

# Five Little Ducks

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Five little ducks went swimming one day, Over the hills and far away.



Mother duck said, "quack quack quack quack," And only four little



ducks came back.

## Lyrics

Five little ducks went swimming one day,  
Over the hills and far away.  
Mother duck said, "quack quack quack quack,"  
And only four little ducks came back.

Four little ducks went swimming one day,  
Over the hills and far away.  
Mother duck said, "quack quack quack quack,"  
And only three little ducks came back.

Three little ducks went swimming one day,  
Over the hills and far away.  
Mother duck said, "quack quack quack quack,"  
And only two little ducks came back.

Two little ducks went swimming one day,  
Over the hills and far away.  
Mother duck said, "quack quack quack quack,"  
And only one little duck came back.

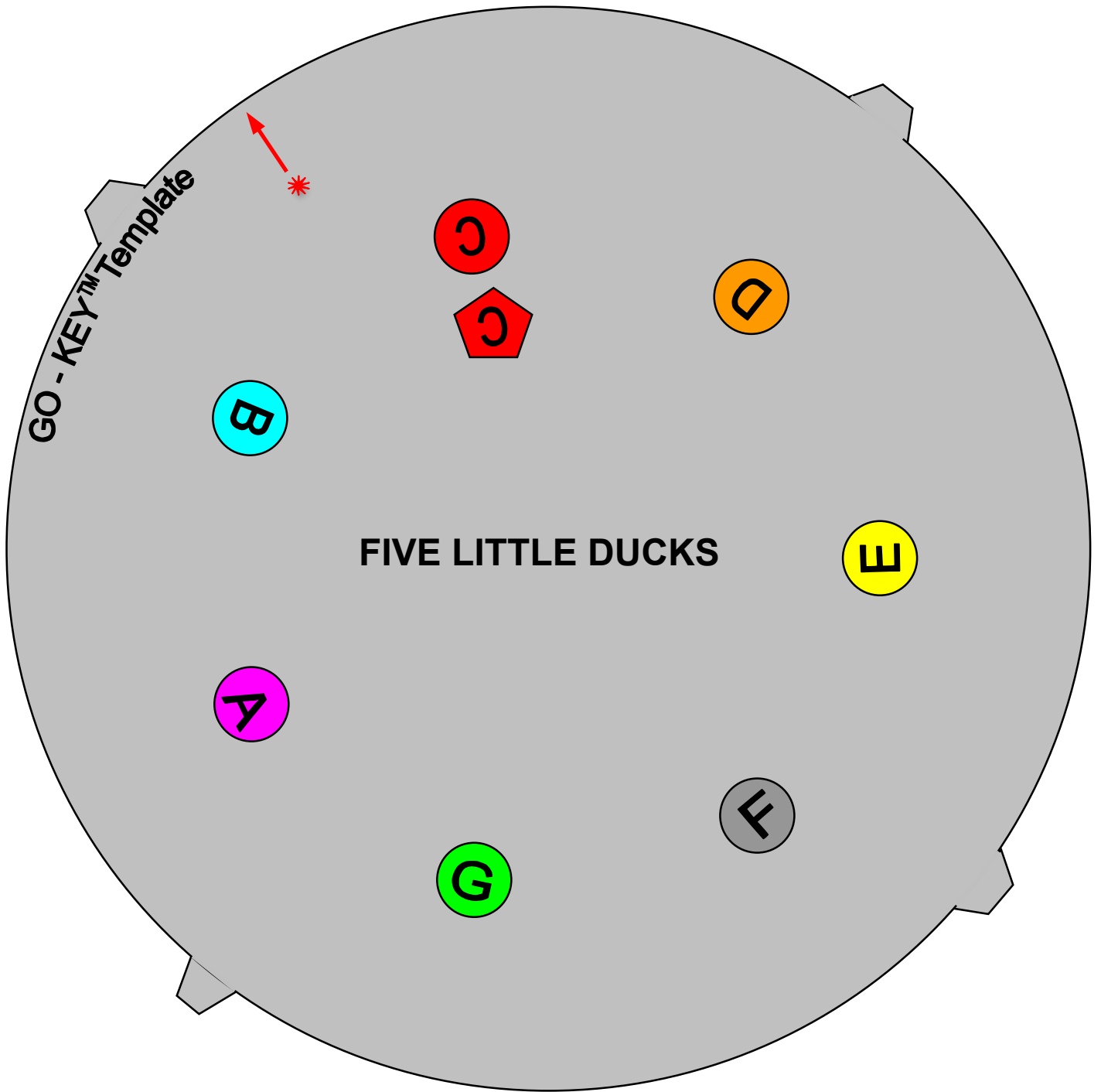
One little duck went swimming one day,  
Over the hills and far away.  
Mother duck said, "quack quack quack quack,"  
But no little ducks came swimming back.

Mother duck went out swimming one day,  
Over the hills and far away.  
Mother duck said, "quack quack quack quack,"  
And all five little ducks came swimming back.

### Game to play during song.

Hold up five fingers on first verse.  
Wave hand as if going up and down a hill.  
Show beak by opening and closing hand.

Hold up four fingers for verse two.  
Repeat actions, using the corresponding number  
of fingers as the numbers count down.



## History and Origin

Five Little Ducks is a nursery rhyme and counting-out game. The rhyme also has an associated tune and finger play. Denise Fleming's 2016 picture book *5 Little Ducks* tells a reimagined version of the song. Like all folk songs, the exact wording varies. "Five Little Ducks" is a classic kids song. This is a song sang by Murray of the Wiggles, making it first song he sang all by himself. When the song is played in concerts, Captain Feathersword performs the song with Murray and when the ducks go missing from Father Duck, he cries because he doesn't like it when this happens. The song debuted in the *Wake Up Jeff!* album and later appeared on the *Wiggle Time!* 1998 video.

### **Foreign Titles:**

German: "Fünf kleine Enten"

French: "Cinq petits canards"

Italian: "Cinque paperelle"

Portuguese: "Cinco patinhos"

Spanish: "Cinco patitos"