

Tree Song

Once upon a time There was a tree The prettiest tree That you ever did see!

Chorus:

And the tree was in the ground And the green grass grew all around, all around, And the green grass grew all around!

> Now on that tree There was a branch Just the prettiest little branch That you ever did see!

Chorus:

And the branch was on the tree And the tree was in the ground And the green grass grew all around, all around And the green grass grew all around!

...add on twig, nest, egg, bird, wing, feather, flea, elephant!

Actions:

Ground: move both arms out from the body horizontally (i.e. as a movie director would when saying "cut!") Tree: two hands trace parallel lines starting at the level of your head and heading downwards Branch: hold one arm out as a branch Twig: hold up your pinkie finger Nest: cup your hands Egg: make a fist Bird: one hand pointed forward at your face as a beak, the other sticking out behind as a tail Wing: flap one arm Feather: trace the path a feather would take as it falls through the air Flea: indicate something really small Elephant: trace the outline of something really big!

(source: Children's song from the early 1900s)