Sound Stories Round the Year

Folk Tales, Fables, and Poems for the Music Classroom
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Halloween Dance

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Witches eating mango

In their **pointy** hats.

All do the tango

With their black cats.

Pumpkins at a school-a

Smile a **crooked** grin.

All do the hula

And add a little spin.

Skeletons say "jambo"

And wave a **bony** hand.

All do the mambo

And listen to the band.

Little **ghosties** bopping

Cause a little **fright**.

All bunny-hopping

In the moonlight.

Instrument Key



Witches: Tambourine Shake quickly



Pointy: Triangle Strike once



Black: Cymbals Crash together



Pumpkins: Hand drum *Strike once*



Crooked: Bongo drum

Alternate back and fourth



Little: Maracas Shake freely



Skeletons: Alto xylophone Play several individual notes, skipping up and down the xylophone



Bony: Claves Hit together several times



Listen: Guiro

Scrape up and then down very slowly



Ghosties: Sleigh bells *Shake freely*



Fright: Gathering drum Strike once loudly



Moonlight: Finger cymbals *Crash together*

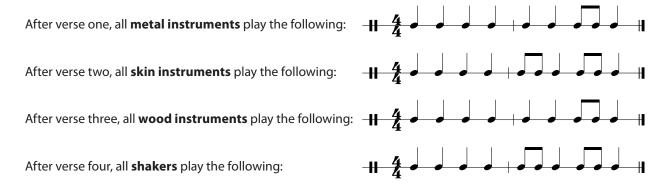
Teaching Extensions

Grade Level: K-2

Language Arts: Ask the children to identify the rhyming words.

Music: Show and demonstrate the four categories of percussion instruments (metals, skins, woods, and shakers). Separate the students into two groups. Have one group play instruments while the other group acts out the poem, then switch. In a large class, designating small groups of students to portray each stanza of the poem may further separate the movement. Allow the children to show their interpretation of what each dance might look like.

Add rhythmic patterns to connect each verse as follows:



At the conclusion of the poem, all four groups of instruments play together loudly for eight beats, then for another eight beats while getting softer.

Companion Song: Sing "There Once Was a Witch." Once the children are comfortable with the melody and lyrics, add a percussion introduction and coda using the rhythms above.

There Once Was a Witch

Anonymous

