

I Have Lost My Closet Key

traditional singing game

The musical score is written on four staves in 2/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody consists of quarter notes and half notes. The lyrics are: "I have lost my closet key in my lady's garden. Help me find my closet key in my lady's garden." The lyrics are placed below the notes on each staff. The first staff starts at measure 1, the second at measure 3, the third at measure 5, and the fourth at measure 7. The piece ends with a double bar line at the end of the fourth staff.

SK, Grades 1, 2, and 3.

Game 1: One child closes their eyes and another child hides the key somewhere in the classroom. The first student opens his/her eyes and tries to find the key. This is a “hot and cold” type of game. The children will sing the song louder or softer (increasing and decreasing the dynamics) as the student moves closer or away from the key.

Game 2: With the children sited in a circle, have one child walk around carrying the key while the other children sing the song and tap the beat on their laps. At the end of the song, the child who was walking drops the keys behind another child. The child who was sited chases the one who was walking around the circle and tries to get back to his/her spot before the other child gets there. While that is happening, the other children sing and tap twice as fast.