

Hoof and Horn – a four part round

Song from the book & teaching CDs 'To Grace the Earth' (used with permission) see www.naturalvoice.net
 Lyrics : A. Traditional West Country blessing. B. with adaptations Music : Nickomo

Lyrics

- A. Good luck to the hoof and horn, Good luck to the flock and fleece**
- Good luck to the growers of corn, With blessings of plenty and peace.**
- B. Good luck to the horse and cow, Good luck to lambs and sheep**
- Good luck to the farmers all, With blessings of plenty and peace.**

Signs

Good (also Hello, Great) One or both hands, 'thumbs up', make small move forwards.	Luck Open hand shakes backward and forward near chin.
Horse (hoof) Both hands, palm down, in fists in front of body, move up and down.	Cow (horn) Both hands thumbs and fingers extended, thumbs at sides of head, twist from palm down to palm forward.
Sheep / lambs (flock & fleece) Both hands, palm back, with little fingers extended, moved down and round from side of head.	Grow Both palms towards you, L hand closed over R fingers. R fingers rise up and spread.
Grass (corn) L hand closed, arm horizontal. R fingers flutter behind, moving up L arm	Farmer R thumb out arcs from the top of chest to lower down.
All Flat hand, palm down, sweeps around.	Bless Both hands, palms up, with thumbs extended outwards, twist over & down so thumbs meet in middle.
Plenty Palm facing you, bent hand, brushes up and under chin x2.	Peace / Quiet Both hands, thumb & index touching, meet together, then move apart & downwards.

Ideas for use in school

This is a beautiful and simple round that you can sing in 2, 3 or 4 parts.

A *Sam button singer could start the song and sing it several times through. Or s/he could lead a small group, if you record a 'count in'.

You only need 2 chords to play an instrument with it. (If your start note is A, then the chords would be D & Am.)

Some learners could play random 'armyard' noises on Sam buttons.

This is a good song to illustrate with symbols or multisensory props or objects. You could increase the 'pause' between each line to allow time to see and feel them.

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

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