

# Shake the Maraca

Tune - La Cucaracha

*Adapted by Ashley Moss Fox*

*At the PreK level, it is wise to allow children to use ONE maraca rather than a pair to decrease the chance that children hit the instruments together. Children may need regular reminders that “maracas are shaker instruments, not tapper instruments”.*

*You can use this song in partnership with the original maraca song (which is great for guiding students on how to play the maraca SAFELY).*

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COR Advantage: J - Fine motor skills; Y - Music;  
Z - Movement

NYS Core Arts Standards:

- MU:Cr1.1.PK.a
- MU:Cr2.1.PK.a
- MU:Pr5.1.PK.c
- MU:Cn10.1.PK.d

**Shake the maraca! Shake the maraca!  
Shake it high and shake it low!  
Shake the maraca! Shake the maraca!  
Shake it fast and shake it slow!**

**¡ Sacude la maraca! ¡ Sacude la maraca!  
¡ Muévelo alto y bajo!  
¡ Sacude la maraca! ¡ Sacude la maraca!  
¡ Muévelo rápido y lento!**

NOTE: The Spanish translation is not word-for-word. The lyrics have been modified to better fit with the melody of the song.

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