Small Motor
Songs and Fingerplays

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Five Little Clowns

Five little clowns running thru a door
(Five fingers)

One fell down and then there were four
(Four fingers)

Four little clowns in an apple tree
(Four fingers)

One fell out and then there were three
(Three fingers)

Three little clowns stirring up some stew
(Three fingers)

One fell in and then there were two
(Two fingers)

Two little clowns having lots of fun
(Two fingers)

One ran away and then there was one
(One finger)

One little clown left sitting in the sun
(One finger)

He went home and then there was none.
(no fingers)

(Traditional, United States)
Two Little Blackbirds

Two little blackbirds sitting on a hill.
(Hold up two thumbs)

One named Jack and one named Jill
(Wiggle one thumb and then the other)

Fly away Jack, fly away Jill.
(Put one hand behind back and then the other)

Come back Jack, come back Jill.
(Bring one hand in front and then the other)

Two little blackbirds sitting on a hill.
(Repeat)

One named Jack and one named Jill.
(Traditional, England, United States)

Thumbkin, Pointer

Thumbkin, Pointer, Middleman big,
(Point to each of baby's fingers in turn.)

Silly Man, Wee Man, Rig-a-jig-jig.
(Roll his hands around each other.)

(Traditional, North America)

Tommy Thumbs

Tommy Thumbs up and
(Thumbs up sign, both hands
Tommy Thumbs down
thumbs down.)
Tommy Thumbs dancing
(Thumbs up and bounce them from right to
All around the town.
  left in front of you.)
Dance'em on your shoulders
(Bounce them on shoulders
Dance'em on your head
and on head)
Dance'em on your knees, and tuck them into bed.
(Fold arms hiding hands.)
...Peter Pointer Up and Peter Pointer Down
(Repeat using index fingers.)
...Finger family up and finger family down...
(Use all fingers.)
(For older children, Toby Tall for middle finger, Ring Man for ring finger, and Baby Fingers for little finger.)
(Traditional, England)
The Eensy Weensy Spider

The eensy, weensy spider climbed up the waterspout.
Down came the rain and washed the spider out.
Out came the sun and dried up all the rain.
So the eensy, weensy spider climbed up the spout again.
(Traditional, North America)