Shaker Egg Songs and Rhymes

Have fun with your baby or toddler using shaker eggs or other rhythm instruments when singing and reciting songs and rhymes! Singing and rhyming increases your child's awareness of, and sensitivity to, the sounds in words and is an important early literacy practice that helps prepare children to decode print.

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- Songs are a natural way to learn about language.
- Songs help children develop listening skills and pay attention to the rhythms and rhymes of spoken language.
- Most songs have a different note for each syllable. This helps children break down words so they hear individual sounds.
- Clapping (or using shaker eggs!) along to rhythms helps children hear the syllables in words, and it improves motor skills.
- Singing helps children learn new words and adds to their general knowledge.

Try out these Shaker Egg Rhymes for fun! Remember, you can also use nursery rhymes! Check the library catalog to find some great collections.

We're going to shake our shakers Shake them so..... We're going to shake our shakers HIGH!! and LOW!! We're going to shake our shakers Shake them so.... Until someone says......STOP!

We're going to shake our shakers Shake them so.... We're going to shake our shakers FAST!! and SLOW!! We're going to shake our shakers Shake them so.... Until someone says......STOP!

We're going to shake our shakers LEFT!! and RIGHT!! We're going to shake our shakers LEFT!! and RIGHT!! We're going to shake our shakers LEFT!! and RIGHT HOLD ON TIGHT! Until someone says.....STOP!

We're going to shake our shakers AROUND and AROUND!! We're going to shake out shakers UPSIDE DOWN!! We're going to shake our shakers ON THE GROUND!! Until someone says.....STOP!

We're going to shake our shakers SHAKE THEM GOODBYE!! We're going to shake our shakers SHAKE THEM GOODBYE!! We're going to shake our shakers SHAKE THEM GOODBYE!! Until someone says......STOP! (Tune: London Bridge) Can you shake your egg with me? Shake your egg along with me It's as easy as can be Now put it on your tummy! (head, knee, ear, etc.)

We're going to Kentucky, We're going to the fair. We'll see a señorita with flowers in her hair, Oh, shake it, shake it, shake it! Shake it if you can. Shake it like a milk shake and drop it in the can! ~traditional

Peas porridge hot, peas porridge cold, Peas porridge in the pot! Nine days old! Some like it hot, some like it cold, Some like it in the pot, nine days old! ~traditional

Pizza pie hot, pizza pie cold, Pizza pie in the box, nine days old, Some like it hot, some like it cold, Some like it in the box, nine days old! ~adaptation of traditional

Shake it high Shake it low Round and round is how we go Shake it high Shake it low Can you reach and touch your toes? Shake it high Shake it low Touch your shaker to your nose Shake it high Shake it low Round and round is how we go Do you know the muffin man, the muffin man, the muffin man? Do you know the muffin man, he lives on Drury Lane. Yes I know muffin man, the muffin man, the muffin man! He lives on Drury Lane! ~ traditional

We shake our shakers together, together, together We shake our shakers together Cause it is fun to do! (2x's)

Shake them up high (make you voice high and hold shaker high) Shake them down low (make your voice low and hold shaker low) Shake them in the middle (make your voice middling sounding and hold shaker in the "middle") 2x's Version of "we're going to Kentucky"

Shake your shaker slowly Do it just like me Shake your shaker quickly As quickly as can be!

