



Ten Little Indians

C

ONE LIT-TLE TWO LIT-TLE THREE LIT-TLE IN - DIANS

T
A
B

4

3 3 3 3 3 3 | 2 0 0 2 3

G **C**

FOUR LIT-TLE FIVE LIT-TLE SIX LIT-TLE IN - DIANS SEVEN LIT-TLE EIGHT LIT-TLE

0 0 0 0 0 0 | 2 0 0 2 3 | 3 3 3 3 3 3

G **C**

NINE LIT-TLE IN - DIANS TEN LIT-TLE IN - DIAN BOYS

2 0 0 2 3 | 0 3 3 2 0 | 3

C
 Ten little nine little eight little Indians
G
 Seven little six little five little Indians
C
 Four little three little two little Indians
G
 One little Indian boy **C**

...troubadours
 ... fiddlers
 ...trumpeters
 ...fingerpickers
 ...songwriters
 ...yodelers
 ...bass players

This simple counting song has a complex history. There was a minstrel-show song in the 1860's that included this song, but there is no way to know if the song we now know was "boiled down" from that one, or if someone added words back then to an existing nursery rhyme.

It has become a modern staple of children's music, and there are now hundreds of recordings of it to be found that are all very similar. *Bill Haley & the Comets* (1954) and the *Beach Boys* (1962) both recorded rockin' surf-style versions of it, and the *Yardbirds* even did a related song with the same title.



C
One little, two little, three little Indians

G
Four little, five little, six little Indians

C
Seven little, eight little, nine little Indians

G **C**
Ten little Indian boys

CHORD STRUCTURE (4 total measures)

4 beats of the I chord (C)
4 beats of 5 chord (G)
4 beats of the I chord (C)
2 beats of 5 chord (G)
2 beats of the I chord (C)

