

Kagome

Bird in the Cage

Japanese Traditional

Ka - go-me Ka-go - me Ka-go no na - ka no to - ri wa i - tu i - tu

de - ya - ru yo - a - ke no ban - ni tu - ru to ka - me ga su - be - ta

u-shi-ro no sho-men da - re

Japanese drum Bass xylophone or guitar

Soprano xylophone Soprano Glockenspiel

Alto xylophone

English Translation

Bird in the cage, bird in the cage
Tell me, when will you be free?
In the morning or the evening
Crane and turtle slipped and fell
Guess who stands behind you.

Pronunciation:

a = ah e = ay i = ee o = oh u = oo

The Game

All stand in a circle. One child remains still in the centre, eyes covered, while the others walk round singing the song. At the end of the song all stop and the one in the centre tries to guess who is standing behind him/her. If successful the two change places and roles and the song is repeated; if not the child remains in the centre for another try. You can extend the game by putting a variety of instruments on a table behind the child in the centre. The child who finishes at the table could then choose an instrument to play for the other child to guess its identity.