Dancing Through The Seasons

1. THE SEASON’S TRAIN

Traditional, with new lyrics by Joanie

The season’s train is rolling,

Coming round the bend,

Chugging like a railroad train

‘cause seasons never end.

Chorus:

Well get on board everybody,

Get on board everybody,

Get on board everybody,

The seasons’ train rolls on.

The winter train goes slow,

Hear that wind blow,

Cold and gray and icy,

Watch that dancing snow!

Chorus

The springtime train goes faster,

The gray has disappeared,

Bright colors all a-bloomin’

Let us know that spring is here.

Chorus

The summer train goes slow,

So hot it’s hot to move,

Swimming pools and sprinklers

Help to keep us cool!

Chorus

The fall train is coming,

The trees will change their clothes,

From green they turn to red and orange,

Yellow, brown and gold.

Chorus

And now we’re back to winter

Hear that wind blow

Cold and gray and icy

Watch that dancing snow.

Chorus

2. THE NORTH WIND DOTH BLOW

Traditional, with additional lyrics by Joanie

The north wind doth blow, and we shall have snow,

And what will the robin do then, sweet thing?

He’ll sit in the barn, to keep himself warm,

And hide his head under his wing, sweet thing………

The north wind doth blow, and we shall have snow,

And what will the dormouse do then, sweet thing?

Rolled up like a ball, in a nest snug and small,

She’ll sleep ‘til the warm weather comes, sweet thing………

The north wind doth blow, and we shall have snow,

And what will the squirrel do then, sweet thing?

She’ll climb up a tree, and look out to see,

And nibble on all of her food, sweet thing………

The north wind doth blow, and we shall have snow,

And what will the raccoon do then, sweet thing?

He’ll waddle around, leave footprints on the ground,

And find a warm burrow to sleep, sweet thing………

The north wind doth blow, and we shall have snow,

And what will the rabbit do then, sweet thing?

She’ll jump and she’ll hop, she won’t want to stop,

‘cause that’s how she’ll keep herself warm, sweet thing………

3. WINTERTIME

By Joanie © 2000

Wintertime is cold time, slow time, snow time

Wintertime’s the soft time of the year.

Rabbits hop through the cold,

Digging up their summer’s gold.

Hop and jump every day,

They aren’t bothered by the gray.

Cardinals chatter in the trees

Finding winter’s nuts and seeds

All their other bird friends

Flew down south ‘til winter’s end.

CHORUS

Squirrels jump from branch to limb

Climbing trees with shimmy-shim

Busy all year round, nice warm nests above the ground.

Possums, skunks, and raccoons

All are friends of winters’ moons

Prowling round in mud or snow

The cold just makes their thick coats grow.

CHORUS

Now bears are different stories

When they hear the north wind’s song

They crawl into their caves

Sleep away the winter long.

CHORUS

4. WINTER CLOTHES

By Joanie © 1995

Thick coats, tall boots,

Heavy sweaters, snow-suits,

Wooly hats and gloves,

All this we wear in the winter……

When it’s cold, we dress warm,

When it’s hot, we dress cool,

When it’s cold, we sneeze, Ah-choo!

And when it’s hot we need a breeze. FFFFFFF!

5. SNOW IS FALLING

By Joanie © 1999

Snow is falling down, down,

Falling to the ground, ground,

Dropping on our noses,

Dancing on our toes.

Then the wind begins to blow,

And blows the snow around,

Covering the trees and branches,

Blanketing the ground.

6. SPRING IS A’COMIN’

Traditional, with new lyrics by Joanie

Spring is a-comin’, oh yeah!

Days are getting warmer, oh yeah!

Sun is gonna shine, oh yeah!

Flowers gonna bloom, oh yeah!

Rain is gonna fall, oh yeah!

Birds are gonna sing, oh yeah!

Spring is a-comin’, oh yeah!

7. THUNDER AND LIGHTENING

By Joanie © 2003

Thunder in the sky goes boom-boom-boom,

Lightening from the sky goes zoom-zoom-zoom,

Raindrops from the sky go drip-drip-drop,

My heartbeat goes flip-flip-flop.

Lightening is so scary, lighting up the rooms,

Then we hear the thunder, making all those booms,

The sky is full of clouds, the rain begins to fall,

Thunder makes that great big noise, but raindrops noise is small.

8. IT RAINED A MIST

traditional

It rained a mist,

It rained a mist,

It rained all over the town, town, town.

It rained all over the town.

(Substitute other ideas for what got rained on!)

9. BUTTERFLIES

By Joanie © 2000

Butterflies, butterflies fly through the sky

All around on a sunny, spring day.

When butterflies tire its time to rest

On the flowers they find on their way.

Butterflies, butterflies, blow all around

In the wind on a blustery day.

When butterflies tire its time to rest

On the flowers they find on their way.

Butterflies, butterflies, dance in the rain

All around on a stormy, spring day.

When butterflies tire they rest

On the flowers they find on their way.

Butterflies, butterflies fly through the sky

All around on a sunny, spring day.

When butterflies tire its time to rest

On the flowers they find on their way.

Alternate lyrics (not on CD recording!)

Butterflies, butterflies fly through the sky

All around on a sunny, spring day.

When butterflies tire its time to rest

On the shoulders they find on their way….

(zipper in other body parts)

10. FIVE LITTLE BUNNIES

By Joanie © 2001

Five little bunnies went out to play,

They hopped and they jumped around all day.

Then they saw some carrots, what fun,

One little bunny stayed to nibble in the sun.

And the other four went home to sleep.

But in the morning, when the sun came up……….

Four little bunnies went out to play,

They hopped and they jumped around all day.

Then they found some lettuce, what fun,

One little bunny stayed to nibble in the sun.

And the other three went home to sleep.

But in the morning, when the sun came up……….

Three little bunnies went out to play,

They hopped and they jumped around all day.

Then they found some beans, what fun,

One little bunny stayed to nibble in the sun.

And the other two went home to sleep.

But in the morning, when the sun came up……….

Two little bunnies went out to play,

They hopped and they jumped around all day.

Then they saw some peas, what fun,

One little bunny stayed to nibble in the sun.

And the other bunny went home to sleep.

But in the morning, when the sun came up………

One little bunny went out to play,

She hopped and she jumped around all day.

Then she saw some cabbage, what fun,

The last little bunny stayed to nibble in the sun.

And then she found all her brothers and sisters,

And went home to take a nap.

Can you think of other things that the bunnies might want to eat? Sing it again, but this time put different food in the song!

11. GOING TO THE BEACH

By Joanie © 2004

Oh we’re going, oh we’re going to the beach today,

It’s finally time to be on our way.

I can’t wait to play in the water

Splashing like a silly, old otter.

It’s a long, long trip and we’re almost there,

The sea breeze is starting to blow through my hair,

Once we park the car it’s still a long way to go,

And the sand is so hot on my toes.

Ouch, ouch, ouch, it’s burning my feet,

Slip my sandles on, oh that feels sweet,

We’ve got to walk but we’re almost there,

How I love, the salty, sea air.

Oh we’re standing on the top of a dune hill,

Looking down at the waves, how they sparkle and thrill.

Now I’m running I can’t wait anymore,

We’re finally here, at the sea shore.

We’re finally here, at the sea shore!

12. SUMMERTIME

By Joanie © 2001

It’s summertime, the birds fly high,

Watch them wheeling through the sky,

It’s summertime, we hear them sing,

Then they take off on their wings.

Tra la la la la la …………..long

Tra la la la la la……..listen to their song.

It’s summertime, the flies will swing,

Bugging us with their zips and zings,

It’s summertime, we hear them sing,

Then they take off on their wings.

Zingy zingy zingy……………zong

Zingy zingy zingy……………listen to their song.

It’s summertime, the frogs will hop,

Croak and rabbit and be-bop,

It’s summertime, the frogs will hop,

And when they dive we hear that plop,

Ribbit rabbit rabbit……………rong

Rabbit rabbit rabbit…………..listen to their song.

It’s summertime, the butterflies,

Dart and flash before our eyes,

It’s summertime, but there’s one thing,

We can’t hear those butterflies sing.

Flap flap flap……………..flong

Flap flap flap…………….we can’t hear their song.

It’s summertime, the horses run,

Rolling, playing in the sun,

It’s summertime, the horses sing,

But they won’t take off on wings,

Neigh………………nong

Neigh……………….listen to their song.

It’s summertime, the turtles crawl,

Swimming, fishing, having a ball,

It’s summertime, the turtles song

Made of snuffs and snorts so long.

Sniff, sniff, sniff, snort, snort, snort,

Snuffle, snuffle, snong

Sniff, sniff, sniff, snort, snort, snort,

Listen to their song.

13. GOTTA GET COOL

By Joanie Calem © 2002

Chorus:

Gotta get cool, cool, cool

‘cause these days are hot

gotta get wet, wet, wet

at some swimming spot

I love to swim, throw my body in,

I splash, I run, summer water fun…..

Chorus

A pool, would be great, a river or lake,

A stream, a hose, even raindrops on my nose…..

Chorus

I want to find some water that’s clear,

A sprinkler, a bucket, a puddle if it’s near……

Chorus

14. LOOKING FOR WHALES

By Joanie, © 2003

Looking for whales,

Walking along,

Out on the beach,

Listen for their song.

Mighty and strong,

Gentle and free

The oceans your home

Will you talk to me?

There they are,

The giant blue whales

Rolling and swimming

Singing their tales.

There they are,

Leaping from the sea,

Jumping and playing,

Dancing with me.

15. FALL IS HERE

By Joanie © 2001

The birds are flying south,

Telling us the days will soon be cold,

Trees still wear their green leaves,

But soon they’ll turn to red and gold.

Chorus:

‘Cause fall is here, clap your hands (3x)

Clap your hands.

Rabbits and squirrels are busy,

Storing food for the cold days to come,

Seeds and nuts and flowers,

Hidden in their nests away from the sun.

Chorus:

‘Cause fall is here, stomp your feet (3x)

Stomp your feet.

Raccoons are also busy,

Looking for food in our garbage cans at night,

They sure love our garbage,

But watch them run when we turn on the lights!

Chorus:

‘Cause fall is here, jump around (3x)

Jump around.

We wake to cool, crisp mornings,

Sunlight shining on the misty early dew,

As we walk the leaves crunch,

Sounds of fall in everything we do.

Chorus:

‘Cause fall is here, clap your hands,

Fall is here, stomp your feet,

Fall is here jump around,

Jump around.

16. PEEP SQUIRREL (traditional)

Peep Squirrel, dum dum diddy-um (4x)

Jump Squirrel, dum dum diddy-um (4x)

Run Squirrel …………….

Climbing a tree……………..

Looking for food………………..

Taking a nap………………..

Squirrel snores…………….

Waking up……………….

Peep Squirrel………………….

17. THE TURKEY

traditional, with new lyrics by Joanie

As I came over yonder hill,

I spied a mighty turkey,

He flapped his wings and he spread his tail,

And his feet looked awful dirty, dirty, dirty…………

Chorus:

Fol-link-a-tidy,

Fol-de-link-a-tody-o

Fol-link-a-tidy,

And his feet looked awful dirty, dirty, dirty………….

That turkey he was wobblin’ round

Way down in the woods,

A-wobblin’ and a-gobblin’

And eating seeds for food, food, food…………….

Chorus

I went to say hello to him,

Wobblin’ through the trees

He looked at me with his beady eyes,

And he said don’t bother me, me, me……………

Chorus

18. AUTUMN LEAVES

By Joanie © 2003

Leaves blowing round in the autumn wind,

Up and down and out and in,

There’s yellow and red and orange and brown

That fall from the trees and blanket the ground.

Leaves in the wind, oh how they blow,

Up and down, just watch them go,

Over the roofs around, around,

Dancing and twirling all over the ground.

Autumn moon shines oh so bright,

Dancing with stars in the autumn night,

Mornings are crisp, clear and cold

The sunlight shines silver and yellow and gold,

Leaves in the wind, oh how they blow,

Up and down, just watch them go,

Over the roofs around, around,

Dancing and twirling all over the town.