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Song texts and Directions for Playing  
 by RUBY PICKENS TARTT

No folk song is ever completed. It is always in a state of transition, varying from time to time, and, even within one period, from singer to singer. Nothing could be so typical of this as these Negro children's game songs. Within one small area one may find a great number of variations upon a single song or game.

These games are found only in the rural sections of Alabama -- most frequently in the one-room school houses where the mid-morning recess play is held out-of-doors. The children's complete lack of affectation and their whole-hearted participation make the games a delight for the watchers.

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