

# Little Mice

For ages 3-9



Pentatonic / with children's lyre

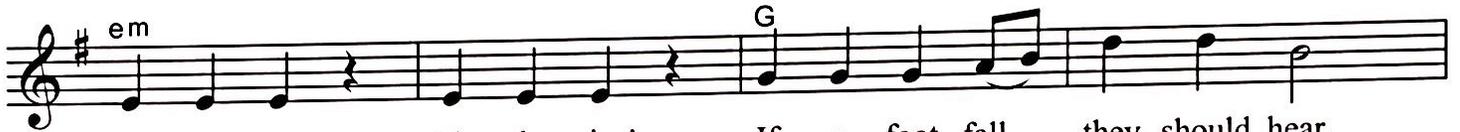
Welsh Traditional



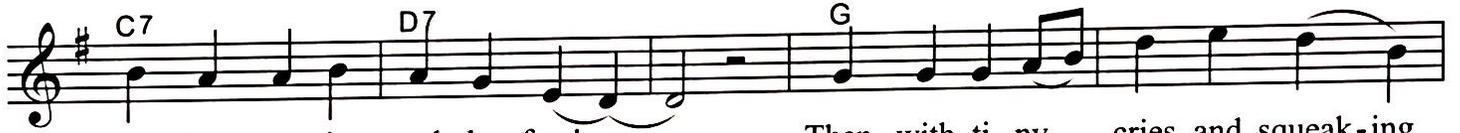
Round a-bout the— wood they go,— Creep-ing on the mos-sy floor,—



Lit-tle mice so— soft-ly creep-ing, While the birds and flow'rs are sleep-ing,—



Lit - tle mice! Lit - tle mice! If a foot - fall — they should hear,—



See them stop in sud-den fear!— Then, with ti - ny — cries and squeak-ing,



Home-ward fly, a re - fuge seek-ing,— Lit - tle mice! Lit - tle mice!

**Ring Game:** Several versions can be done:1. *For older children ages 4-9*

Children stand in a circle, one behind another. During first verse they tiptoe round until the last note. On "little mice" each child turns around and goes in the opposite direction for the second verse. They stop "in sudden fear" and scamper freely round on tiptoe. During singing of the third line and last line, children run on tiptoe and cluster together again, crouching or kneeling to end.

2. *Younger children prefer what is called 'grape clusters' meaning clustered together near teacher rather than standing in a formed circle*

Whole song is done on tiptoe with children freely moving around. The game begins and ends with everyone together in a cluster.

**Instruments:** Little instruments can nicely be added to this song.

On "When a footfall they should hear," teacher or caregiver can have the instrument in hand as she/he tiptoes around room. A little wood block has a happy, light sound that can make children giggle, just like the squeaking of a mouse!