

CHORAL VERSION SAMPLE PAGES:

Run Turkey, Run!

Inspired by a Thanksgiving Finger Play Poem. Revised,
Expanded and Formatted for Choral Speaking
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To find the proper rhythm for this reading, first read-aloud and clap through the sections as you go. Each underlined word or word part falls directly on a beat. As you read, clap on each underlined word, keeping the rhythm steady. Be careful not to read too fast! This is a rehearsal technique and readers will not clap throughout the reading during performance.

VERSE 1

ALL: Five fat turkeys stand in a line.
 They wiggle their toes and are feeling fine.

ALL GIRLS: They look to the sky,

ALL BOYS: They look to the ground.

ALL: Then they twist and turn and prance around.
 But they won't be prancing on Thanksgiving Day,
 `Cause when it comes, they'll run away!

ALL CHORUS: Run turkey, run.
 Thanksgiving is fun.
 It's fun for most,

 But not for the roast!

(All speakers raise a hand above their heads and proceed with the following count down by folding thumb into palm as the letter 5 is spoken, then pulling down pointer finger as the letter 4 is spoken. This continues all the way down the line until the little finger is folded down as the letter 1 is spoken).

Five, four, three, two, one....

(Speakers have now formed a fist. They will thrust that fist into the air each time the word "run" is said in the following):

So, run turkey,

Run turkey,

RUN!

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VERSE 2

ALL BOYS: Five fancy turkeys stand in a row.
They ruffle and fluff their wings just so.

ALL GIRLS: They look to the left.
Then look to the right.
When they shake their feathers, they're quite a sight!

ALL: But they won't show off on Thanksgiving Day,
'Cause when it comes, they'll run away!

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