

THE CALLY KIDS PLAY WORLD GAMES



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CARAWAY (RUSSIA)

Type of Game

Circle game

Number of Players

6 or more children

Best location

Indoors or out

Resources

None

Setting up

None

All but one of the children form a circle, holding hands – they hold hands throughout the game. The single child stands in the middle and, as the children in the circle sing and make the gestures of the song, this child does the opposite. The traditional song is translated as:

Caraway, caraway,
You can go any way (left, right),
You can go to your left,
You can go to your right,
You can be very tall (raise your arms and move on tiptoes),
You can be very small (crouch down and rush to the centre, still holding hands)

When the circle comes in, the child in the middle tries to unlink a pair holding hands and join the circle. If he or she manages it, then someone else comes into the circle for the next round.



“I played skipping! And I bullied people! I also stole an orange.” (Molara, 80, Cyprus)
“Did you make dolls? I made dolls out of ladies’ stockings. They’d give us them some-
times when we was in the bomb shelters. I’d embroider eyes on and make little ones to
sew onto a pin and put it here, on my lapel.” (Betty, 79)