

11. Four Hands

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Ruth wrote this song to celebrate what grandparents and children do together. She particularly wanted to show old people active and to move away from gender roles.

(Chorus:)

Four hands, working at the table
Two are young and two are older
Four hands, strong and able
Hands that work and hands that love

Me and my grandma, we're building a house
Building it from pebbles and - toothpicks
Grandma builds the roof and I build the walls
We're gonna fill it with the people we love

(Chorus)

Me and my grandpa, we're baking a pie
Baking it with apples and - raisins
Grandpa cuts the apples and I knead the dough
We're gonna feed it to the people we love

(Chorus)

Me and my grandma, we're fixing our skates
Fixing 'em to fit us this - year
Grandma makes mine longer, and I make her's tight
We're gonna skate with the people we love

(Chorus)

Me and my grandpa, we're writing a song
Gonna sing it for the family tomorrow
Grandpa writes the music and I write the words
We're gonna sing it for the people we love

(Chorus)