First Recorder Songs
easiest duets

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Tonguing

To make a good clean sound on your recorder, you need to practice tonguing. At the beginning of each note, make a ‘t’ sound with your tongue so that the note sounds nice and neat. The sound should start and finish perfectly evenly, like this line: You do not want your sound to look like this:

Start your note with a ‘t’ sound. When you finish your note, your tongue should be back where it was at the beginning of the ‘t’ sound.

Playing

Your right thumb is placed under the recorder and is only used as a support for it.
Keep your fingers close to the holes, ready to play.
Cover the holes with the pads of your fingers, not with the tips. Your fingers need to be fairly straight.
The holes need to be covered completely.
Beginners Bounce

To make this tune really bounce, softly say the letter ‘T’ under your breath as you play each note.
Sam’s Silly Song

Sam - my sang a silly song right to the end and then she

Sang the silly song she sang right to the end again.

Sam Plays D

Sam plays a cool ‘D’ clear as can be, then Sam - my plays ‘G.’
Skating Along

Back flip, kick flip, riding fast. Riding on forever.

Watch me ride and do the tricks I've learnt, they are so clever.

Playing C

I can play C I can play from D right down to G.
I have a teddy he sits on my bed,

He has a big nose and I call him Fred.

Though he is tattered and though he’s not new,

He’s still my fav’rite, I love him, I do.
Lion!

There's a lion chasing me, I think he's catching up with me and I am getting very very scared.

He's so big and hairy, lions are so scary, I will have to hide beneath my bed.

D

C

Chaser

I think there's a ghost under my bed, I'm getting out now.
Sal - ly plays the sax - o - phone and Tim can play gui - tar to - day.

Kim is good at sing - ing songs, but none of that’s for me.

Let me play the big drum. Let me make a real sound. Lis - ten to the rhy - thm I can play.

This is so ex - ci - ting! Watch me I’m a drum - mer! That’s what I will be!
Have you ever seen my monkey swinging from a tree?

With its tail around the branches free as it can be?

If you saw it would you join it, keep it company?

I’ll go swinging with my monkey, will you come with me?
Summer Farewell

Sum - mer is o - ver, nights are get - ting cold - er

Cool            winds   are       blow    ing,           leaves   are fall    ing down.

Rust - ling all a round me,           yellow red and brown, see

All                of     them      fall      -        ing,                   down    on     top     of           me.