

## **25 MORE of My Favorite Campfire songs**

**Traditional songs compiled and performed by Denise Gagné  
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## 1. The Ants Come Marching

The ants came marching one by one, hourrah! Hourrah! (repeat)  
The ants came marching one by one,  
The little one stops to suck his thumb  
And they all came marching down to the earth to get out of the rain  
Boom-boom-boom-boom-boom-boom-boom

The ants came marching two by two...  
The little one stopped to tie his shoe

The ants came marching three by three...  
The little one stopped to climb a tree

The ants came marching four by four...  
The little one stopped to shut the door

The ants came marching five by five...  
The little one stopped to dance the jive

The ants came marching six by six...  
The little one stopped to pick up sticks

The ants came marching seven by seven...  
The little one stopped to get to Heaven.

## 2. Kookaburra

Kookaburra sits in the old gum tree,  
Merry, merry king of the bush is he.  
Laugh, Kookaburra, laugh, Kookaburra,  
Gay your life must be!

Kookaburra sits in the old gum tree  
Eating all the gum drops he can see  
Stop, Kookaburra, stop, Kookaburra  
Leave some there for me!

### 3. Brush Your Teeth

Well ,when you wake up in the morning it's a quarter to one  
And you want to have a little fun,  
You brush your teeth (swish)  
You brush your teeth (swish)

When you wake up in the morning it's a quarter to two  
You don't know what you're going to do  
You brush your teeth (swish)  
You brush your teeth (swish)

When you wake up in the morning, it's a quarter to three  
Your mind starts singing tweedle-dee-dee  
You brush your teeth (swish)  
You brush your teeth (swish)

When you wake up in the morning, it's a quarter to four  
You hear someone knocking on your door  
You brush your teeth (swish)  
You brush your teeth (swish)

When you wake up in the morning, it's a quarter to five  
And you just can't wait to come alive!  
You brush your teeth (swish)  
You brush your teeth (swish)

### 4. Swimming, swimming

Swimming, swimming (move arms as though dog paddling)  
in my swimming pool (draw a square in the air)  
When days are hot, (wipe brow)  
when days are cold (rub arms and shiver)  
In my swimming pool. (draw square in the air)  
Breast stroke, (both hands push forward and open from chest)  
side stroke, (one hand goes up, one goes down on one side)  
fancy diving too! (make a diving action with hands)  
Oh, don't you wish you never had anything else to do, but....  
(wag finger at people around you)

With each repetition of the song, one line is hummed rather than sang, keeping the actions.

## 5. Fish & Chips & Vinegar

Part one:

Fish and chips and vinegar, vinegar, vinegar

Fish and chips and vinegar, pepper, pepper, pepper salt.

Part two:

Don't throw your junk in my backyard,

My backyard, my backyard,

Don't throw you junk in my backyard,

My backyard's full.

Part three:

One bottle of pop, two bottles of pop

Three bottles of pop, Four bottles of pop

Five bottles of pop, Six bottles of pop,

Seven, seven bottles of pop.

## 6. Tony Chestnut

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Knows I love you

Tony knows, Tony knows

Tony Chestnut knows I love you

That's what Tony knows.

Actions:

Toe knee chest nut (head)

Nose eye love (hand on heart) you (point)

Toe-knee nose, toe knee nose

Toe knee chest nut nose eye love you

That's what (two hand claps or two pats on lap)

Toe knee nose!

One way to sing this song is to replace the words with the actions.

The first time through replace Tony with toe knee, etc.

## 7. Yogi Bear

I know someone you don't know, Yogi, Yogi  
I know someone you don't know Yogi, Yogi Bear  
Yogi, Yogi Bear, Yogi, Yogi Bear  
I know someone you don't know, Yogi, Yogi Bear.

2. Yogi has a little friend, Boo-boo, Boo-boo
3. Yogi has a girlfriend too, Cindy, Cindy
4. They all have an enemy, Ranger, Ranger
5. The all live in Jellystone, Jelly, Jelly

## 8. Black socks

Black socks they never got dirty  
The longer you wear them the stronger they get  
Sometimes I think I should wash them,  
but something inside me says "Oh no! not yet!"

## 9. Baby Bumblebee

I'm takin' home my baby bumble bee  
Won't my mommy be so proud of me!  
I'm takin' home my baby bumble bee  
Oo ee! The bee stung me!

I'm smashing up my baby bumblebee  
Won't my mommy be so proud of me  
I'm smashing up my baby bumble bee  
Oo Ee! There's bee on me!

I'm wiping off my baby bumble bee  
Won't my mommy be so proud of me  
I'm wiping off my baby bumble bee  
Oo Ee! There's my bee!

## 10. The Worm song (Nobody Likes Me)

Nobody loves me,  
Everybody hates me  
I'm gonna eat some worms  
Big, fat, juicy ones  
Long, thin slimy ones  
Itsy-bitsy, fuzzy wuzzy worms  
First you bite the head off  
Then you suck the guts out  
Oooh! How they wiggle and they squirm!  
Big, fat, juicy ones  
Long, thin slimy ones  
Guess I'm gonna eat some worms!

## 11. Grandpa's Beard

I have a dear old grandpa,  
His hair is turning gray,  
He has a pair of whiskers,  
They're always in the way.

Chorus:

Oh! They're always in the way.  
The cows eat them for hay.  
They cover the dirt on grandpa's shirt,  
They're always in the way.

I have a dear, old uncle,  
He drives a Ford machine,  
He uses grandpa's whiskers  
To strain the gasoline!

I have a dear old grandma,  
And every night she sleeps,  
She chews on grandpa's whiskers  
And dreams they're shredded wheat.

Every Sunday morning  
We gather in a group,  
To watch old grandpa's whiskers  
A-dangling in the soup.

## 12. O'Really and O'Riley

O'Really is dead and O'Riley don't know it  
O'Riley is dead and O'Really don't know it,  
They're both laying dead in the very same bed  
And neither one knows that the other is dead.

Rumm, rumm, rummm, rumm, rumm.

(The idea with this song is to start quietly and build the volume each time the verse is repeated, to create the effect of the singers coming up over a hill, and then walking off into the distance)

## 13. I'm a Nut

I'm a little acorn round, sitting in the cold, hard ground  
Someone came and stepped on me,  
That is why I'm cracked you see!

I'm a nut, \* \* I'm a nut \*\*  
I'm a nut, I'm a nut, I'm a nut \*\*

Called myself on the telephone,  
Just to hear my golden tones  
Asked myself out for a date  
Picked me up at quarter past eight.

Took myself to the picture show,  
Sat me down in the very last row  
Wrapped my arms around my waist  
Got so fresh I slapped my face!  
(\* indicates "clucking" your tongue twice)

## 14. Boom, Boom, Ain't it Great to be Crazy!

Way down South where bananas grow  
An ant stepped on an elephant's toe  
The elephant cried with tears in his eyes  
"Pick on somebody your own size!"

Chorus:

Boom, boom, ain't it great to be crazy,  
Boom, boom, ain't it great to be crazy!  
Giddy and foolish all day long  
Boom, boom, ain't it great to be crazy!

A horse and a flea and three blind mice  
Sat on a curbstone shooting dice,  
The horse he slipped and fell on the flea,  
"Whoops", said the flea, "there's a horsie on me!"

Eli, Eli, he sells socks  
A dollar a pair or a nickel a box  
The longer you wear them the shorter they get.  
You throw them in the water and they don't get wet!

## 15. Found a Peanut

Found a peanut, found a peanut, found a peanut last night  
Last night I found a peanut, found a peanut last night.

It was rotten.....  
Ate it anyways.....  
Got sick.....  
Called the doctor.....  
Took some medicine.....  
Died anyways.....  
Went to Heaven....  
Wouldn't take me.....  
Went the other way.....

## 16. Old Hiram's Goat

Old Hiram's goat  
was feeling fine  
Ate ten red shirts  
Right off the line

Mrs. Murphy the cook  
She beat him black  
And tied him to  
The railroad track

Singin' "au revoir"  
But not "Good-bye"  
'Cause that old goat  
Wasn't bound to die

He coughed and coughed  
In mortal pain  
Coughed up those shirts  
And flagged the train

(Echo each line after leader)

## 17. Johnny Rebeck

I knew a little butcher, his name was Johnny Rebeck  
He used to deal in sauerkraut and sausage meat and speck.  
He made the finest sausage meat that you have ever seen,  
And one day he invented a sausage-making machine.

Chorus: Oh, Mr., Mr. Johnny Rebeck,  
How could you be so mean?  
I told you you 'd be sorry for  
Inventing that machine.  
Now all the neighbours cats and dogs  
Will never more be seen.  
They'll all be ground to sausage meat  
in Johnny Rebeck's machine!

2. One day a boy came walking, right up into the store.  
He bought a pound of sausages and laid them on the floor.  
Then he began to whistle a merry little tune  
And all those little sausages, they danced around the room!

One day the machine was broken, the darn thing wouldn't go,  
So Johnny Rebeck, he crawled inside, to see what made it so.  
His wife was having nightmares, a-walkin' in her sleep,  
She gave that crank a heckuva yank and Johnny Rebeck was meat!

## 18. A Drunken Sailor

What do you do with a drunken sailor? (3X)  
Earlye in the morning?

Put him in a longboat 'til he's sober (3X)

Put him in the scuppers with a hosepipe on him (3X)

Heave him by the leg in a running bowlin (3X)

Chorus:  
Way-hey and up she rises (3X)  
Earlye in the morning.

## **19. Ain't Gonna Grieve**

Oh you can't get to Heaven (oh you can't get to Heaven)  
On rollerskates (on rollerskates)  
You'll roll right past (you'll roll right past)  
Those pearly gates (those pearly gates)

Ain't gonna grieve my Lord no more.  
Ain't gonna grieve my Lord no more!

Oh, you can't get to Heaven (oh you can't get to Heaven)  
In a rocking chair (in a rocking chair)  
Cause the Lord don't want (cause the Lord don't want)  
No lazybones there (no lazy bones there)

## **20. All Day, All Night**

All day, all night, angels watchin' over me my Lord  
All day, all night, angels watchin' over me.

If I lay me down to sleep  
Angels watchin over me my Lord  
Pray the Lord my soul to keep  
Angels watchin over me.

If I die before I wake  
Angels watchin over me my Lord  
Pray the Lord my soul to take  
Angels watchin over me.

## **21. Father Abraham**

Father Abraham had seven sons  
Seven sons had Father Abraham  
Well they couldn't laugh and they couldn't sing  
All they did was go like this:

With a right! (arm)  
And a left! (arm)  
And a right! (foot)  
And a left! (foot)  
Chin up!  
Tongue out!

## 22. Rise and Shine

You've got to rise and shine  
and give God your glory, glory (2X)  
Children of the Lord.

The Lord said to Noah, "There's gonna be a floody, floody (2X)  
Get those children \* out of the muddy, muddy."  
Children of the Lord.

So Noah, he went out and built himself an arky, arky (2X)  
Made it out of \* hickory barky, barky  
Children of the Lord.

The animals they came and they loaded on by twosies, twosies (2X)  
Elephants and kangaroosies, roosies  
Children of the Lord.

It rained and it poured for forty daysies, daysies (2X)  
Drove them animals \* nearly crazy, crazy  
Children of the Lord.

The sun, it rose up and dried out the landy, landy (2X)  
Everything was \* fine and dandy, dandy  
Children of the Lord.

## 23. I'm in the Lord's Army

I'm too young to march in the infantry,  
Ride in the calvary, shoot the artillery  
I'm too you to fly over land and sea,  
But I'm in the Lord's army. Yes Sir!

I'm in the Lord's army, yes Sir!  
I'm in the Lord's army, yes Sir!

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I'm too you to fly over land and sea,  
But I'm in the Lord's army. Yes Sir!

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(with thanks to Melissa Dube)

I may never climb like Spiderman,  
Flex like Batman  
Fly like Superman  
Inspector Gadget's no match for who I am,  
But I'm one of the Lord's heroes. Doodle-lee-do!

## 24. Dem Bones

I know it, know it,  
Indeed I know it Brother,  
I know it Yeah!  
Dem bones gonna rise again!

Verses:

1. The Lord decided to make a man  
Dem bones gonna rise again!  
Made him out of clay and a little bit of sand  
Dem bones gonna rise again.
2. Took a rib from Adam's side  
Made Miss Eve to be his bride
3. Said "In this garden you may go,  
'cept one place you mustn't go!"
4. Serpent coilin' around that trunk,  
At Miss Eve's eye he wunk.
5. First Miss Eve gave a little pull,  
Then she filled her apron full.
6. The Lord God came a-walkin' round  
Spied them peelings on the ground.
7. Said "From this garden you must get!  
Earn your living by your sweat!"
8. That's the end, there ain't no more.  
Eve got the apple, Adam got the core.

## 25. Will the Circle be Unbroken

I was standing by my window  
On a cold and cloudy day,  
When I saw that hearse come rollin'  
For to take my mother away.

Chorus:

Will the circle be unbroken?  
By and by, Lord, by and by.  
There's a better home a-waitin'  
In the sky, Lord, in the sky.  
2. So I told the undertaker,  
"Undertaker, please drive slow,  
For this body you are haulin'  
Lord, I hate to see her go."

3. Well I followed close behind her,  
Tried to hold up and be brave  
But I could not hide my sorrow  
When they laid her in the grave.

4. I went back home, it was lonesome,  
Missed my mother now she's gone.  
All my brothers and sisters cryin'  
In our home so sad and alone.

5. We sang the songs of childhood  
Hymns of faith that made us strong,  
Ones that our mother had taught us,  
Now her angel sings along.

6. One by one the seats were empty,  
One by one they went away,  
Now my family, they are parted,  
Will they meet again someday