

# Bug & Insect

## Songs & Fingerplays

### **"Take Me Out to the Backyard"**

*Sung to: "Take Me Out to the Ballgame"*

Take me out to the backyard.  
Take me out with the bugs.  
Locusts and beetles and dragonflies,  
If I look hard I may even see slugs.  
Let me look, look, look in the bushes  
The trees, 'neath rocks and the lawn--  
For it's one, five, ten flies I see  
And now they're gone!

### **Bumblebee on My Nose**

*Sung to: Jingle Bells*

Bumblebee, bumblebee,  
Landing on my toes.  
Bumblebee, bumblebee,  
Now he's on my nose.  
On my arms, on my legs,,  
On my elbows.  
Bumblebee, oh bumblebee,  
He lands and then he goes!

### **Bugs**

**Sung to: "Frere Jacques"**

Big bugs, small bugs, big bugs, small  
bugs,  
See them crawl, on the wall?  
Creepy, creepy, crawling, never,  
never falling.  
Bug, bugs, bugs, bugs, bugs, bugs.

### **The Little Cricket**

(Point to one finger at a time.)  
The first little cricket played a violin.  
The second little cricket joined right in.  
The third little cricket made a crackly  
song.  
The fourth little cricket helped him  
along.  
The fifth little cricket cried, "Crick-  
crick-cree.  
The orchestra is over and it's time for  
tea?

### **Flutter, Flutter, Butterfly**

*Sung to: "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star"*

Flutter, flutter, butterfly.  
Floating in the summer sky.  
Floating by for all to see,  
Floating by so merrily.  
Flutter, flutter, butterfly,  
Floating in the summer sky.

### **Oh, the Ants are Busy!**

*Sung to: "She'll Be Coming Round The Mountain"*

Oh, the ants are busy, busy as can  
be.  
Oh, the ants are busy, busy as can  
be.  
See them dig and dig and dig.  
Lots of tunnels, oh, so big.  
Oh, the ants are busy, busy as can  
be.

### **Roly-Poly Caterpillar**

Roly-poly caterpillar (wiggle right pointer finger)  
Into a corner crept, (place right pointer finger in left cupped hand)  
Spun around himself a blanket (spin around)  
Then for a long time slept. (place head on folded hands)  
Roly-poly caterpillar (wiggle right pointer finger)  
Wakening by and by, ("stretch" right pointer finger)  
Found himself with beautiful wings  
Changed to a butterfly. (flutter arms like wings)

### **Ladybug Fly**

*Sung to: "Three Blind Mice"*

Fly, fly, fly  
Ladybugs fly  
Fly over here  
Fly over there  
They fly up high and they fly down low.  
Around and around and around they go.  
They fly fast, and they fly slow.  
Oh, ladybugs fly

### **Five Little Ladybugs**

Five little Ladybugs climbing up a door  
One Flew away then there were four  
Four Little ladybugs sitting on a tree  
One flew away then there were three  
Three little ladybugs landed on a shoe  
One flew away and then there were two  
Two little ladybugs looking for some fun

One flew away and then there was one  
One little ladybug sitting in the sun  
She flew away and then there were none

### **Ants Go Marching**

*Sung to: "When John Comes Marching Home"*

The ants came marching two by two,  
Hurrah! Hurrah!  
(Students walk in pairs of 2 side by side each other in a circle)  
The ants came marching two by two  
The little one stopped to tie his shoe.  
They all go marching down around the town.  
Boom, Boom, Boom.  
Other Verses:  
The ants came marching three by three...  
The little one stopped to climb a tree.  
The ants came marching four by four...  
The little one stopped to shut the door...  
The ants came marching five by five...  
The little one stopped to take a dive...  
The ants came marching six by six...  
The little one stopped to pick up sticks...  
The ants came marching seven by seven...  
The little one stopped to go to heaven...  
The ants came marching eight by eight...  
The little one stopped to shut the gate...  
The ants came marching nine by nine...

The little one stopped to scratch his spine...  
The ants came marching ten by ten  
The little one stopped to say THE END!

### **Insect Song**

*Sung to: "The Wheels on the Bus"*

The firefly at night goes blink blink  
blink  
Blink blink blink blink blink blink  
The firefly at night goes blink blink  
blink  
All around the town

The bees in the flowers go buzz buzz  
buzz....  
The ants in the grass go march march  
march...  
The crickets in the leaves go chirp  
chirp chirp...  
The caterpillar in the field goes creep  
creep creep....

### **Can you Move with Me?**

*Sung to: "Do Your Ears Hang Low"*

Can you wiggle like a worm?  
Can you squiggle? Can you squirm?  
Can you flutter? Can you fly like a  
gentle butterfly?  
Can you crawl upon the ground  
Like a beetle that is round?  
Can you move with me?  
Can you flip? Can you flop?  
Can you give a little hop?  
Can you slither like a snake?  
Can you give a little shake?  
Can you dance like bee  
Who is buzzing round a tree?  
Can you move with me?

### **A Fly is on my Toe**

Sung to: "Farmer in the Dell"

A fly is on my toe,  
A fly is on my toe,  
Hi-ho, just watch me blow.  
A fly is on my toe

Other verses: A fly is on my nose ,my  
head, my ear, my elbow, my knee,  
etc..

### **I'm a Firefly**

I'm a little firefly  
Look at me!  
I'm as happy as I can be.  
See my light flicker and shine so bright  
Now watch me fly into the night!

### **Firefly**

A little light is going by,  
It is going up to see the sky.  
A little light with wings.

I could have never thought of it,  
To have a little bug all lit  
And made to go on wings.

### **Bug Fingerplay**

1, 2, 3 ( hold up fingers)  
There is a bug on me! (point to  
shoulder)  
Where did it go? ( brush off)  
I don't know ( Shrug Shoulder and look  
really puzzled)

## **Pretty Ladybugs**

*Sung to: "The Muffin Man"*

Ladybug has 1 black spot,  
1 black spot, 1 black spot;  
Ladybug has 1 black spot,  
Pretty ladybug!  
(Can go all the way to 10)

## **8 Ants**

One ant two ants, three ants four.  
Our picnic is their grocery store.  
Five ants, six ants, seven ants, eight.  
They are crawling on my plate!  
Eight ants, seven ants,  
Stomp around.  
Six ants, five ants  
On the ground.  
Four ants, three ants,  
On the run!  
Two ants, one ant,  
No more fun.

Once I saw an Ant Hill  
Once I saw an anthill  
With no ants about;  
So I said, "Dear little ants  
Won't you please come out?"  
Then as if the little ants  
Had heard my call,  
One, two, three, four, five came out,  
And that was all.

## **Bumble Bee**

*Sung to: "Jingle Bells"*

Bumble Bee, bumble bee,  
Landing on my nose,  
Bumble bee, bumble bee,  
Now he's on my toes.

On my arms, on my legs,  
On my elbows.

Bumble bee, oh bumble bee  
He lands, and then he goes.

## **Buzzing Bumble Bees**

6 buzzing bumblebees  
Flying around the hive  
One buzzes off and that leaves 5.  
5 buzzing bumblebees  
Flying near my door,  
1 buzzes off and that leaves 4  
4 buzzing bumblebees  
Flying around a tree,  
1 buzzes off and that leaves 3  
3 buzzing bumblebees  
In the sky so blue  
1 buzzes off and that leaves 2  
2 buzzing bumblebees  
Flying by the sun  
1 buzzes off and that leaves 1  
1 buzzing bumblebee  
Looking for some fun  
It buzzes off and that leaves none.

## **Bee Fingerplay**

Here is the bee hive (hold fist  
together)  
But where are all the bees (hold up  
hands)  
Hiding very carefully  
1,2,3,4,5 (Hold up fingers one at a  
time)  
Bzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzz (Walk and try to sting  
someone)  
(You can also use both hands and  
have 10 bees.)

### **Caterpillar Chant**

A caterpillar looks so small.  
It is hardly there at all.  
It munches on green leafy treats,  
And it gets bigger as it eats.

It eats and eats, 'til pretty soon,  
It wraps up tight in a cocoon.  
When it wakes up it blinks its eyes  
And says, "I'm now a butterfly!"

### **Lady Monarch Song**

*Sung to: "Yankee Doodle"*

Lady Monarch made a hat  
of flowers, leaves and spring things,  
Went to town to show it off  
But she forgot her earrings.  
Lady Monarch cried and wept,  
She was very sad,  
Then two bees sat on her ears,  
So she was very glad.

### **Little Butterfly**

*Sung to: "I'm A Little Teapot"*

I'm a little butterfly  
I have wings  
I fly around  
And see all things.  
When I see a flower  
That looks great  
I call out  
To all of my mates.

### **I'm a Butterfly**

*Sung to: "Skip to My Lou"*

I'm a butterfly, come fly with me  
I'm a butterfly, come fly with me  
I'm a butterfly, come fly with me

Come fly with me, my darling

A butterfly, come drink nectar with  
me

A butterfly, come drink nectar with  
me

A butterfly, come drink nectar with  
me

Drink nectar with me, my darling.

A butterfly, now sleep like me

A butterfly, now sleep like me

A butterfly, now sleep like me

Come sleep like me, my darling.

### **We're going on a Bug Hunt**

*Sung to: "We're going on a bear hunt"*

We're going on a bug hunt!  
We're going to catch some big ones.  
What a sunny day!  
Are you ready? OK!

Oh my! A bee!

A black & yellow bee,  
Flying over the flowers.

BUZZ.....

We're going on a bug hunt!  
We're going to catch some big ones.  
What a sunny day!  
Are you ready? OK!

Oh, my! An ant!

A tiny, black ant,  
Crawling through the grass.

Shh...

We're going on a bug hunt!  
We're going to catch some big ones.  
What a sunny day!  
Are you ready? OK!

Oh, my! A grasshopper!  
A big, green grasshopper,  
Hopping around the tree.  
Boing, boing...

We're going on a bug hunt!  
We're going to catch some big ones.  
What a sunny day!  
Are you ready? OK!

Oh, my! A butterfly!  
A pretty, orange butterfly,  
Floating in the sky.  
Whoosh, whoosh...

We're going on bug hunt!  
We're going to catch some big ones.  
What a sunny day!  
Are you ready? OK!

Oh my! A spider!  
A big black spider,  
Creeping on the tree. Creep, creep...

Now take the class out on a real BUG  
HUNT. Keep the bugs only for a day.  
Then set them free. We call them part-  
time pets.

### **Never Squash a Bug**

*Sung to: "Row, row, row, your boat"*

Never, never squash a bug,  
There mother nature's friends.  
Catch one in a plastic jar,  
Then let it go again.

### **Bumble Bee**

*Sung to: "Are you sleeping"*

Bumble bee, bumble bee  
Don't sting me, don't sting me.

Just fly to your home,  
And leave me alone.  
Don't sting me, don't sting me.

### **Oh Butterfly!**

*Sung to: "Oh Christmas Tree"*

Oh, butterfly, Oh, butterfly  
How I love your colors.  
Oh, butterfly, Oh, butterfly  
How I love your colors.  
You fly so high and beautiful,  
Your so soft and gentle.  
Oh, butterfly, Oh, butterfly,  
How I love your colors.

### **Catching Bugs**

*Sung to: "Mary had a little lamb"*

Catch some bugs, and look at them,  
Watch them, feed them.  
Catch some bugs and look at them,  
Then please let them go.

### **Keep Bugs Safe**

*Sung to: "Make New Friends, But Keep  
the Old"*

Keep bugs safe, and let them go.  
They belong in nature, yes the great  
outdoors.

### **Pretty Firefly**

*Sung to: "This little light of mine"*

See this pretty Firefly,  
Flying in the midnight sky.

See this pretty Firefly,  
Flying in the midnight sky.

See this pretty Firefly,  
Flying in the midnight sky.

This firefly's light is so bright.

### **Pretty Butterfly**

*Sung to: "Up on the House Top"*

First comes a butterfly and lays an  
egg,  
Out comes the caterpillar with many  
legs.  
Oh, see the caterpillar spin and spin,  
A little cocoon (chrysalis) to sleep in.

Oh, oh, oh, look and see  
Oh, oh, oh, look and see  
Out of the cocoon (chrysalis) my, oh,  
mym  
Out comes a pretty butterfly.

### **Ladybug**

*Sung to: "This Old Man"*

Ladybug, show your spots.  
You have red wings and black dots.  
We will count those seven dots  
On your shiny shell.  
Lady, your spots are swell!

### **Hunting Bugs**

*Sung to: "A- Hunting we will go"*

A-hunting we will go  
A -hunting we will go  
We'll catch a (insert any insect here)  
and put it in a box  
(loudly) and then we'll let it go!

### **The Little Caterpillar**

*Sung to: "Itsy, Bitsy Spider"*

The little caterpillar crawled up into a  
tree,  
Spun his cocoon and slept so quietly,  
All through the winter he didn't make  
a sound,  
He dreamt of his new life when he'd  
be flying all around.  
While he was sleeping the snow did  
gently fall,  
Winter came and went, then her  
heard the robin's call,  
Come on Mr. Butterfly, out of your  
cocoon  
Spread your wings and fly for me,  
while I sing my tune.

### **Caterpillar**

*Sung to: "Addams family"*

Refrain:  
My tummy is fat (snap, snap)  
I like it like that (snap, snap)  
I wiggle around  
I jiggle around  
My tummy is fat (snap, snap)

I'm a striped caterpillar  
I'm such a chubby feller  
I love to eat and eat,  
Those leaves are such a treat

*Back to refrain*

## **Caterpillar Crawled**

A caterpillar crawled (extend left arm and crawl right index finger up it like a caterpillar)

To the top of a tree.

"I think I'll take a nap," said he (wiggle right index finger)

So under the leaf he began to creep. (move under left hand)

He spun a cocoon and he fell asleep. (make fist around index finger)

For two long weeks he slept in that cocoon bed,

Till spring came along and said,

"Wake up! Wake up! You sleepy head." (shake arms)

Out of the leaf he did cry. (hook thumbs and spread fingers to make a butterfly)

"Lo, I am a butterfly."

## **The Life Of A Butterfly**

Sung to: "Skip to My Lou"

I'm a caterpillar, wiggle with me,

I'm a caterpillar, wiggle with me,

I'm a caterpillar, wiggle with me,

What'll I be, my darlin'?

A chrysalis, now sleep like me.....

What'll I be, my darlin'?

A butterfly, come fly with me...

Come fly with me my darlin'.

Now all together, lets do all three.

A caterpillar, a chrysalis, a butterfly -- three.

Move your body like this with me.

The life of a butterfly, darlin'.

## **Do you like to Buzz?**

Sung to: "Do your ears hang low"

Do you like to buzz.

Are you covered all in fuzz?

Do you call a hive a home

In the garden where you roam?

Do you know how to make honey,

Are your stripes a little funny?

Do you like to buzz?

## **Freddy Flea**

On my toe is Freddy flea (Touch toe)

Now he's climbing up on me (climb fingers upward)

Past my tummy

Past my nose

On my head where my hair grows

(wiggle fingers in hair)

On my head is Freddy flea

Now he's climbing down on me

(climb fingers back down body)

Past my tummy

Past my knee

On the floor (Stomp foot!) Take that you flea!

## **The Fuzzy Caterpillar**

(tune: Itsy Bitsy Spider)

The fuzzy caterpillar

Crawled up upon a leaf.

Spun her little chrysalis,

And then fell fast asleep.

While she was sleeping,

She dreamed that she could fly.

And later when she woke up,

She was a butterfly!

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### **Butterfly, Butterfly**

(tune: Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear)

Butterfly, butterfly, flutter around  
Butterfly, butterfly, touch the ground.  
Butterfly, butterfly, fly so high.  
Butterfly, butterfly, land on me!  
Butterfly, butterfly, reach the sky.  
Butterfly, butterfly, say Good-bye!