

# Order of Brain Development

*Tune: Frere Jacques*

In the brain stem, in the brain stem

The brain begins, the brain begins

Coordinating live functions, reflexes and breathing

To survive, to survive

Then the cerebellum, then the cerebellum

Little brain, little brain

Timing and movement, posture and balance

To coordinate, to coordinate

Then the limbic system, then the limbic system

Amygdala and hippocampus

Process sensory memory, process sensory memory

Perceptions and emotions, Perceptions and emotions

Then the cerebral cortex, then the cerebral cortex

Begins last, begins last

Outer layers house thinking and reasoning

It takes a while, it takes a while

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