

Tideo

American Folk Song



Pass one win-dow, Ti - de - o, Pass two windows Ti - de - o, Pass three win-dows, Ti - de - o,



Jin-gle at the win-dow, Ti - de - o. Ti - de - o, Ti - de - o, Jin-gle at the win-dow, Ti - de - o.



Ti - de - o, Ti - de - o, Jin - gle at the win - dow, Ti - de - o.

Origin

Tideo is an American folk song from the 1800s. The song appears in a 1916 book entitled "Indiana Play-Party Songs" and is categorized as an "old-time fiddle tune" (www.bluegrassmessengers.com). This is just one version of the song; there are many variations for lyrics and movement.

Movement Instructions

1. Students pair up. Facing each other, one student stands in the inner circle while the other stands in the outer circle.
2. At the beginning of each round, the instructor chooses the number of windows to pass (*Tip*: choose odd numbers (1, 3, 5, 7, 9) so that the melody pattern continues).
3. Actions:
 - "Pass # window(s)": step, together (to the right).
 - "Ti": pat legs with both hands
 - "de": clap hands together
 - "o": clap partner's hands
 - "Jingle at the window": pat hands on legs to rhythm ("Ti - de - o": same as above)
 - "Ti - de": clap hands
 - "o": clap partner's hands
 - "Ti": pat legs with both hands
 - "de": clap hands together
 - "o": make "o" with arms ("jingle at the window Tideo": same as above)

Other Ideas

1. Instead of singing "Tideo, Tideo, jingle at the window, Tideo" in the last 4 measures, participants can sing this:

Jin- gle - n jin- gle - n jin- gle - n - Jo, jin- gle at the win - dow Ti - de - o.

The musical notation is on a single staff in treble clef, key of D major (one sharp), and 4/4 time. It consists of eight measures. The first three measures contain the lyrics 'Jin- gle - n', 'jin- gle - n', and 'jin- gle - n - Jo,' respectively. The last five measures contain the lyrics 'jin- gle at the win - dow', 'Ti - de - o.', and a final whole note 'o.'.

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Action: hold hands with partner and skip to the beat.

2. **Alternative movement:** In the last 4 measures, participants can hook arms with their partner and "do-si-do".
3. **Here is a possible second verse:**
I asked that girl to be my wife,
She said, "No, not on your life."
I asked her mother and she said, "No."
Jingle at the window, Tideo.
4. An **ostinato** pattern may be sung underneath the melody. For example, one group can sing "Win-dow, win-dow" on quarter note Ds.

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