

HOW MANY BEANS MAKE FIVE? a 4 part round

Song from the book & teaching CDs 'To Grace the Earth' (used with permission)
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Lyrics

How many beans make five?

How many beans make five?

A bean and a half

And a bean and a half

Half a bean and a bean and a half

Signs

How many? Clawed hands shake apart.	Bean 2-finger-point L hand. R. thumb scrapes along .
Five Show 5 fingers, palm facing you.	Half L flat hand, palm up. R hand across palm & moves towards fingers.

Ideas for use in school

This is a good song for learning the question 'How many?' and linking it with a number word.

A *Sam button singer could sing the whole verse, and the other singers come in later.

A Sam button singer could lead a small group of singers. You might want to record a 'ramp' so that they all come in at the same time. This might be just counting '1,2,3,4' in rhythm before you begin with 'How many beans make five'.

There is often enough time on the Sam buttons to allow the singer sing it several times.

A Sam button singer could play a simple instrumental accompaniment. You only need one major chord in this song, so it doesn't really matter exactly when they activate the Sam button.

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