

TRAVELLER FROM FRANCE
(Netherlands)

This Dutch singing game is known in the Netherlands as Een boerinnetje uit Franken.

Dutch pronunciation:

Music: Nevafoon LP 15024. 3/2 and 2/4 meter. Side 1, band 7.
Two meas of 3/2 introduction.

Formation: Line of 7 or 4 children, one child in front of the line, facing them (about 6 ft apart).

Action

- A. "The traveller" moves six small running steps twd the line and six bkwd.
- B. At this phrase the traveller stands still and invites one of the children, who steps fwd.
- C. The traveller forms two "arches" by holding his arms obliquely sdwd high and moves alternately four steps fwd and bkwd. The chosen child does the same but moving around the traveller, so passing for example under the R "arch" then moving fwd and under the L arch moving bkwd (kind of continued do sa do). At the last sentence of the song, the chosen child joins the traveller.

When repeating the dance, the new invited child will find three arches to go through, and so on.

When the original line is reduced to one child, this is the new traveller and the dance continues without break.

Words of song:

- A. Here is coming a traveller
From France all the way
- B. Will my darling . . . enter through my gate
See her (him) walking down the street
Without shoes upon her (his) feet
Shiny buttons on her (his) shirt
Pretty ribbons and some dirt
Everyone can tell
That fits our . . . well!

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