

This Old Man

Words & Music:
Traditional Children's

Correspondent David Coles notes that the version he learned has these rhymes for numbers 8, 9 & 10: eight="on my gate", nine="on my twine" & ten="on my pen".

C F C G7 C G C G7
This old man, he played one, he played knick-knack on my thumb.

CHORUS: *[sing after every numbered lines]*

 C
With a knick-knack, paddy-whack, give a dog a bone.

G7 C G C
This old man came rolling home. CHORUS:

This old man, he played two, he played knick-knack on my shoe. CHORUS:

This old man, he played three, he played knick-knack on my knee. CHORUS:

This old man, he played four, he played knick-knack on my door. CHORUS:

This old man, he played five, he played knick-knack on my hive. CHORUS:

This old man, he played six, he played knick-knack on my sticks. CHORUS:

This old man, he played seven, he played knick-knack up in heaven. CHORUS:

This old man, he played eight, he played knick-knack on my pate. CHORUS:

This old man, he played nine, he played knick-knack on my spine. CHORUS:

This old man, he played ten, he played knick-knack once again. CHORUS:

Together with correspondent Susan Murphy, we think we have the motions to this song:

"knick" - while holding your left arm up at a 90-degree angle, hand in front of your face, touch your right hand to the left elbow.

"knack" - do same with your right arm & touch your left hand to the right elbow.

"paddy whack" - we're not sure...anyone remember?

"give a dog a bone" - throw an invisible bone over your shoulder.

"rolling home" - roll one arm over the other in front of your body.

ARE THERE OTHER MOTIONS WE MISSED? PLEASE SEND 'EM IN!