Model T Memories

A booktalk by Sandy Wallick—Librarian/Gere Branch Library

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My (very) short video can be found on my blog at
http://storytimesparks.blogspot.com/2013/07/model-t-ride.html

Color footage of the 1959 Lancaster County Centennial Parade can be found on YouTube at
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a0g5l6L_kDY


I'm a Little Hunk of Tin (The Ford Song)

Henry Ford was a grand old man
Took four wheels and an old tin can
Put it all together and the darned thing ran
Henry Ford was a grand old man

Honk, honk, rattle, rattle, rattle, crash, beep, beep
Honk, honk, rattle, rattle, rattle, crash, beep, beep
Honk, honk, rattle, rattle, rattle, crash, beep, beep
Honk, honk, rattle, crash, beep, beep

I'm a little hunk of tin
Held together with a bobby pin
My four wheels are low, low, low
But step on the gas and I go, go, go

Honk, honk, rattle, rattle, rattle, crash, beep, beep
Honk, honk, rattle, rattle, rattle, crash, beep, beep
Honk, honk, rattle, rattle, rattle, crash, beep, beep
Honk, honk, rattle, crash, beep, beep

I'm a little hunk of tin,
Nobody knows what shape I'm in.
Got four wheels and a running board,
I'm a Ford, oh I'm a Ford.

Honk-honk, rattle-rattle, rattle crash, beep-beep
Honk-honk, rattle-rattle, rattle crash, beep-beep
Honk-honk, rattle-rattle, rattle crash, beep-beep
Honk-honk!

I'm a little hunk of tin,
Nobody knows where I have been.
Got four wheels and a running board,
I'm a four-by-four-by-four.

Honk-honk, rattle-rattle, rattle crash, beep-beep
Honk-honk, rattle-rattle, rattle crash, beep-beep
Honk-honk, rattle-rattle, rattle crash, beep-beep
Honk-honk!

Actions:

Honk: pull ears
Rattle: shake head
Crash: cover face with hands
Beep: push on nose with flat of hand