

## The Thanksgiving Escape By Lois Walker

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### ESTABLISHING THE RHYTHM

To find the proper rhythm for this script, 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 and sing, quietly clap on each underlined word, keeping the rhythm steady. Be careful not to read or sing too fast! This is a rehearsal technique and readers will not clap throughout the reading during performance. Once the readers become comfortable with the rhythm, you can then experiment, improvise, interpret, and make changes to suit your goals.

A choral Speaking Teacher's Guide can be found online at:  
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### SPOKEN

ALL:                    Turkey in the barnyard  
                             Lived beside the pig.  
                             They ate lots of food  
                             And were growing mighty big!

ALL GIRLS:        Each day they sang together  
                             And made their voices ring.

ALL BOYS:         The Gobble-Oink Song  
                             Was the song they would sing.

*(Sung to the tune of "Stayin' Alive")*

**SUNG**

ALL:                    Oink, gobble gobble, snort,  
                             Gobble gobble, snort,

Stayin' Alive, Stayin' Alive!

This is the song  
Of the fowl and the pork.

Stayin' Alive, Stayin' Alive!

Snort, gobble gobble, oink,  
Gobble, gobble, oink,

Stayin' Alive, Stayin' Alive!

Have a happy Thanksgiving,  
A happy Thanksgiving,  
Yes, that is the point!  
That is the point!

**SPOKEN**

ALL:                    Piggy in the barnyard  
                             Lying by the gate,  
                             Thought: Thanksgiving's coming  
                             And I can't wait.

ALL GIRLS:        We'll sing our song together  
                          And make our voices ring.

ALL BOYS:        The Gobble-Oink Song  
                          Is the song we'll sing.

*(Sung to the tune of "Stayin' Alive")*

**SUNG**

ALL:                Oink, gobble gobble, snort,  
                          Gobble gobble, snort,

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This is the song  
Of the fowl and the pork.

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Snort, gobble gobble, oink,  
Gobble, gobble, oink,

Stayin' Alive, Stayin' Alive!

Have a happy Thanksgiving,

A happy Thanksgiving,  
Yes, that is the point!  
That is the point!

**SPOKEN**

ALL: Turkey in the barnyard  
On Thanksgiving Day,  
Wobbled back and forth  
In a worried turkey way.

ALL GIRLS: Then turkey made a statement  
This is how it began:

SOLO VOICE: "It is my opinion  
Folks should eat more ham!"  
(*Sung to the tune of "Stayin' Alive"*)

**SUNG**

ALL: Oink, gobble gobble, snort,  
Gobble gobble, snort,

Stayin' Alive, Stayin' Alive!

This is the song  
Of the fowl and the pork.

Stayin' Alive, Stayin' Alive!

There's a hole in the fence  
And my path is clear.

Stayin' Alive, Stayin' Alive!

So, goodbye Piggy  
Goodbye Piggy  
I'm out of here!  
I'm out of here!

**SPOKEN**

ALL: Piggy in the barnyard  
All alone.  
Didn't want to end up  
A soup ham bone.

ALL GIRLS Found the hole in the fence  
And wiggled right through.

ALL BOYS: 'Cause when she thought if over  
There was nothing else to do.

*(Sung to the tune of "Stayin' Alive")*

**SUNG**

ALL: Oink, gobble gobble, snort,  
Gobble gobble, snort,