**Estonian folklore "We are going to harvest rye"**

**How to play:**

The number of players has to be uneven. The players pair up and make a circle holding each other’s hand. One player remains alone.

The pairs start singing and going round in the circle clockwise until the end of the first verse.

Then the partners release hands, start singing the chorus and seeking for a new partner.

Hopefully, there will be a new player that remains without a partner. The idea is to choose a new partner in each round.

The main goal of the game is to find a partner and not to be alone.

**The lyrics:**

Verse 1: Me lähme rukist lõikama,

kes tuleb vihku köitma?

Kas, armas sõber, tahad sa

ka meie seltsi heita?

We are going to harvest rye, who wants to join us in sheafing?. Hey, dear fellow, would you like to keep up company?

Chorus: Mina otsin ja sina otsid

ja igaüks otsib oma.

Ja mina leidsin ja sina leidsid,

kes hooletu, jääb ilma.

Everybody´s seeking for a new partner, the careless one should remain alone.

Verse 2: Me lähme lina kitkuma,

kes hakkab linu köitma?

Kas, armas sõber, tahad sa

ka meie seltsi heita?

We are going to harvest flax, who wants to join us in sheafing? Hey, dear fellow, would you like to keep up company?

Chorus: Mina otsin ....

Verse 3: Me lähme heina tegema,

kes hakkab loogu võtma?

Kas, armas sõber, tahad sa

ka meie seltsi heita?

We are going to make hay, who wants to join us in making haystacks? Hey, dear fellow, would you like to keep up company?

Chorus: Mina otsin ….

Verse 4: Me lähme lilli noppima,

Kes hakkab pärga köitma?

Kas, armas sõber, tahad sa

ka meie seltsi heita?

We are going to pick flowers, who wants to join us in making a flower crown? Hey, dear fellow, would you like to keep up company?

Chorus: Mina otsin ….