**The Parrot Tico Tango***Anna Witte* (adapted by Catherine Woolley)

The **Parrot** Tico Tango   
had a round yellow mango

Visual/auditory: noisy parrot puppet

And he carried to his right   
a **lemon** small and bright,

Smell: lemon scent on wooden ball/real lemon wedge

And on his left a fig   
which was **purple**, sweet and big,

Visual/proprioception: large purple ball throw/roll

And on his back from Terry,   
a red juicy **cherry**,

Taste: cherry conserve on a spoon

And he clutched the grapes he’d put   
in his strong sharp **foot**,

Proprioception: pick up cut/toy grapes using toes

And in his other foot he held   
the **papaya** that he’d smelled,

Smell/proprioception: papaya puree in tray for feet

When he saw his good friend Nate   
with a tiny brown **date**,

Taste/smell: taste a piece of date

And Tico Tango knew   
that he had to have it too,   
So he opened his beak wide   
to fit it deep inside when…   
…**CRASH**!

Auditory: bang saucepan with spoon

**Down** came the mango,   
Down came the lemon,   
Down came the fig,   
Down came the cherry,   
Down came the grapes,  
And down came the papaya

Visual/proprioception: drop toy foods into a bag

They took the fruit he stole   
and they put it in a bowl  
They **washed** it and they sliced it,   
they peeled it and they diced it,

Proprioception: pour water into a mixing bowl

And the Parrot Tico Tango   
begged for just one piece of **mango**,  
“If you teach us all to tango,   
you can have a piece of mango.”

Taste/proprioception: dried mango pieces

And Tico Tango knew   
that he had to have it too  
So he **danced** for it!

Auditory/vestibular: dance to tango music