



# Row Boys Row: Song

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Row boys row, Up the ri - ver go.

5 Long pull strong pull, row, boys, row.



Children are in pairs facing each other: Actions are as follows: **1<sup>st</sup> two bars:** 1<sup>st</sup> beat: Tap knees/2<sup>nd</sup> beat: Clap hands/3<sup>rd</sup> beat: tap knees/4<sup>th</sup> beat (rest beat): Jump 180 degrees to face opposite way.

**3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> bars:** As above but showing the rhythm i.e. 1<sup>st</sup> beat: tap right knee then left knee/2<sup>nd</sup> beat: clap twice/3<sup>rd</sup> beat: tap knees/4<sup>th</sup> beat (rest beat): jump around to face partner again.

**5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> bars:** Hold hands and turn 180 degrees to change places.

**7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> bars:** As 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> bars. (The children should end up back to back with each other).

When the children are confident with the actions try in a circle as shown below



The children are in a circle with everyone facing a partner. The actions are exactly as above but the game is continuous with the children having a new partner every time. Change the words every time – *row boys row, row girls row, row children row* etc

# Guess the song!



There are three rhythm patterns in the song **Row boys row**. None of the patterns are new – they are all in songs and rhymes we have done before. Look at the three cards showing the rhythms for **Row boys row**. Can you put them in the correct order? Can you think of other rhymes and songs you know which use these patterns? e.g How many songs do you know that use the following pattern?



“Up the river go”

“Rain is falling down”

“Pop it in the pan”



Try singing the song in **CANON** – One groups starts to sing and the second groups starts to sing after one bar!  
It looks like this:

Group one: *Row boys row (z) Up the river go (z) etc*

Group two: *Row boys row (z) etc*