Objective 5 Demonstrates balancing skills

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What You Do

1. Sing "The Farmer in the Dell" as you demonstrate the movements and encourage children to copy them.

The farmer in the dell [March in place.] The farmer in the dell [Pat your knees.] Hi-ho, the derry-o [Swing your arms.] The farmer in the dell [Jump forward.]

- 2. Introduce new movements for additional verses, e.g., turn around, reach up high, reach down low, tap your toes.
- 3. Hold infants in your lap as you sing. While seated, make marching movements with your legs. As you sing the last line, bounce the infant gently in your lap.

 Ask toddlers and 2-year-olds to share their ideas about ways to move as you sing the song.