

Willum He Had Seven Sons



For 9+

Willum he had seven sons, seven sons, seven sons.

Willum he had seven sons and this is what they did.

This is a body percussion exercise. Each son adds a different action.

- 1st time: Tap shoulder on beat number one.
- 2nd time: Tap one shoulder on beat one and the other shoulder on beat three.
- 3rd time: Tap one shoulder on beat one AND click fingers of opposite hand then on beat three tap the other shoulder.
- 4th time: Tap one shoulder on beat one AND click fingers of opposite hand then on beat three tap the other shoulder AND click fingers of opposite hand.
- 5th time: As fourth time BUT on beat two, the hand that clicks crosses the body to tap opposite shoulder and the hand that was on that shoulder rises to tap head.
- 6th time: As the fifth time BUT on beat four cross the hand that clicks crosses the body as on beat two but with the opposite hand.
- 7th time: As the sixth time but in addition nod head.

Willum he had seven sons is a traditional melody sometimes sung with different verses especially for younger children e.g.

Number one was chopping wood, chopping wood, chopping wood.

Number one was chopping wood and this is what he did.

Number two jumped up and down etc.

This song (with a different activity) is in *Singing Games and Rhymes for Middle Years Two*.