

# BARN DANCE!

**“Come a little closer...come a little closer...Listen to the night...There’s magic in the air...” A boy follows the nighttime sounds of a fiddler and a crowd of dancing feet and finds a wonderful barnyard scene.**

Author: Bill Martin Jr. and John Archambault

Ages: 3 – 6 years

Pages: 32

Themes: Rhyming, object identification, music and rhythm, sense of humor!

Here is an opportunity to have some real fun while reading this book with your child. Not only will you be rhyming words, but you can “ham it up” as you introduce all of the farm animals through rhythm and dance.

Be sure to ask your child if they know what some of the objects are on the pages. ‘Can you tell me where the silo is on the barn?’ ‘How many rabbits are jumping over the dog?’ Ask your child if they’ve ever seen a scarecrow before. Let them know that they don’t normally come to life like this one does in the book. Their real “purpose” is to scare birds away in the garden or field.

When you get to the page where the animals are dancing – ‘Right hand! Left hand! Around you go!’ – invite your child to dance along with the instructions and be sure to join in for some real fun!

After you’ve read the book at least once, have your child come up with some extra words that rhyme with words in the book....pile/style (smile) – bed/head (red).

Don’t forget.....have some fun with this one!