



Row Row Row Your Boat

Singing days are happy days with Piccolo Music



Scan to sing along

“Where is the boat going today?”

Piccolo Music’s Row Row Row Your Boat can become all sorts of musical adventures – calm rivers, crashing waves, sleepy oceans, pirate storms or underwater worlds.

The song sparks imagination, invites storytelling and opens up endless ways to sing, move and play together. Change the mood, tempo, dynamics, endings and adventures each time you sing.

Let the music and the story change together.

Babies

- Row gently **together** on laps
- Rock side to side with the waves
- Lift hands high for the sails
- Lean and **cuddle** when the boat goes splash!

Toddlers

- Work together to row **backwards** and **forwards**
- Lift arms high for the sails
- Rock this way and that way through stormy seas
- **Splash overboard** & scream “Argh!” at the crocodile!

Nursery & Reception

- Row together in **pairs**
- Row forwards | backwards | side to side
- Change the **tempo & dynamics** for calm seas & rocky storms
- Build the pirate adventure before the **crocodile surprise!**

Let’s get started

Start by rowing together slowly and steadily | Sway like gentle waves

and lift your arms high for the sails
Try : whisper rowing, sleepy rowing or rocky stormy seas

Change the mood and direction of the journey as you sing



Children often join in through movement and imagination first

Keep the song changing

Where is the boat going today?

A pirate adventure | A stormy sea |
A sleepy boat ride | An underwater world | A jungle river journey

Use : Scarves for waves | **Shakers** for splashes | **Drums** for storms |

Tea towels as sails | **Lycra** for giant oceans

Treasure Boat Adventure

Turn the room into a boat journey using boxes, blankets or washing baskets.

Hide small treasures around the room | scarves | instruments | shells | shiny objects

One hidden **treasure could make a sound** | a shaker | bell | sea sounds | pirate noises

Row around the room singing together | stop, look and listen for the hidden treasure



Change the tempo, dynamics, and mood of the adventure as the journey unfolds

Sing along with Piccolo Music

Listen on your favourite music platform



sing with piccolo



@sing_with_piccolo



www.piccolomusic.co.uk



WORLD

Sing With Piccolo Music
Official Music Partner



9th to 13th
November 2026



There's no right way to sing this song

Children join in in lots of different ways - by listening, watching, moving, copying actions or singing favourite words.



Repeat the favourite parts and let the song change each time you sing

Lycra Ocean Adventure

Turn the **lycra or scrunchie** into the ocean.

Row the waves | lift giant sails | drift through calm seas | splash through stormy weather | bounce the crocodile across the water

Try:
tiny ripples | giant waves | sleepy seas | pirate storms | quiet drifting | loud splashes

Learning Focus:

Teamwork + Pulse + Dynamic + Coordination

Stormy Seas Percussion

Choose instruments and body percussion for different parts of the journey.

Try: guiros for rowing | drums for storms | shakers for splashes | cymbals for windy seas | snapping claves for the crocodile

One child becomes the captain and controls:

- fast or slow seas | loud or quiet waves stop/start storm sounds
- Can the crew follow the musical sailing signals? - the commands, the dynamics and the tempo

Learning Focus:

Tempo + Dynamics + Timbre + Anticipation

Musical Treasure Map

Create a floor map using cushions, tape lines or paper islands.

Add musical stops:

waves | pirate ship | crocodile cave | treasure island | storm clouds

At each stop:

row fast or slowly | tap claves to the beat | shake shakers for storms | freeze for the crocodile | stomp through giant waves

Roll a dice or choose a treasure card to decide where the boat travels next.

Learning Focus:

Listening + Pulse/Beat + Sequencing + Turn Taking

Movement & Coordination

- Rowing **together** in time
- Rocking **forwards, backwards** and side to side
- **Big** and **small** movements
- **Balance, coordination** and **teamwork**

Language & Communication

- Pirate and sea **vocabulary**
- Repeated **rhyming phrases**
- Listening, **predicting** and responding
- **Storytelling** through music and movement

Musical Learning

- Exploring **pulse/beat** through rowing rhythms
- **Fast** and **slow** tempo changes
- **Loud** and **quiet** dynamics
- **Listening** and **reacting** to musical changes

Playing together

- **Working together** as a pirate crew
- Taking turns **leading actions**
- Following **musical cues & directions**
- Cooperative **storytelling** and play

Sing along with Piccolo Music

Listen on your favourite music platform



Tag us in your photos



sing with piccolo

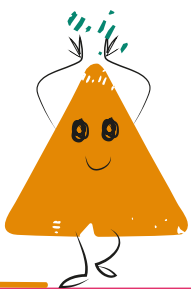


@sing_with_piccolo



www.piccolomusic.co.uk





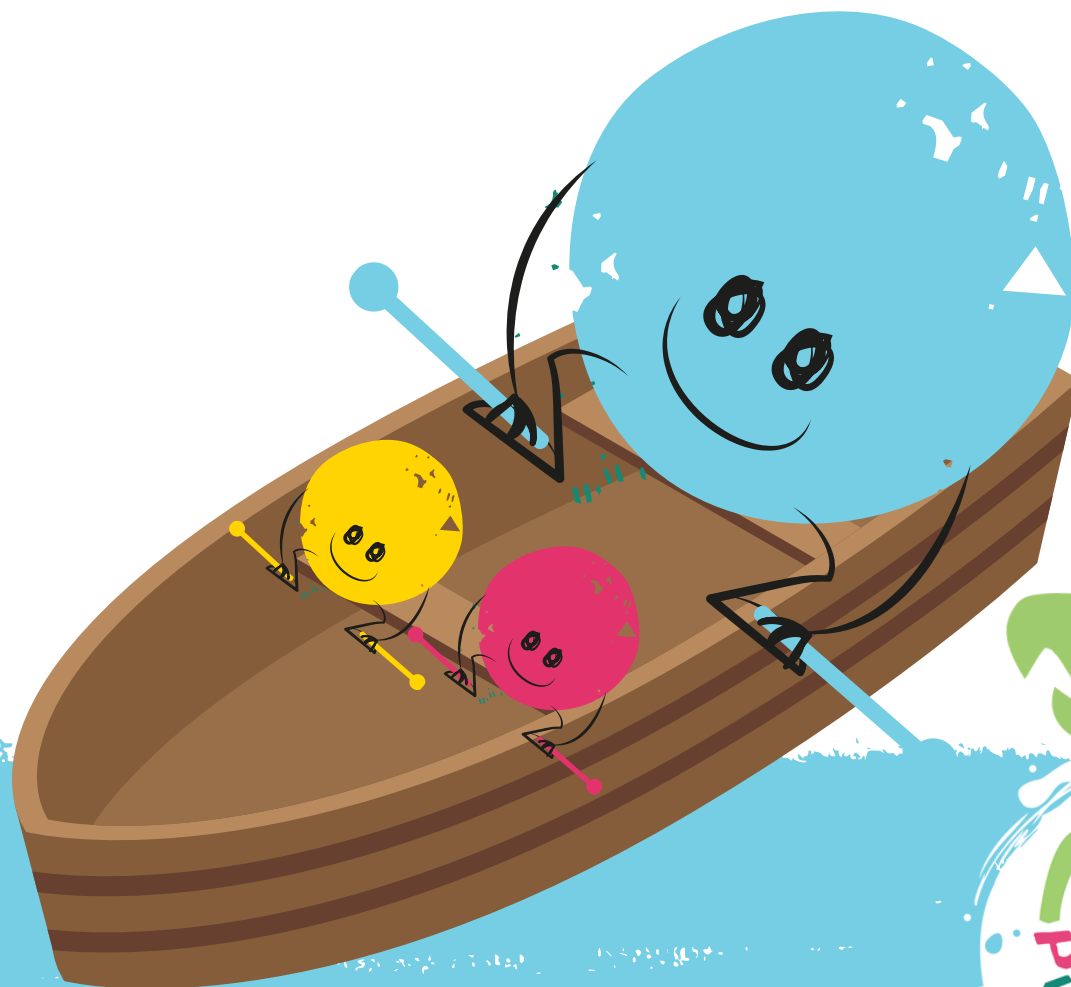
Row Row Row Your Boat



Click this link
to sing along



Join **Rabana the Tambourine**
as we row our way to a sea
adventure. We'll meet pirates
hoisting the sails, battle with
storms and see how rocky it
will get. Can you help find the
crocodile?

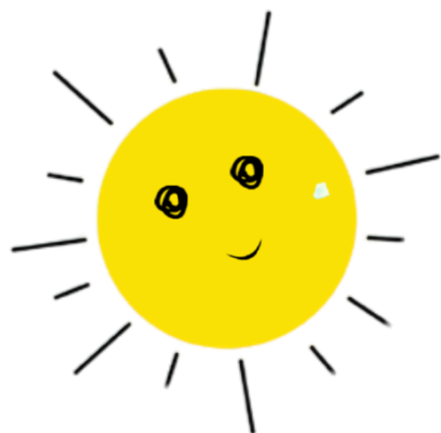


Row row row your boat



Gently down the stream

Merrily merrily merrily merrily



Life is but a dream

Heave ho! Hoist the sail



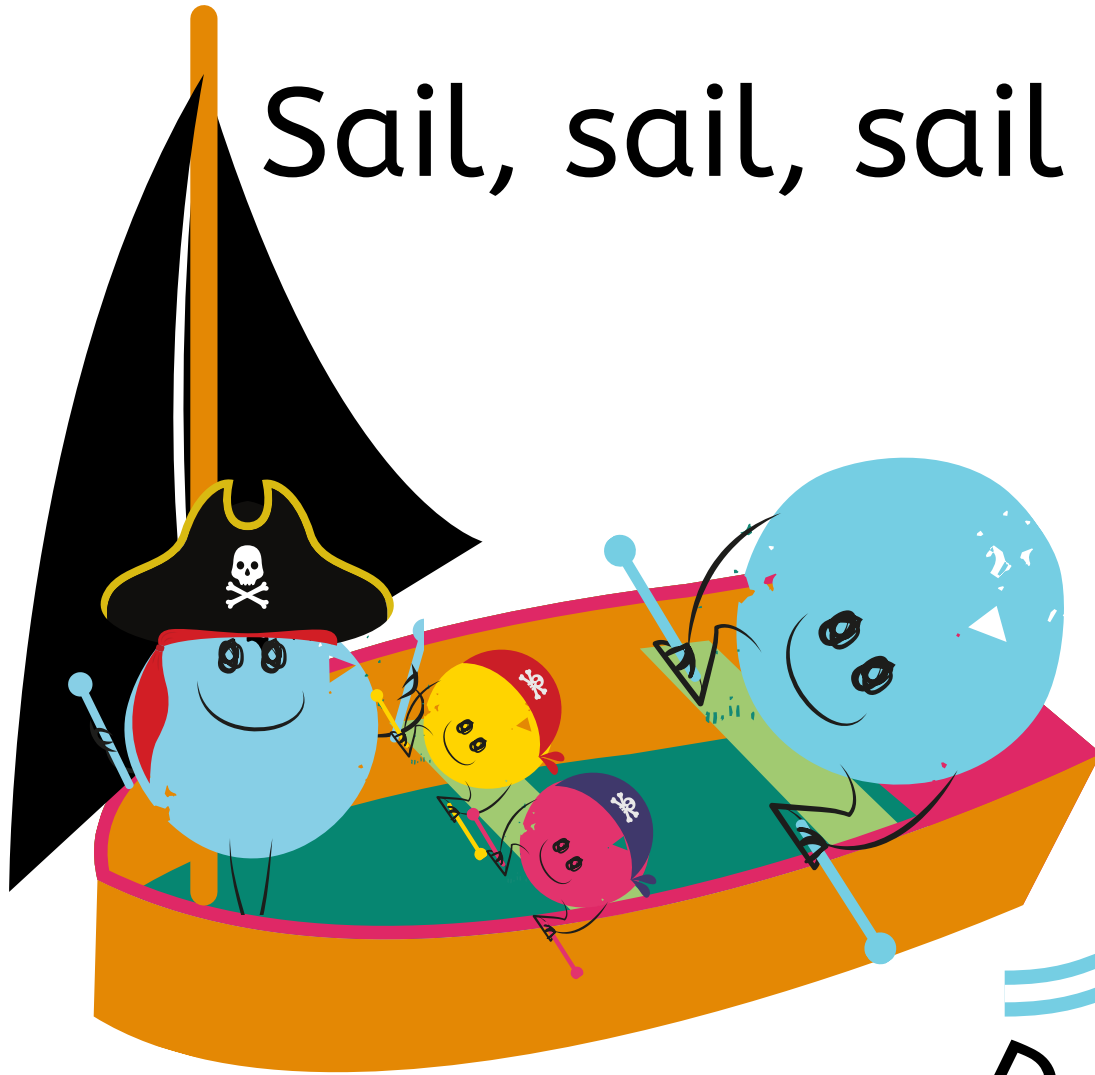
A bottle of rum, Yo ho ho



A pirate's life for me

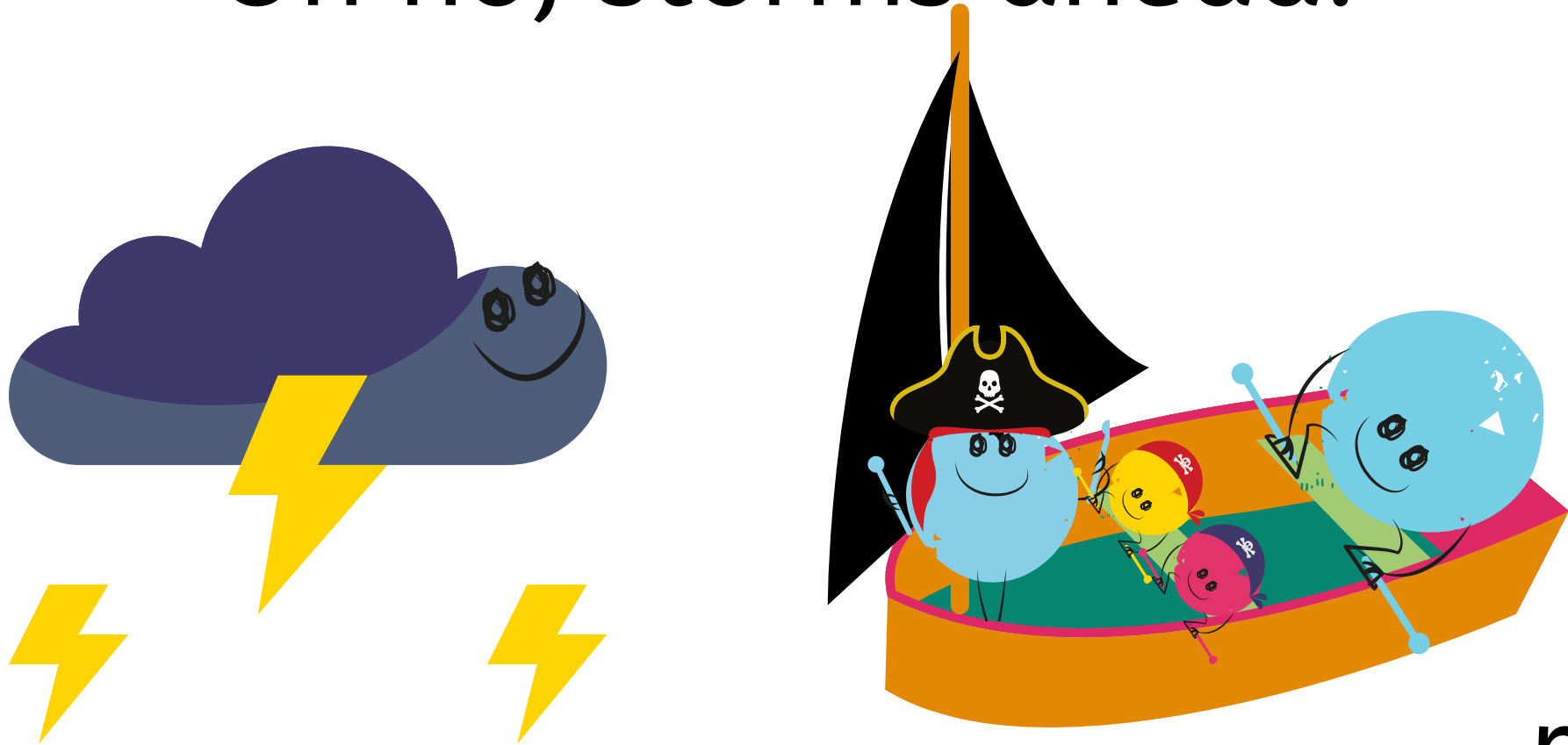


Sail, sail, sail your boat



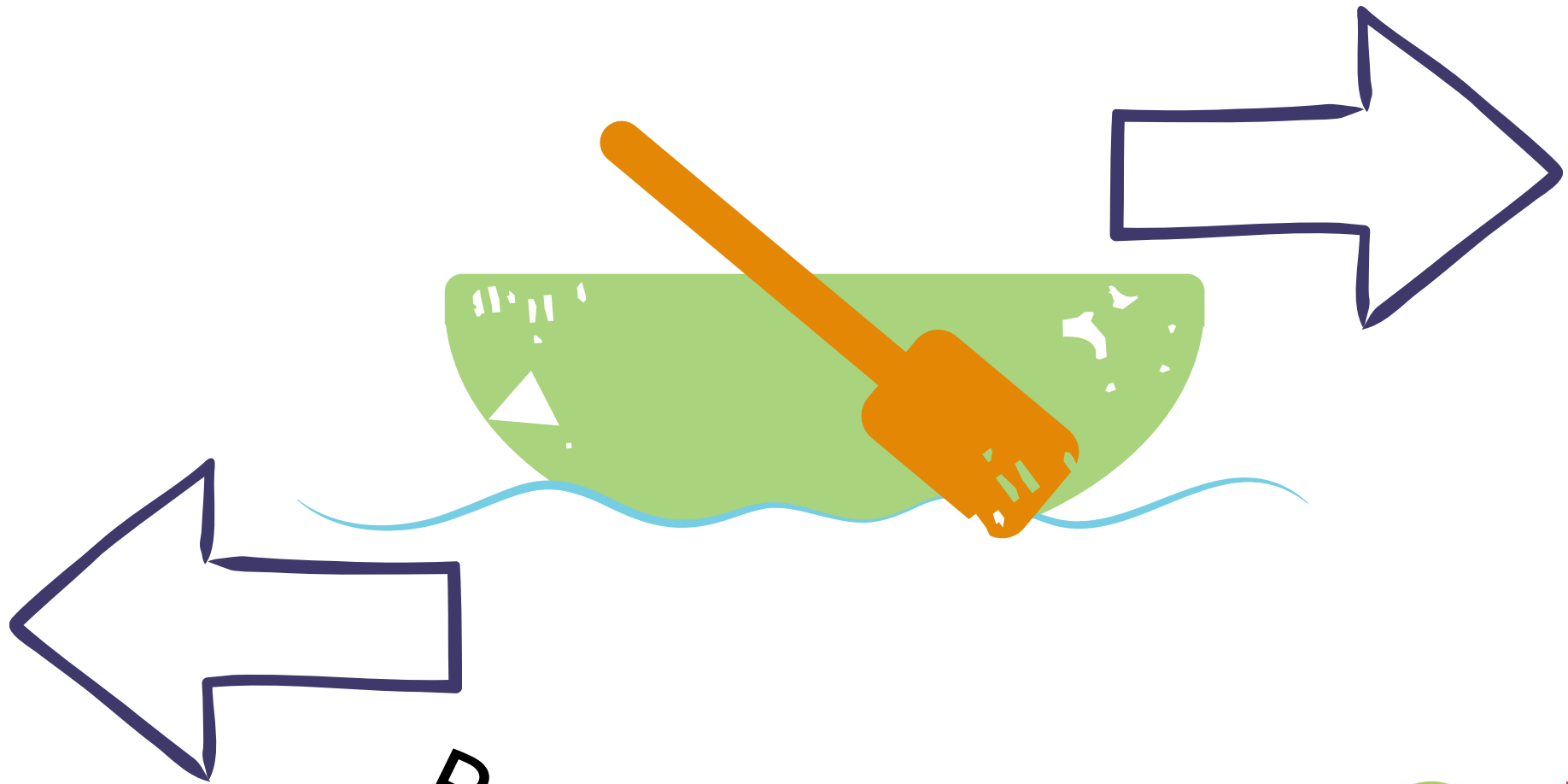
Drifting with the tide

Oh no, storms ahead!



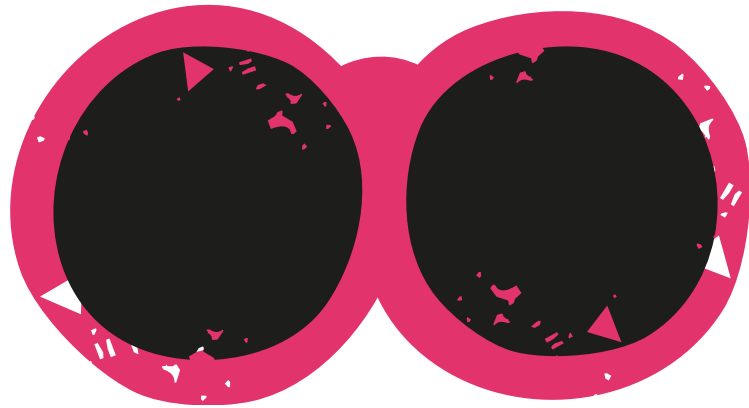
We're in for a rocky ride

This way, that way forwards and backwards



Rocking to and fro

Look out, here comes a wave



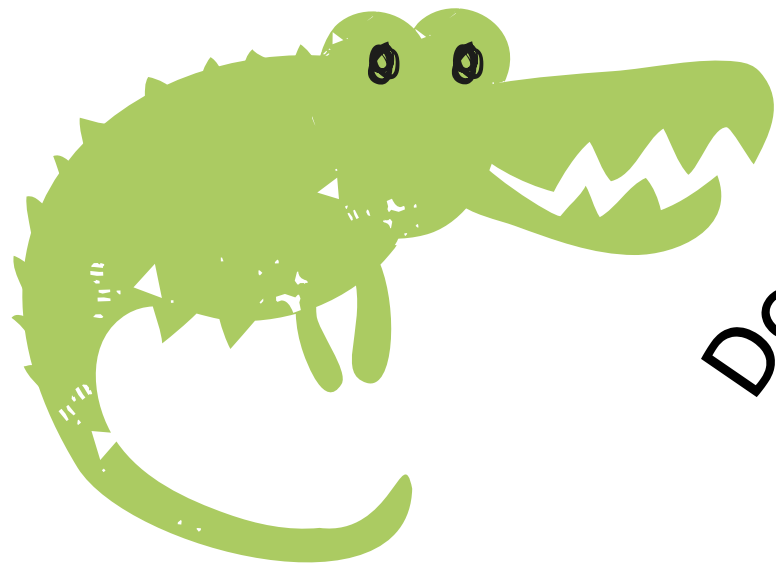
Splash!

Row row row your boat

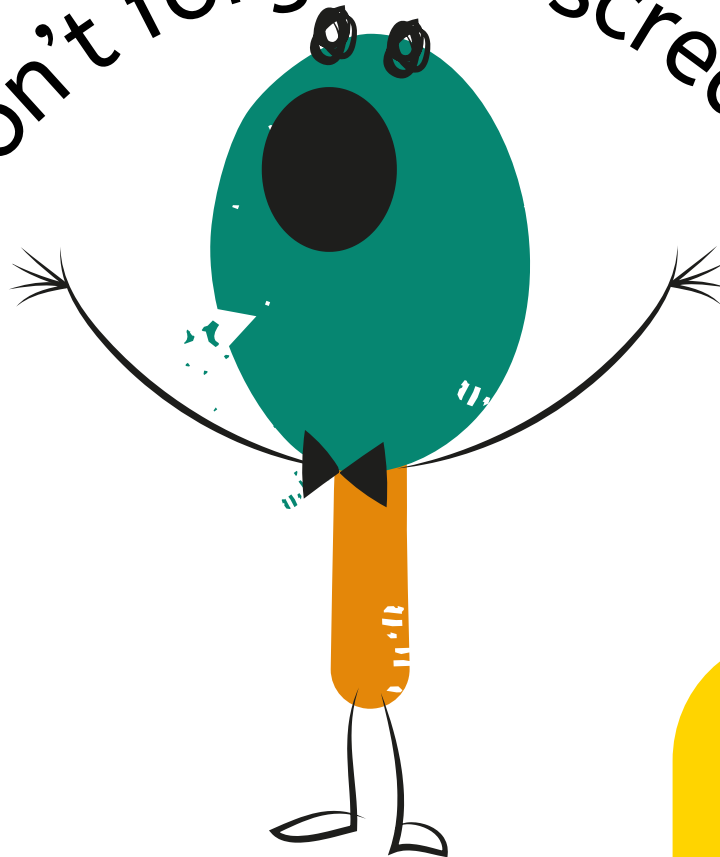


Gently down the stream

If you see a crocodile



Don't forget to scream.



Aargh!



Sing along with the Row Row Row
Your Boat Lyric Video





Row Row Row your Boat

Row row row your boat
Gently down the stream
Merrily merrily merrily merrily
Life is but a dream



Heave ho. Hoist the sail.
Sail the open seas
A bottle of rum,
Yo ho ho
A pirate's life for me

Sail, sail, sail your boat
Drifting with the tide
Oh no, storms ahead
We're in for a rocky ride

This way that way,
Forwards and backwards
Rocking to and fro
Look out! Here comes a wave
Into the water we go
Splash!



Row row row your boat
Gently down the stream
If you see a crocodile,
Don't forget to scream.
Aarghh!



www.piccolomusic.co.uk

