

# The Goldfish Song by Laurie Berkner

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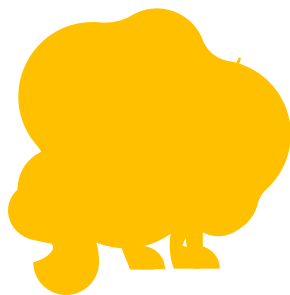
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## The Catch of the Day

Not all songs are for group singing!

This amazing song by Laurie Berkner has been a favorite in the Little Singers class that Debi and I taught. It involves movement, music, pretend play, and silliness.

Debi and I recorded it – you can listen to us sing *The Goldfish Song* from beginning to end. Our tiny students enjoyed acting out to swimming, brushing their teeth, riding a bicycle, and sleeping. It’s not a great sing-along song, but it makes up for it with actions and alternating rhythms for a hilarious look at what fish do and don’t do.



Pretend play and a lively song make for some magical moments in your child’s development. Boost the magic by joining in and acting out the song. The more you laugh and enjoy the experience, the more fun it is for your child.

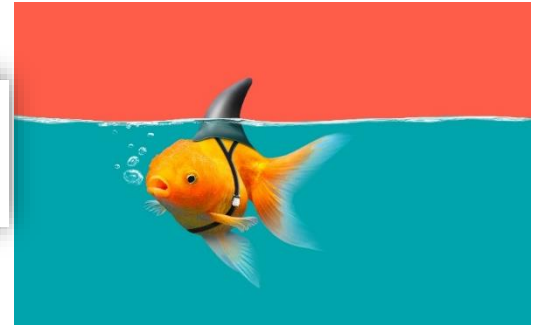
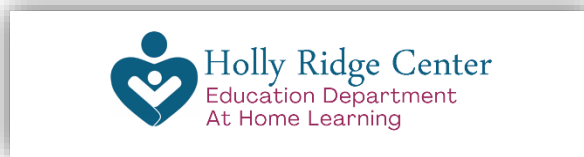
The lyrics and actions in this song reinforce some basic language and self-help skills, such as:

- Body parts
- Left and right
- Fast and slow
- Brushing teeth
- Taking a shower
- Taking a nap

Find a place to be ‘the rock’ where the fish sleep, like the couch or a blanket on the floor. If you play this outside, make sure the ‘rock’ is a soft landing: an air mattress or picnic blanket might be good rocks for the goldfish to nap on.

Help the very little ones with actions for swimming: windmill arms are easier than breaststroke arms.

If you can get the whole family involved, this song is hilarious. Plan on acting it out in large space. It calls for running around in circles and general silliness, so make sure you have soft places to land.



*Unleash your inner shark with this fun, act-it-out song.*

## The Goldfish Song – lyrics and song by Laurie Berkner

Lots of little fish were sleeping on a rock  
In the bottom of the ocean  
They lifted up their heads  
And they shook out their tails  
And they said *let’s go swimming*

**Let’s go swimming, let’s go swimming**  
**Yeah, let’s go swimming**  
**Let’s go swimming, let’s go swimming**

In the bottom of the ocean  
Then the little fish got so very, very tired  
That they came back to the rock  
They put down their heads  
And they put down their tails  
And they took a little nap  
And when they woke up  
They were a little bit dirty  
So they took a shower  
And they washed their hair  
And they washed their ears  
And they washed their tummies  
And they washed their very long fishy  
beards  
And they washed their noses  
And they washed their toeses  
And then they said  
*“Wait a minute. We’re fish!  
We don’t take showers!”*

**Let’s go swimming, let’s go swimming**  
**Yeah, let’s go swimming**  
**Let’s go swimming, let’s go swimming**  
**In the bottom of the ocean**

Then the little fish got so very, very tired  
That they came back to the rock  
They put down their heads  
And they put down their tails  
And they took a little nap  
And when they woke up  
They decided to ride their bicycles  
  
So they rode to the left  
And they rode to the right  
And they rode all day  
And they rode all night, night, night, night,  
night  
They rode down the hill  
And then faster still  
And then they said,

*“Wait a minute, we’re fish!  
We don’t ride bicycles!”*

**Let’s go swimming, let’s go swimming**  
**Yeah, let’s go swimming**  
**Let’s go swimming, let’s go swimming**  
**In the bottom of the ocean**



Then the little fish got so very, very tired  
That they came back to the rock  
And they put down their heads  
And they put down their tails  
And they took a little nap  
And when they woke up  
They decided to brush their teeth!  
So they got out their toothbrush  
And their toothpaste  
And they squeezed a little on  
They really liked the taste  
Then they put it in their mouth  
They brushed north and south  
Chick-a-chee-chick-a-chee-chick-a-chee-  
chick-a-chee  
Chick-a-chee-chick-a-chee-chick-a-chee-  
chick-a-chee

And then they said,  
*“Wait a minute, we’re fish!  
We don’t brush our teeth!”*  
**Let’s go swimming, let’s go swimming**  
**Yeah, let’s go swimming**  
**Let’s go swimming, let’s go swimming**  
**In the bottom of the ocean**  
**Let’s go swimming, let’s go swimming**  
**Yeah, let’s go swimming**  
**Let’s go swimming, let’s go swimming**  
**In the bottom of the ocean!**