

# Composition in Early Years

## Songs

**A Hiking We Will Go** - creative rhyming.

**What's Inside The Music Box?** – identifying sounds.

**Cinderella – One Finger One Thumb** – selecting musical sounds to tell a story.

**What's In The Basket?** - creating rhythms.

**A Hiking We Will Go** (Tune: The Farmer Wants a Wife – a song for marching to the pulse and the creative use of rhyme)

*A hiking we will go*

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*We'll see a fox in box*

*And then we'll say hello*

Let the children choose what they might see on the hike – animals, objects, anything goes - and then see if they can come up with rhymes to match -

- a lion using an iron
- a monkey being funky
- a sheep, making a leap etc.

**What Inside The Music Box** (Tune: Old MacDonald Had A Farm)

*What's inside the music box? Instruments to play x 2*

*With a play play here and a play play there  
Here a play, there a play, everywhere a play play*

*What inside the music box? Instruments to play*

Use the song to introduce the different kinds of instruments in the box.

Drums are in the music box, bang bang bang bang bang  
Guiros in the music box, scrape scrape scrape scrape scrape  
Castanets are in the box, click click click click click etc.

**Cinderella, A traditional story song; Tune: 'One finger, one thumb...'**

She had two ugly sisters.....Who made her do all the work  
A servant brought a letter.....Inviting them to a ball  
But Cinders had no dresses.....So she stayed home and cried  
A fairy found a pumpkin..... And changed it into a coach  
Now Cinders and Prince Charming..... They danced the night away  
The midnight chimes were ringing..... ..She dropped her little glass shoe  
The prince went round the city..... ..To find the girl he loved  
Now here's a happy ending.....For Cinders and her prince

**Improvisation:** using the 'magic clock'

Scrubbing, cleaning, sweeping  
Knocking at the door  
Cinderella crying  
'Magic' sounds for Fairy Godmother's wand  
The palace band  
Chiming clock  
Marching feet  
Celebration – the wedding

## **Song Writing Exercise**

### **Verse 1:**

Opening line x 3:

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Final line:

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### **Verse 2:**

Opening line x 3:

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Final line:

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### **Verse 3:**

Opening line x 3:

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Final line:

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### **Verse 4:**

Opening line x 3:

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Final line:

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### **Verse 5:**

Opening line x 3:

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Final line:

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### **Verse 6:**

Opening line x 3:

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Final line:

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What's In The Basket?

Intro	What's in the basket?	It's a ... chocolate bar	What's in the basket?	It's a ... toy pony
What's in the basket?	It's an ... ice cream	What's in the basket?	It's a ... tiger	That's what's in the basket.

Intro	What's in the basket?	Big carrot Big carrot	What's in the basket?	Strawberries Stawberries
What's in the basket?	Juicy apple Juicy apple	What's in the basket?	Sweet, tomato  Sweet, tomato	That's what's in the basket.

Intro	What's in the basket?		What's in the basket?	
What's in the basket?		What's in the basket?		That's what's in the basket.