

# Sturdy Stems

Hip Hop  
Drew Temperante

**Intro** D G A D A D

One, two, three, four, five, six! Six plant parts and they go like this: roots, stems, leaves, flow - ers, fruit, and seeds!

G A D A D C D C

Each part plays a spe - cial role. Stems help plants grow and grow.

**Verse** D C D C D C D C D C D C

1. Stur - dy stems are why we sing this song. They help plants stand up tall and strong. Stems can be thin, thorn-y, or thick, wood-y, flat, or rough like a brick.

**Chorus** D C D C D C D C D C D C D C

Stur-dy stems are like tun-nels, you see. They make paths from roots to leaves. Up comes wa-ter from roots un-der-ground. Then food from the leaves trav-els back down.

**Verse 2**  
See those sturdy stems behind the scenes?  
They're helping plants stand tall and green.  
What else do those stems do?  
They move nutrients and water from the roots!

**Chorus**

**Bridge** F G C F G C F G C F G

Stand tall like a stem. Stand still and true. Now do the stem stretch. You've got work to do! Bring wa-ter up, up, up from the roots un-der-neath. Bring food down, down, down from the leaves. Up and down and down and up, down and up and up and down, keep things mov-ing! Don't miss a beat!

(N.C.) F G C F

**Verse 3**  
Rhubarb and asparagus—  
those stems can be delicious.  
Chow down on stems for energy.  
How do you eat your celery?

**Chorus**