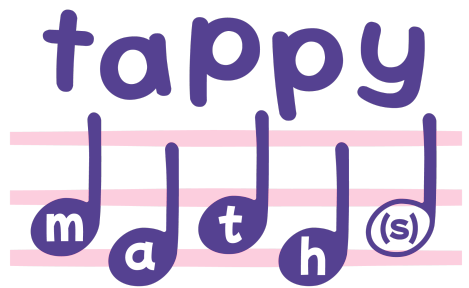


Lyrics



The slow and fast song (a song about tempo)

Lyrics and music by Sam Hartburn with Lucy Rycroft-Smith,
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Moving, moving, steadily

Try to keep the beat

Moving, moving, feel it in your hands and in your feet

Slower, slower, slow it down

Try to keep the beat

Slower, slower, feel it in your hands and in your feet

Faster, faster, speed it up

Try to keep the beat

Faster, faster, feel it in your hands and in your feet



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