**Lullabies/Nursery Rhymes from around the world – how many can you listen to? Do you have children in your setting that might know some of these?**

Here you find a collection of songs for babies and small children from various countries, along with YouTube links and short descriptions:

1. **United Kingdom: Baa** **Baa Black Sheep**
   * **Description**: A traditional nursery rhyme about a black sheep sharing its wool.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZD-q0skYGuc>

1. **France: Frère Jacques**
   * **Description**: A well-known round about a monk oversleeping and being called to wake up.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hS60KkwSTxw>

1. **Germany: Schlaf, Kindlein, Schlaf**
   * **Description**: A classic German lullaby encouraging a child to sleep peacefully.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b6K3a_ug9JE>

1. **Italy: Ninna Nanna**
   * **Description**: A soothing Italian lullaby traditionally sung to help babies sleep

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wd5sO3gRGeo>

1. **Spain: A La Nanita Nana**
   * **Description**: A gentle Spanish lullaby often sung to calm and comfort children.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y2-j6U04RnM

1. **Ireland: Bí Íosa Im' Chroíse**
   * **Description**: A traditional Irish Gaelic lullaby with a calming and peaceful melody.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HPhUXuCm0Sg>

1. **Sweden: Bä, Bä, Vita Lamm**
   * **Description**: The Swedish version of "Baa Baa Black Sheep," featuring a white lamb.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UdY8MoS9CXU>

1. **Norway: Trollmors Vuggesang**
   * **Description**: A Norwegian lullaby about a troll mother singing her children to sleep.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-c6xNrn2PQQ>

1. **Greece: Nani, Nani**
   * **Description**: A traditional Greek lullaby with a slow and soothing rhythm,   
     perfect for bedtime.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lNVBSx7FNLA>

1. **Russia: Kolibel'naya Medveditsy**
   * **Description**: A soft Russian lullaby from the animated film "Umka," ideal for bedtime.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1MKX6tI7Q0A>

1. **Poland: Ach śpij kochanie**
   * **Description**: A beloved Polish lullaby gently lulling children to sleep with loving words.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6r5C4JDfhtw>

1. **Netherlands: Slaap, kindje, slaap**
   * **Description**: A Dutch lullaby that encourages little ones to sleep peacefully.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rQRnUtLJvRQ>

1. **Hungary: Tente Baba Tente**
   * **Description**: A traditional Hungarian lullaby that soothes babies with its repetitive, calming melody

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RQovCMxCbfI>

1. **Portugal: Dorme, dorme, meu menino**
   * **Description**: A Portuguese lullaby with a simple and peaceful melody to help a child sleep.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SEQkqYuCfL0>

1. **Czech Republic: Spi, děťátko, spi**
   * **Description**: A Czech lullaby meaning "Sleep, Baby, Sleep," encouraging restful sleep.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HQrOurkLMB0>

1. **Ukraine:** **Oi Khodyt Son Kolo Vikon** (Ой ходить сон коло вікон).

**Description:** This lullaby translates to "The Dream Passes by the Windows." It is a gentle, soothing song traditionally sung by mothers to lull their children to sleep. The lyrics describe a peaceful scene where sleep and drowsiness visit the child's home, helping them drift into slumber.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8qrFTYE3F0A>

1. **Syria**: **Nana El Hawa** (نانا الهوى), which translates to "Lullaby of the Breeze."

**Description:** This lullaby is known for its gentle and soothing melody, designed to calm and comfort babies as they drift off to sleep. The song often features soft, repetitive phrases that create a peaceful atmosphere.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fhn1hP0mYHY>

1. **South Africa: Thula Thul**

* **Description**: A soothing Zulu lullaby often sung to calm babies to sleep. The repetitive, gentle melody helps create a peaceful environment.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r1tiwici4fY>

1. **Nigeria: Onye mere nwa n'ebe akwa**

* **Description**: A traditional Yoruba lullaby that praises and invokes divine protection, featuring a simple and comforting melody.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vF0MY-nMuVE>

1. **Kenya: Lala Toto Lala**

* **Description**: A beautiful Swahili song with soothing words and melody.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VmCVt0pN3EM>

1. **Ghana: Kye** **Kye Kule**

* **Description**: A popular Ghanaian lullaby often used in playful call-and-response games, with a rhythmic and engaging tune.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ENTGjgSyUbU>

1. **South Africa**: **Siyahambe**

* **Description**: A traditional Song and dance activity taught to young children in Senegal.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pRR4p7W6XwU>

1. **South Africa: "Siyahamba"**

* **Description**: Although not exclusively a lullaby, this traditional South African song has a calming effect with its repetitive and soothing melody, often adapted for various uses including bedtime.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3mV5fyN0y6Y>

1. **Ethiopia: Manbeb Ewedalhu**

* **Description**: A song sung in Amharic – the major language of Ehiopia.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u0t7pcTxbMU>

1. **Mali: Music for Meditation**

* **Description**: No words here but a relaxing piece of music from Mali to focus the mid and be calm – encouraging active listening.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Oi9s1p7bblw>

1. **Tanzania: La** **la Mtoto Lala**

* **Description**: This song is often sung as a lullaby in Swahili, with a soft and comforting melody.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VmCVt0pN3EM>

1. **Zimbabwe: Kwaziwai**

* **Description**: This is a fun greetings song with a tune that has been borrowed from ‘She’ll be coming round the mountain’

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gk7JAJnUPKg>

1. **Indonesia**: ***Nina Bobo***

* *Nina Bobo* is a traditional Indonesian lullaby widely sung to put children to sleep. It has a soothing melody and is a staple in many Indonesian households.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MaPwA8N2gTU>

1. **Philippines**: ***Sa Ugoy ng Duyan***

* This Filipino lullaby, composed by Lucio San Pedro, captures the tender love between a mother and child. The lyrics convey a longing for the comforting embrace of a mother’s care.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q_gOQVLVUJI>

1. **Thailand**: **Thai Alphabet Song**

* This song takes through the Thai alphabet.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Tk-x5KHJFI>

1. **Malaysia**: **Chan Mali Chan**

* This is a song in Malay about a cheeky little goat that keeps going missing. Where will he be next?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=39khJtpBzy8>

1. **India**: **Salaam Namaste Song**

* a song that teaches different greetings from India

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-uYv_al2qg8>

1. **Pakistan:Ek mera chand ek me mera tara**

* This lullaby is a well-known and cherished song in Pakistan, passed down through generations. It talks about a mother comforting her child.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3Brsr57X1y0>