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Sample

Fine In march time F Co

Gm C F C7

D. C. al Fine

BONSOIR, MES AMIS!

Good Night, My Friends

A "good night" song which is as popular among French-speaking people as is "Good Night, Ladies!" with most English-speaking people.

The title phrase, as well as the phrases "mes amis" and "au revoir" are retained here for the same reasons given in "Bonhomme". Moreover, these phrases are so well known to English-speaking people that they should present no difficulty to even the youngest child.

Freely

F

Bon - soir, mes a - mis, bon - soir! Bon -

F

soir, mes a - mis, bon - soir! Bon - soir, mes a - mis, bon -

Gm C7 F Dm C

soir, mes a - mis, bon - soir mes a - mis, bon - soir!

AU CLAIR DE LA LUNE

In the Clear Moonlight

This favourite folksong of 17th Century France can be "staged" in classrooms very simply, with pupils acting out the roles involved.

Flowing

G D7 G D7 G Am7 D7 G C G Am7

1. Au clair de la lu - ne, Mon a - mi Pier - rot,
2. Au clair de la lu - ne, Pier - rot ré - pon - dit:
1. Good Pier - rot be friend - ly In the clear moon - light,
2. In the moon-light beam - ing, Pier - rot did re - ply:

G D7 G C6 G Am7 D7 G

Pré - te - moi ta plu - me, Pour é - crire un mot;
"Je n'ai pas de plu - me, Je suis dans mon lit.
Your pen will you lend me, So that I may write.
In my bed I'm drea - ming, And no pen have I.

A E7 A Em7 A A7 D7

Ma chan - delle est mor - te, Je n'ai plus de feu;
Va chez la voi - si - ne, Je crois qu'elle y est,
I have no more can - dle, No more flame have I;
Go and ask our neigh - bour She may have a light,

G D7 G C G Am7 D7 G

Ou - vre moi ta por - te, Pour l'a - mour de Dieu.
Car dans sa cui - si - ne, On bat le bri - quet."
Un - lock the door han - dle In God's name I cry.
For she's still at la - bour By the fi - re - side."

IL ETAIT UNE BERGERE

There Was A Shepherd Maiden

In the French version of this well-known song, the shepherdess is so angered by her cat's behaviour that she beats him to death, and then weeps over the loss of her pet. The editor has always felt that Mr. Cat didn't deserve so harsh a fate, and has taken advantage of this opportunity to modify the punishment somewhat in the English version.

Lively

Solo Chorus Chorus

Il é - tait une ber - gè - re, Et ron - ron - ron, pe - tit
There was a shep - herd maid - en, Sing roo - roo - roo and

pà - ta - pon, Il é - tait une ber - gè - re, Qui
doo - dle - dee - do, There was a shep - herd maid - en, Her

gar - dait ses mou - tons, ron - ron, Qui gar - dait ses mou - tons.
sheep she kept in view - view-view, Her sheep she kept in view.

2. Ses petits, rebelles,
Voulaient le quitter,
Ses petits, rebelles,
Voulaient le quitter,
Voulaient le, à la volette,
Voulaient le, à la volette,
Voulaient le quitter,
Voulaient le quitter.
2. And her little young ones,
All around her flew.
And her little young ones,
All around her flew.
All around à la volette,
All around à la volette,
All around her flew,
All around her flew.
3. Mais leur pauvre mère, { (2)
Leur disait, "Restez!" { (2)
Leur disait, à la volette, (2)
Leur disait, "Restez!" (2)
3. Said the mother, "Children, { (2)
Oh be careful, do!" { (2)
Oh be care, à la volette, (2)
Oh be careful, do!" (2)
4. Les petits partirent,
Ils savaient voler,
Ils savaient, à la volette,
Ils savaient voler,
4. "For the fox is watching,
And he might catch you!"
And he might, à la volette,
And he might catch you!"
5. Au bois ils allèrent,
Riant des dangers.
Riant des, à la volette,
Riant des dangers.
5. But the young ones laughed,
And then away they flew,
And away, à la volette,
And away they flew.
6. Le renard avide,
Les a tous mangés.
Les a tous, à la volette,
Les a tous mangés.
6. Oh the fox was waiting,
And he caught them, too!
And he caught, à la volette,
And he caught them, too!
7. Et leur pauvre mère,
Les a tous pleurés,
Les a tous, à la volette,
Les a tous pleurés,
7. Now, perhaps, a lesson,
This will prove to you.
This will prove, à la volette,
This will prove to you,
8. Ainsi les rebelles,
Sont toujours traités,
Sont toujours, à la volette,
Sont toujours traités,
8. Children do not always,
Know what's best to do.
Know what's best, à la volette,
Know what's best to do,