

Bingo

The musical score for 'Bingo' is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three staves. The first staff is an instrumental introduction with a melody of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4, C4. The second staff contains the lyrics 'B I N G O B I N G O' with notes below each letter: B4, I4, N4, G4, O4, B4, I4, N4, G4, O4. The third staff contains the lyrics 'B I N G O' with notes below each letter: B4, I4, N4, G4, O4. The score ends with a double bar line.

Ring with joined hands dance round singing. A child in middle is blindfolded.
At BINGO, she points with finger as she says letters and finally bobs down at a certain letter.
If a player happens to represent that letter, they change places. Otherwise game is repeated with A.
(Before game begins each player is named B or I or N or G or O.)

Source: Sung by children at Stow-on-the-Wold. Collected by Cecil Sharp on July 29th 1909.

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