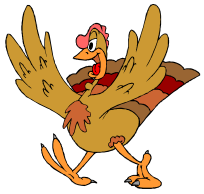
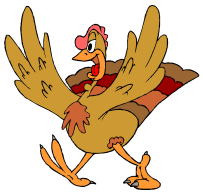


The Farmer and the Turkeys



(Tune: Down by the Station)
Lyrics: Cherry Carl
Singing Game Directions: Lucy Jensen

D A7 D
Down in the barnyard early in the morning,
D A7 D
See the fattened turkeys all in a row,
D A7 D
See the hungry farmer coming for his dinner,
D D A7 D
Gobble, gobble! Whoof, whoof! Off they go!

Suggestions: If you use the chord accompaniment above, on the "Gobble, gobble, Whoof, whoof!" a child can play a "D" note in rhythm (on the piano, tone bells or keyboard).

Singing Game

1. Divide the class half and form 2 circles, one inside the other. (If there's an extra child, he can stand in the center and be a "leader.")
2. Farmer puppets are in the right hand and turkey puppets are in the left throughout the entire song.
3. The center circle always goes clockwise and they are the farmers, holding their right hand high in the air.
4. The outside circle always goes counterclockwise and they are the turkeys, holding their left hands up in the air.
5. Children sing as they walk (tiptoe, hop, etc.) until they get to the "Gobble, gobble" part. Then the stop, trade circles, and hold up the other puppet. Example: Farmers (inside circle) step to the outside circle and hold up their left hand (turkey puppet). They will now be ready to walk counterclockwise. Turkeys (from the outside circle) step in to be farmers.
6. Repeat song to teach left and right and clockwise and counterclockwise.