

# We're Going To the Zoo!

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## Song Ideas

“We’re Going to the Zoo” is a lively song that invites movement.

**Elephant:** Cross your left arm over your chest. Straighten your right arm in front and hold it in front of you. Instant elephant trunk!

**Monkeys:** Scratch your head and under your arms. Jump around!

**Seals:** Straighten your arms in front and clap your hands while you honk, honk, honk

**Bear:** Growl, huff, and puff

Act it out! Be animals dancing around

The steady rhythm invites accompaniment, so bring out the maracas, the tambourines, and the bells to shake, shake, shake!

**Game Idea:** Adding animals you can touch helps build animal vocabulary. Fill a bag with a toy or stuffed zoo animals. Sing “\_\_\_\_\_ (Child’s name) is taking us to the zoo tomorrow...” Reach into the bag and pull out an animal. Sing a verse about that animal.



Tom Paxton wrote this song in 1962. Since then, folk singers from Peter, Paul, and Mary to Raffi have sung it and made it their own. The repetition at the end of each line helps reinforce new and interesting words.

## Lyrics!!

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## Going to the Zoo

**Peter, Paul and Mary**

Daddy's takin' us to the zoo tomorrow,  
Zoo tomorrow, zoo tomorrow  
Daddy's takin' us to the zoo tomorrow  
And we can stay all-day

**We're goin' to the zoo, zoo, zoo**  
**How about you, you, you?**  
**You can come too, too, too**  
**We're goin' to the zoo, zoo, zoo**

See the elephant with the long trunk swingin'  
Great big ears and a long trunk swingin'  
Snuffin' up peanuts with a long trunk swingin'  
And we can stay all-day

**Chorus: We're going to the zoo...**

See all the monkeys they're scritch-scratch  
scratchin'  
Jumpin' around and scritch-scratch scratchin'  
Hangin' by the long-tail (huff huff huff)  
And we can stay all-day

**Chorus: We're going to the zoo...**

There's a big black bear he's a huff-puff-a-puffin'.  
His coat's too heavy he's a huff-puff-a-puffin'  
Don't get too near the huff-puff-a-puffin'  
Or you won't stay all-day

**Chorus: We're going to the zoo...**

Well, the seals in the pool all honk-honk-honkin'  
Catchin' the fish and honk-honk-honkin'  
Little tiny seals all honk-honk-honkin'  
And we can stay all-day

**Chorus: We're going to the zoo...**

Well we stayed all day and I'm gettin' sleepy  
Sittin' in the car gettin' sleep sleep sleepy  
Home already gettin' sleep sleep sleepy  
'Cause we have stayed all-day

**We been to the zoo, zoo, zoo**  
**So have you, you, you**  
**You came too, too, too**  
**We been to the zoo, zoo, zoo**

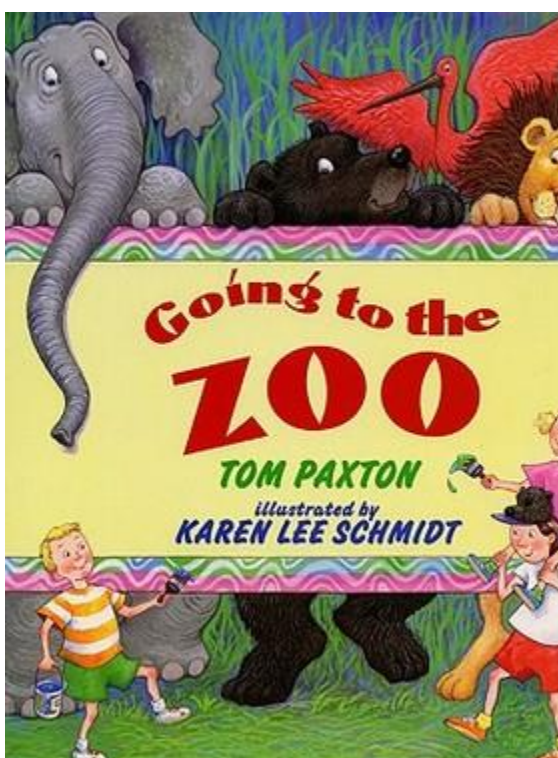
Mommy's Takin' Us to The Zoo  
Tomorrow  
Zoo tomorrow, zoo tomorrow!  
Mommy's takin' us to the zoo tomorrow  
And we can stay all-day

**We're goin' to the zoo, zoo, zoo**  
**How about you, you, you?**  
**You can come too, too, too!**  
**We're goin' to the zoo, zoo, zoo!**

**We're goin' to the zoo, zoo, zoo!**  
**How about you, you, you?**  
**You can come too, too, too!**  
**We're goin' to the zoo, zoo, zoo!**



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Check out the book version of the song! Colorful pictures bring the lyrics to life. You can sing it while you read it.