



Bookbug's Song and Rhyme Library

'Row, Row, Row Your Boat'

This classic song is always a favourite. It's a great one for singing in the bath. It's also a great song to encourage face to face interaction – great for a child's emotional development. You can sing it nice and slow like a lullaby, or with lots of excitement for play times.

There are lots of variations. Try one of the following:

- Gently down the stream, if you see a crocodile don't forget to **scream**
- Gently down the river, if you see a polar bear don't forget to **shiver**
- Gently to the shore, if you see a lion don't forget to **roar**
- Gently down the lake, if you hear a **hissing** sound it's probably a snake (join your hands together and move them like a snake)
- Gently in the bath, if you see a spider don't forget to **laugh** (tickle)
- Gently through the mist, if you see a baby don't forget to **kiss**

How to use this song with babies:

- Sing this gently like a lullaby while rocking your baby.
- Sit facing your baby and rock back and forth.
- This song is great to sing in the bath.

How to use this song with toddlers:

- Sit on the floor facing each other and hold hands and rock back and forth.
- You could sit in a circle and everyone can hold hands and row together.
- If you have Lycra you could hold it and move it back and forth as if rowing a boat.

How to use this song with 3 to 5-year-olds:

- If you have Lycra you could hold it and move it back and forth as if rowing a boat. You could also put children under the Lycra and let them pretend to be crocodiles.
- In groups of three, two people can make a boat and one person can go in the middle to be the passenger.