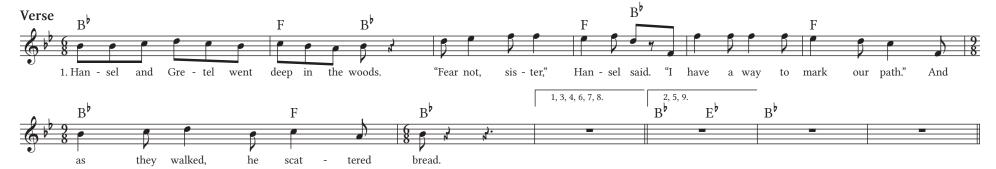
Hansel and Gretel



Verse 2

Through mossy paths they dropped the crumbs, but hungry birds ate up their trail.
All around them darkness fell.
"We're lost forever!" Gretel wailed.





Verse 3

The next day dawned with birdsong bright. The children squinted up ahead. What was that? No, could it be? A real house made of gingerbread!

Verse 4

Hungry, Gretel licked the roof while Hansel nibbled on the floor. They did not see the old, hunched witch with red eyes standing by the door.

Verse 5

The witch locked Hansel in a cage.
"I'll feast on roasted boy!" she spat.
"As for you," she said to Gretel,
"you will feed him till he's fat."

Chorus

Verse 6

"Stick out your finger," said the witch when Hansel's cheeks were plump and red. But that old witch could barely see, so the boy held out a bone instead.

Verse 7

"Still thin!" she shrieked. "I'll stew your bones!" She lit the oven. Hot flames swirled. To Gretel then she slyly called, "Please check the fire for me, dear girl."

Verse 8

Gretel fibbed, "I don't know how," for she sensed a wicked plan.
"Lazy girl! I'll show you now."
The witch leaned toward the flames. Then—slam!

Verse 9

As the witch burned to a crisp, the cage snapped open on its own. "We're free!" The children danced and sang all through the woods and to their home.

Chorus