

## Shirley Ellis "The Clapping Song"

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Three, six, nine, the goose drank wine,  
The monkey chewed tobacco on the streetcar line  
The line broke, the monkey got choked,  
They all went to heaven in a little row-boat

Clap-Pat  
Clap-Pat  
Clap-Pat  
Clap-Slap

Clap-Pat: Clap your hand, pat it on your partner's hand  
(right hand)

Clap-Pat: Clap your hand, cross it with your left arm, pat  
your partner's left palm

Clap-Pat: Clap your hand, pat your partner's right palm  
with your right palm again

Clap-Slap: Clap your hands, slap your thighs, and sing  
a little song; go:

My mother told me  
If I was good-ee  
That she would buy me  
A rubber dolly

My aunty told her  
I kissed a soldier  
Now she won't buy me  
A rubber dolly

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Clap-clap: Clap you hands and prepare to pat  
Pat: Take your right arm pat your partner's right palm  
with your right palm  
Clap: Take your hands back and clap

Pat: Take you right arm cross your right arm with your  
left arm pat your partner's left palm with your left palm.  
Clap: Take your hands back and clap

Pat: Take your right arm cros your left arm and pat your partner's right palm with your right palm.

Clap: Now back, with a clap

Take the flats of your palms and slap your thighs and watch the fun materialize as you sing this little song:

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