

Frog in the Bucket (Draw Me A Bucket of Water) African-American

This is a slave era game for young children. Sometimes the slave's drinking well did not have a wall or covering, so snakes and frogs would get inside. This is a game that was made about it.

Starting position

Circles of four children, each one extends both arms out to the one across, gently pulling back and forth to "draw the bucket up the well."

Draw me a bucket of water, for my oldest daughter. There's none in the bunch, we are all out the bunch, you go under sister Sally. (Let one person under.)

Draw me a bucket of water, for my oldest daughter. There's one in the bunch, and three out the bunch, you go under sister Sally. (Let one more person in the bunch)

Draw me a bucket of water, for my oldest daughter. There's two in the bunch, and two out the bunch, you go under sister Sally. (Let the third person in.)

Draw me a bucket of water, for my oldest daughter. There's three in the bunch, and one out the bunch, you go under sister Sally. (All four are woven in to the bucket.)

Frog in the bucket and I can't get it out. Frog in the bucket and I can't get it out.
Frog in the bucket and I can't get it out. Frog in the bucket and I can't get it out.
(All four rotate together).