

Let Them Be Little (from the CD "Let Them Be Little" by Billy Dean)
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Instrumental Intro: Children lay on tummy under PC with only head sticking out. Pretend to be sleeping and wake up when music starts. Stand up, yawn, and pick up PC right before singing starts.

LYRICS

I can remember when you fit in the palm of my hand.
You felt so good in it; no bigger than a minute.
How it amazes me you're changin' with every blink.
Faster than a flower blooms, they grow up all too soon.

So let them be little,
'Cause they're only that way for a while.
Give 'em hope, give them praise,
Give them love every day.
Let 'em cry, let 'em giggle,
Let 'em sleep in the middle,
Oh, but let them be little.
(instrumental phrase)

I never felt so much in one little tender touch.
I live for those kisses, your prayers an' your wishes.
An' now you're teachin' me how only a child can see.
Tonight, while we're on our knees, all I ask is:

Please, let them be little,
'Cause they're only that way for a while.
Give them hope, give them praise,
Give them love every day.

Let 'em cry, let 'em giggle,
Let 'em sleep in the middle,
Oh, but let them be little.

The so innocent, precious soul; you turn around,
an' it's time to let them go.

So let them be little,
'Cause they're only that way for a while.
Give them hope, give 'em praise,
Give them love every day.

Let 'em cry, let 'em giggle,
Let them sleep in the middle,

Oh, but let them be little.
Let them be... little.
Instrumental to end

ACTIONS

Walk to the right-left hand holds PC
and R hand held out straight (*airplane*)
Gallop to the left-right hand holds PC
and L hand held out straight (*airplane*)

Shake PC gently (*ripples*)
Shake PC harder (*waves*)
Pull PC tight ready to lift
Raise PC up in air to an *umbrella*
Hold PC up and do a full turn
Lower PC to waist
Raise PC, take 3 steps in (*mushroom*)
Take 3 steps out and lower PC to waist

Sway R,L,R,L (each sway is 2 cts.)
Continue swaying R,L,R,L,
Raise PC up high in air (*umbrella*) and
lower to floor, kneel on outside of PC
with arms up, fall forward on to PC
(*timber*) on "all I ask is"

Pat air out of PC (do not crawl on PC)
Stand up – Pull PC back
Raise PC up to *umbrella*, lower to floor
Lay on stomach, hold PC, put head
under PC – with legs out straight
(*sunflower*)

Roll over to back, hold PC, lift legs
into air and wiggle them (*jelly fish*)
Push PC backwards off of face, sit up
and spin on bottom to face PC, grasp
PC and place knees under PC

3 *situps*, (down on "in..") 4 cts ea.
Stand up and pull PC back gently

Shake PC gently (*ripples*)
Shake PC harder (*waves*)
Pull PC back and raise to *umbrella*
Walk underneath PC and sit down
under it on edge of PC (*igloo*)

Under PC, have children place hands
behind head and rock back and forth
against the PC (*rock and roll*)

Crawl out from PC – Children yawn
Pull PC back, raise to *umbrella*, walk in
2 steps, turn and face out, lay down on
tummy with head out (*turtle*), pretend
to sleep under a blanket