

3. Sur Le Pont D'Avignon (2:00)

Trad/Arr. by Alex Mahe

Refrain:

Sur le pont d'Avignon

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Sur le pont d'Avignon
L'on y danse tout en rond

Les beaux garçons font comm', ça

(Refrain)

Les belles filles font comm' ça

Et puis encore comment ça

(Retrain)

Les musiciens font comment ça

(Refrain)

One of my all-time French favorites! Mom used to sing this song to me as a child (and still does at 78)! She explains, that in the city of Avignon, located in our ancestral country of France, the old abandoned bridge still stands. A fun song that, while in a circle formation, boys bow and girls curtsy differently while their designated verse is sung. Have children find and act out other porticipatory words.

9. Le Coucou (1:40)

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Dans la forêt lointaine

On entend le coucou

Du haut de son grand chêne,

Il répond au hibou

(Keratin)

Concours, hibou - concours, hibou

Concours - concours

Country, Hindu, Muslim, and Christian

Concours - concours

Dans la forêt lointaine

Je compte les concours

Du hout de leurs grands chènes,

Ille respondit aux hiobou

Un, deux - trois, quatre - cinq, six - sept, huit

Neuf, dix - onze, douze — hiboux, coucous

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An odditive 'call and answer' ditty following a long day's blight, the cuckoo bird prepares for sleep and calls. In response, the awakening owl answers the call (his own name). Responding to anticipated intervals helps a child develop listening skills and improves musical timing. Counting and responding in French is also fun with an educational touch. Try inserting other call and answer actions (i.e. hand claps, wing flaps etc.). The cuckoo is named for the sound of its call in countries such as: France, coucou; Holland, Koekoek; Germany, kukuck Japan, kokko.

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