

Shake, Shake The Apple Tree

English Folk Song

♩ = 70



Shake, shake the ap - ple tree, ap - ples red and ro - sy,



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One for you, one for me, Shake, shake the ap - ple tree.

2. Now, now it's harvest time, golden leaves and berries,
Now, now it's harvest time, golden leaves and berries.
Stack the corn in the barn, now, now it's harvest time.

3. Blow, Blow the leaves away, windy windy weather.
Blow, Blow the leaves away, windy windy weather.
Blow them here, blow them there, blow, blow the leaves away.



Activity

Movement: Each line in this folk song can be shown through movement to act out the community-centered harvesting rituals of autumn. You can work together as a group to decide on the movements for each verse. Duplicate phrases should have duplicate movements. For example, every time you sing the phrase "Shake, Shake the apple tree," the movement should be the same (perhaps a gentle fist shaking as if shaking branches or arms waving as if they are the tree limbs being shaken).

Improvisation: Children may think of other autumn rituals such as baking a pie, pressing cider, and so on. Could you work together to create a new verse for the folk song? Pay attention to the structure as you create your new verse, which should mirror the same repeating phrases in the first two lines as well as the last two measures.