

Latin Songs

Decem urnae Tune: Ten Green Bottles

Decem urnae pendent e muro
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Si una urna cadit ad terram
Sic novem urnae pendent e muro
Novem urnae Etc
Oct...
Septem...
Sex...
Quinque...
Quattuor...
Tres...
Duae urnae pendent e muro
Duae urnae pendent e muro
Si una urna cadit ad terram
Sic Nulla urna pendet e muro.

Felix dies tibi sit Tune: Happy Birthday To You

Felix dies tibi sit
Felix dies tibi sit
Felix dies care/cara
Felix dies titi sit

Sodalis enim est gratus/grata.. (masc/fem) Tune: For She's A Jolly Good Fellow

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Et quis illud negat?
Et quis illud negat
Et quis illud negat
Sodalis enim est gratus... etc

Habet totam terram manibus Tune: He's Got The Whole World In His Hands

Habet totam terram manibus
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Habet terram manibus

Habet patrem et matrem manibus
Habet caelum et mare manibus

I have found that the children enjoy finding their own verses for his (nouns in the accusative case)
feles et mures... filium et filiam... puellas et pueros, etc.

Parva casa in silva Tune: Little Cottage In A Wood (with actions)

Parva casa in silva:
Senex stat ad fenestram
Videt cuniculum qui currit
Et pulsat ianuam.
iuva iuva iuva me!
Venator vult me necare!
Veni mecum cunicule
Erimus felices

Salve! Tune: Goodnight Ladies

(Going round in turn to each individual in class)

Salve Richard, Salve Helen, Salve Julie, Salve et ave!
Salve Sophie, Salve Martin, Salve Alex, Salve et Ave!
Etc

Salve magister can be included or Salvete omnes at the end, depending on the number of children to fit in.

I have found that each child likes to take a bow or make a flourish of some sort as it is his/her turn.

Tres Mures Tune: Three Blind Mice

Tres Mures, tres mures
Ecce currunt, ecce currunt
Sequuntur agricolae femina
Caudas ea desecuit cultro
Mirabile spectaculum visu
Trium Murium

Ardet Roma Tune: London's Burning

Ardet Roma ardet Roma
Vigiles o vigilate!
Ecce! Flammae!
Aquam ferte, aquam ferte!

Frater Rufe Tune: Frere Jacques

Frater Rufe, frater Rufe,
Dormisne, dormisne?
Sona tintinabulum, sona tintinabulum
Hodie, Hodie

Caput Umeri Tune: Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes

Caput umeri genua pedes, genua pedes.
Caput umeri genua pedes, genua pedes.
Et aures et oculi et os et nasus
Caput umeri genua pedes, genua pedes.

Each time it is sung the next body part is mimed until the whole thing is silent, with actions only.

Ba La Laniger Tune: Ba Ba Black Sheep

Ba la laniger, lanigerne es?
Sic vir, non vir sunt mi sacci tres.
Principem patrono
Alterum ancillae
Tertium repono
Pusioni viae