hat.

Les belles dames (the ladies) font comme ça,. Chorus
Girls take step into the circle and curtsey.

Les cordonniers (The shoemakers) font comme ça, Chorus
Shoemakers step forward, mend shoes.

Les musiciens (the musicians) font comme ça, Chorus
Musicians step into the circle and play an instrument.

Les jardiniers (The gardeners) font comme ça, Chorus
Gardeners step forward and garden.

Les soldats (The soldiers) font comme ça,..... Chorus
Soldiers step forward, march on the spot.