

The Clapping Song

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The goose drank wine
The monkey chew tobacco on the streetcar line
The line broke, the monkey got choked
And they all went to heaven in a little rowboat
Clap pat - clap pat - clap pat - clap slap
Clap pat! clap your hand...
Pat it on your partner hand... right hand
Clap pat! clap your hand...
Cross it with your left arm
Pat your partner left palm
Clap pat! clap your hand...
Pat your partner right palm
And a right palm again
Clap slap! clap your hand...
Slap your thigh and sing a little song go...

My Mother told me
If I was goody
That she would buy me
A rubber dolly
My Auntie told her
I'd kissed a soldier
Now she won't buy me
A rubber dolly

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Clap clap!
Clap your hands and prepare to pat
Clap!
Take your right arm
Pat your partner palm with your right palm
Clap!
Take your hand back and clap
Clap!
Take your right arm
Cross your right arm with your left arm

Pat your partner left palm with your left palm

Clap!

Now back with a clap

Take your hand to your palm and slap your thigh

And watch the fun materialize

As you sing this little song:

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Clap!

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