

The Wheel of Fortune

Sprightly

Trad Irish/ Scottish

C C G G

Roon' and roon' goes the wheel of for - tune, roon' and roon' till it wear - ies me
Nine-teen sev - en-teen fif - teen thir - teen eleven nine seven and a five three one

5 F F G G Am

young men's hearts are so un - cert - ain, sad ex - per - ience teach - es me.
twen - ty eight - een six - teen four - teen twelve ten eight six four two none

CHORUS

*Roon' and roon' goes the wheel of fortune, roon' and roon' till it wearies me,
Young men's hearts are so uncertain, sad experience teaches me.*

COUNTING

Nineteen seventeen fifteen thirteen eleven nine seven and a five three one
Twenty eighteen sixteen fourteen twelve ten eight six four two none.

VERSES

Ower yon hill there lives a lassie, and her name I do not know,
Some day soon I'm gan tae see her, whether she be rich or no.

Lassie I hae gold and siller, lassie I hae hooses and land,
Lassie I hae ships on the ocean, all are there at your command.

I don't want your gold and siller, I dinna want your hooses and land,
I don't want your ships on the ocean, all I want is a nice young man.

Suggested singing order:

chorus - counting - verse 1

chorus - counting - verse 2

chorus - counting - verse 3

chorus - counting fast - counting faster

A popular traditional song of courtship gone wrong which has been transformed over the years into a playground rhyme with numerical refrain. The speed with which children seem to pick this up highlights how setting facts and numbers to music can aid memory.

Activity:

Try setting lists of anything to a well known tune and see if it works! Get the class to act out the different parts within the song by splitting into two groups. Ask the pupils to create their own actions.