

Start note :

Count in :

An Acre of Land

Signs - father, land, go, ivy leaf, green, sheep,
mime thimble, bush, cut, home, &c.

From Frank Bailey, noted down
by R. Vaughan Williams

My fa - ther left me an a - cre of land There goes this i - ver - y My
fa - ther left me an a - cre of land And a bunch of green hol - ly and i - ver - y

My father left me an acre of land
There goes this ivery (ivy leaf)
My father left me an acre of land
And a bunch of green holly and ivery.

I ploughed it with my ram's horn
There goes this ivery
I sowed it with my thimble
And a bunch of green holly and ivery.

I harrowed it with my bramble-bush
I reaped it with my penknife

I sent it home in a walnut shell
I threshed it with my needle and thread

I winnowed it with my handkerchief
I sent it to mill with a team of great rats

The carter brought a curly whip
The whip did pop and the waggon did stop

Ideas for use in school

A *Sam button singer can sing the 2nd and 4th lines of each verse.

The 4th line could be repeated by all singers.

An instrumental accompaniment could be recorded onto the Sam button.

You can use this song as a basis for creating your own lyrics and focusing on particular signs, symbols or other multisensory props.

My father came home with a great big box
There goes my handkerchee
My father came home with a great big box
And I wanted to blow my nosery.

And out of the box there jumped a dog, There goes &c.
It went on a 'plane and flew off to Spain, And I wanted &c.

And next out jumped a teddy bear, There goes &c.
He cooked the dinner for our family, And I wanted &c.

*Sam (song/speech/sound and music) button - this is what I call the voice output communication devices like Step by Step, BigMac, 4Talk4 etc.