

Start note :

Count in :

## Swing your tail

**Core Signs** - swing, tail, careful (mind how)

**Flexible vocabulary** - last night, night, wake up, morning, up, down, town etc.

A traditional  
capstan shanty

Swing your tail and swing your tail Mind how you swing your tail

Swing last night and the night be - fore Mind how you swing your tail

Swing your tail and swing your tail

***Mind how you swing your tail***

Swing last night and the night before

***Mind how you swing your tail.***

When you wake up in the morn

Hear the driver honk the horn

Swing it up and swing it down

Swing it when you go to town

Swing it low and swing it high

You can nearly reach the sky

Swing it right up to the moon

Swing it in the afternoon

Swing it underneath the bridge

Swing it cold, straight from the fridge

Swing it when you're on the bus

Tell the driver, 'Don't make a fuss!'

### Ideas for use in school

There is lots of potential for adding signs, or arranging it to include a \*Sam button singer.

A Sam button singer could sing the repeated lines 2 & 3. The other singers could hold onto the last note of the line to bridge the possible 'gap'.

This song is very 'flexible'. You and your singers can easily make up more verses.

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