Poetic Dance

Teacher reads poem aloud while students do actions indicated in the poem.

Danny O'Dare, the dancing bear,
Ran away from the County Fair,
Ran right up to my back stair
And thought he'd do some dancing there,
He started jumpin' and skippin' and kickin'
He did a dance called the *Funky Chicken*,
He did the *Polka*, he did the *Twist,*
He bent himself into a pretzel like this.
He did the *Dog* and the *Jitterbug,*

He did the *Jerk* and the *Bunny Hug*
He did the *Waltz* and the *Boogaloo,*
He did the *Hokey-Pokey* too.
He did the *Bop* and the *Mash Potate - er*,
He did the *Split* and the *See Ya Later.*
And now he's down upon one knee,
Bowin' oh so charmingly,
And winkin' and smilin' – it's easy to see
Danny O'Dare wants to dance with me!

Variation: Encourage students to lead the song, choral read or make up poems.

CURRICULUM LINKS:

The Arts: Drama and Dance
Grades 4/5/6: Interpret and communicate the meaning of stories, poems, plays and other material drawn from a variety of sources and cultures, using a variety of drama and dance techniques
Grade 6: Interpret and communicate the meaning of novels, scripts, legends and fables and other material drawn from a variety of sources and cultures, using a range of drama and dance techniques and evaluate the effectiveness of the techniques

EQUIPMENT: None