

# Rhymes and Songs for Accelerating Foundational Skills



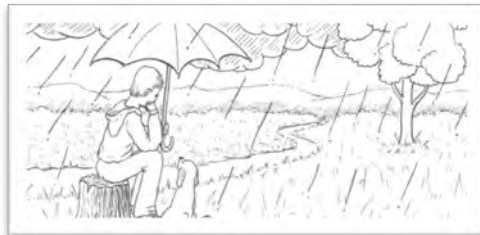
## Woodchuck

How much wood  
Would a woodchuck chuck  
If a woodchuck would chuck wood?



## Wheels on the Bus

The wheels on the bus  
Go round and round,  
Round and round.  
The wheels on the bus  
Go round and round,  
All over town.



## Rain

Rain on the green grass,  
And rain on the tree,  
Rain on the house-top,  
But not on me.

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## **Rhymes and Songs for Building Foundational Skills**

*Rhymes and Songs for Building Foundational Skills* presents rhyming texts that can be used to reinforce a range of foundational phonics and syllabication skills. Because they incorporate rhyming patterns, verses and songs are easier to read than stories or articles and provide exceptional practice possibilities for reinforcing basic phonics patterns. With their rhythm and flow, rhymes and songs also provide excellent fluency practice.

The rhymes and songs are arranged in alphabetical order. However, at the foot of each rhyme and song is a notation suggesting the skill(s) that it might be used to reinforce. Most of the rhymes encompass a variety of skills, so feel free to use them in any way that is of most benefit to your students. Skills in the notations are listed in order of difficulty, with the first skill listed being the easiest. For instance, the rhyme, “Jack Hall,” reinforces the following skills: *-at*, *-and*, *-ack*, *-all*. In order to be able to read Jack Hall by themselves or with a partner, students would need to be able to read the most advanced pattern, which is *-all*. Otherwise, students would need help with patterns that had not yet been taught to them. There are few rhymes or songs that could be read independently or with a partner by students operating at the lowest levels. While students are at the lowest levels, most rhymes and songs would need to be shared with them. As explained in the next section, you would need to read most of the words in rhymes such as “Jack Hall” with students at the short-*a* level, but you would encourage them to read the *-at* words when you come to them.

The appendix lists rhymes and songs according to the main skill each one can be used to reinforce. Skills are listed in the index according to the sequence in which they are typically taught: short vowels, long vowels, *r* vowels, and other vowels (*book*, *boot*, *cow*, *paw*, *boy*). Except for *r* vowels, each category is broken down into subcategories. Short vowels, for instance, are divided into short *a*, short *e*, short *i*, short *o*, and short *u*. However, the notation at the foot of each rhyme or song lists specific patterns within each subcategory. For instance, the rhyme, “Ice Cream,” is listed under long *e*, but its notation specifies that it

reinforces the *-eam* long-*e* pattern. Some rhymes such as “Ice Cream;” “Bow, Wow, Wow;” “Fears and Tears;” “Fright and Bright;” and “I Saw Esau” emphasize a particular pattern. Others, such as “Row, Row, Row Your Boat” and “The Donkey” emphasize two patterns. Of course, many of the rhymes and songs can be used to reinforce a variety of patterns and skills.

### **Preparing for Reading the Rhymes and Songs**

Because many of the rhymes, especially those that are reinforcing the easiest patterns, contain unfamiliar words, you may want to go over unknown words with students before having them read the rhyme or song. Or you might use a shared reading procedure. In a shared reading procedure, you display the piece so that all can see it. You might display it with a digital projector or copy it on the board or chart paper. Briefly introduce the rhyme or song. Read the title and have students predict what the rhyme or song will tell. For a very simple rhyme or song, just give an overview of the piece. For instance, for “Jack Hall,” you might simply say, “This rhyme tells about Jack Hall who was very small.” Displaying an enlarged copy of the rhyme or song, read it to students. Point to each word as you say it so they can match printed and spoken words. (After the initial reading of a more complex work, take some time to discuss students' predictions and the meaning of the piece.) Read the piece again. When you come to a pattern word that has been taught or a high-frequency word that has been introduced, pause and invite students to read it. Read the rhyme a third and, if necessary, a fourth time with students and then have volunteers read it. Duplicate the piece and provide students with copies. Students might read the rhyme with a partner until they can read it flawlessly. Students can take the rhyme home and read it to family members.

### **Providing Follow-Up Activities**

As a follow-up, cut the shorter rhymes into lines, mix them up, and have students reassemble them. This provides additional practice with words and phrases and

fosters comprehension. Also cut up individual lines or sentences and have students reassemble the words into lines or sentences. This provides practice with reading individual words and also fosters comprehension. Words and lines might be placed in pocket charts. Because students might have memorized the rhymes and aren't really reading individual words, have them point to each word as they read it or present individual words on cards and have students read them. Assembling words into lines and lines into stanzas as well as practicing reading the rhymes with a partner make good learning center activities.

The songs and rhymes are traditional and are out of copyright, so you can feel free to make and distribute copies. A number of additional songs can be found on the National Institutes of Education and Health (NIEH) Web site, NIEHS Sing-Along Songs' Index! at <https://kids.niehs.nih.gov/games/songs/favorites/sing/index.htm>.



## **Apple Pie**

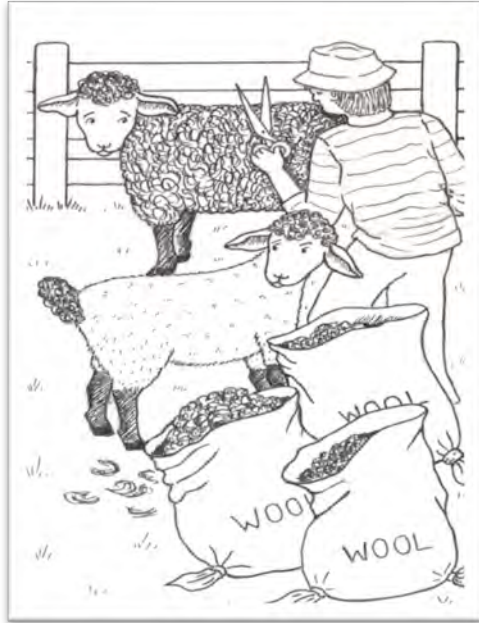
An apple pie,  
When it looks nice,  
Would make one long  
To have a slice;  
But if the taste  
Should prove so, too,  
I fear one slice  
Would scarcely do.  
So, to prevent  
My asking twice,  
Pray, Mamma,  
Cut a large slice!

-ie, -ice

## **As I Was Walking Down the Lake**

As I was walking down the lake,  
I met a little rattlesnake.  
I gave him so much jelly-cake,  
It made his little belly ache.

-ade, -ake, -ave, ache



## **Baa, Baa, Black Sheep**

Baa, baa, black sheep,

Have you any wool?

Yes, sir, yes, sir,

Three bags full.

One for the master,

One for the dame,

But none for the little boy

Who cries in the lane.

-ame, -ane, -ool, -ull

## **The Balloon**

“What is the news of the day,  
My good Mr. Gray?  
They say the balloon  
Has gone up to the moon.”

-oon, -ew

## **The Bear Went Over the Mountain**

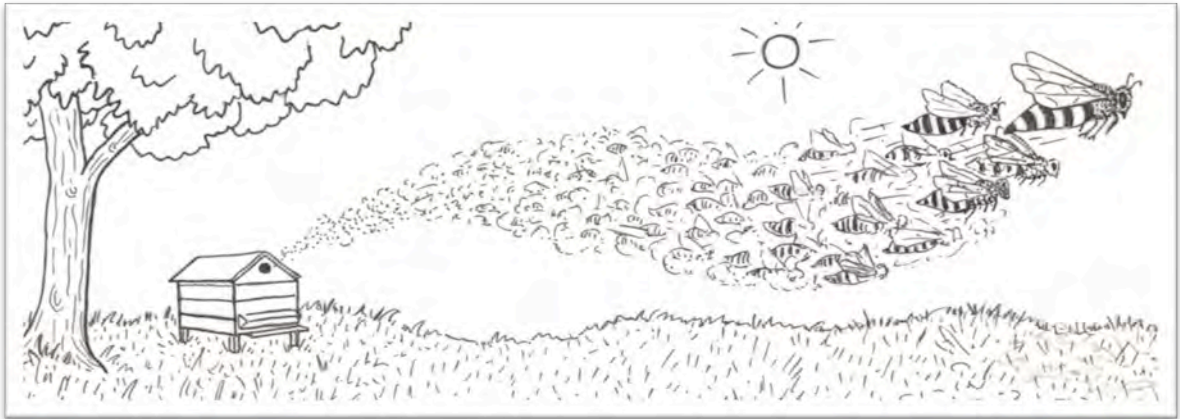
The bear went over the mountain,  
The bear went over the mountain,  
The bear went over the mountain,  
To see what he could see.  
And all that he could see,  
And all that he could see,  
Was the other side of the mountain,  
The other side of the mountain,  
The other side of the mountain,  
Was all that he could see.

-o, -er

## Bedtime

Down with the lambs  
Up with the lark,  
Run to bed children  
Before it gets dark.

-ar



## Bees

If bees stay at home,  
Rain will soon come.  
If they fly away,  
Fine will be the day.

-ai, -ay

## **Betty Botter**

Betty Botter bought some butter,  
“But,” she said, “the butter’s bitter;  
If I put it in my batter,  
It will make my batter bitter;  
But a bit of better butter,  
That would make my batter better.”  
So she bought a bit of butter,  
Better than her bitter butter,  
And she put it in her batter,  
And the batter was not bitter;  
So ‘twas better Betty Botter  
Bought a bit of better butter.

-ought, syll:-at, -it, -et, -ot, ut

## **Bingo**

There was a farm-er who had a dog.  
And Bing-o was his name 0.  
B -I -N -G - 0, B -I -N -G - 0,  
B-I-N-G- 0,  
And Bing-o was his name 0.

-o

## **Birds of a Feather**

Birds of a feather flock together  
And so do pigs and swine;  
Rats and mice will have their choice,  
And so will I have mine.

-ice, -ine, -oice

## **Blackbirds**

Two little blackbirds  
Sitting on a hill  
One named Jack,  
The other named Jill.  
Fly away, Jack.  
Fly away, Jill.  
Come back, Jack.  
Come back, Jill.

-ack, -ill

## **Bow, Wow, Wow**

Bow, wow, wow,  
Whose dog art thou?  
Little Tom Tinker's dog,  
Bow, wow, wow.

-ou, -ow

## **The Boy in the Barn**

A little boy went into a barn,  
And lay down on some hay.  
An owl came out, and flew about,  
And the little boy ran away.

-owl, -out, -own (down)

## **Burnie Bee**

Burnie bee, burnie bee,  
Tell me when your wedding be.  
If it be tomorrow day,  
Take your wings and fly away.

-e, -ee

## **The Caterpillar**

**Christina G. Rossetti**

Brown and furry

Caterpillar in a hurry.

Take your walk

To the shady leaf or stalk.

May no toad spy you,

May the little birds pass by you;

Spin and die,

To live again a butterfly.

-alk, syll: -ury

## **Clap Hands**

Let everyone clap hands with me. (Clap, Clap)

It's easy as easy can be. (Clap, Clap)

Let everyone join in the game. (Clap, Clap)

You'll find that it's always the same. (Clap, Clap)

Let everyone Ho, Ho, with me. (Ho! Ho!)

It's easy as easy can be. (Ho! Ho!)

Let everyone join in the game. (Ho! Ho!)

You'll find that it's always the same. (Ho! Ho!)



Clap, hands, clap and be merry,  
Clap, hands, dance round the floor.  
Clap, hands, clap and be merry,  
Sing till you can't any more.  
Sing till you can't anymore.

Let everyone He, Ha, with me. (He! Ha!)  
It's easy as easy can be. (He! Ha!)  
Let everyone join in the game. (He! Ha!)  
You'll find that it's always the same. (He! Ha!)

Clap, hands, clap and be merry,  
Clap, hands, dance round the floor.  
Clap, hands, clap and be merry,  
Sing till you can't any more.  
Sing till you can't anymore.

Let everyone Meow with me. (Meow!)  
It's easy as easy can be. (Meow!)  
Let everyone join in the game. (Meow!)  
You'll find that it's always the same. (Meow!)

Clap, hands, clap and be merry,  
Clap, hands, dance round the floor,  
Clap, hands, clap and be merry,  
Sing till you can't any more.  
Sing till you can't anymore.

-er (merry), -ore, -oor, -ound, -ow (meow), -oin

## **Cobbler, Cobbler, Mend My Shoe**

Cobbler, cobbler, mend my shoe.

Get it done by half past two.

Half past two is much too late.

Get it done by half past eight.

Stitch it up, and stitch it down,

And I'll give you half a crown.

-own (down), -oe (shoe), -o (two)

## **Come on In**

Come on in,

The water's fine.

I'll give you

Till I count nine.

If you're not

In by then,

Guess I'll have to

Count to ten.

-ine, -ount

### **Cut Thistles in May**

Cut thistles in May,  
They'll grow in a day;  
Cut them in June,  
That is too soon;  
Cut them in July,  
Then they will die.

-oo. -une

### **Days in The Months**

Thirty days hath September,  
April, June, and November.  
All the rest have thirty-one,  
Except February alone,  
Which has twenty-eight days each year,  
And twenty-nine in each leap year.

-eap, -each, -ear

## **Dickery, Dickery, Dare**

Dickery, dickery, dare,  
The pig flew up in the air;  
The man in brown  
Soon brought him down,  
Dickery, dickery, dare.

-air, -are (dare), -own (down)

## **Did You Ever See a Lassie?**

Did you ever see a lassie, a lassie, a lassie?  
Did you ever see a lassie go this way and that?  
Go this way and that and this way and that?  
Did you ever see a lassie go this way and that?

-ay, -ee, -er

## **A Dillar, a Dollar**

A dillar a dollar,  
A ten o'clock scholar,  
What makes you come so soon?  
You used to come at ten o'clock,  
But now you come at noon.

-ar, -oon

## **The Donkey**

**Christina Rossetti**

Donkey, donkey, old and gray,  
Open your mouth and gently bray;  
Lift your ears and blow your horn,  
To wake the world this sleepy morn.

-ay, -orn

## **Elsie Marley**

Elsie Marley is grown so fine,  
She won't get up  
To feed the swine,  
But lays in bed  
Till eight or nine.  
Lazy Elsie Marley!

-ine

## **The Farmer in the Dell**

The farmer in the dell  
Hi-ho, the derry-o  
The farmer in the dell  
The farmer takes a wife  
The farmer takes a wife  
Hi-ho, the derry-o

The farmer takes a wife

The wife takes a child

The wife takes a child

Hi-ho, the derry-o

The wife takes a child

The child takes a nurse

The child takes a nurse

Hi-ho, the derry-o

The child takes a nurse

And the nurse takes the dog

The nurse takes the dog

Hi-ho, the derry-o

The nurse takes the dog

And the dog takes the cat

The dog takes the cat

Hi-ho, the derry-o

The dog takes the cat

And the cat takes the mouse  
The cat takes the mouse  
Hi-ho, the derry-o  
The cat takes the mouse

And the mouse takes the cheese  
The mouse takes the cheese  
Hi-ho, the derry-o  
The mouse takes the cheese

And the cheese stands alone  
The cheese stands alone  
Hi-ho, the derry-o  
The cheese stands alone

-ife, -ild, -o, -one (alone)

## **Fears and Tears**

Tommy's tears and Mary's fears  
Will make them old  
Before their years.

-ear



## **Fire! Fire!**

"Fire! Fire!" said Mrs. McGuire.

"Where? Where?" said Mrs. Hare.

"Downtown!" said Mrs. Brown

Heaven save us!" said Mrs. Davis.

-ire, -are (hare), -ere, -own (down)

## **Fishy-Fishy**

Fishy-fishy in the brook,

Daddy caught him with a hook.

Mama fried him in the pan,

And baby ate him like a man.

-ook

## **Fooba Wooba John**

Saw a flea kick a tree,  
Fooba wooba, fooba wooba,  
Saw a flea kick a tree,  
Fooba wooba John.

Saw a flea kick a tree,  
In the middle of the sea,  
Fooba wooba, fooba wooba,  
Fooba wooba John.

Saw a crow flying low,  
Fooba wooba, fooba wooba,  
Saw a crow flying low,  
Fooba wooba John.

Saw a crow flying low,  
Miles and miles beneath the snow,  
Fooba wooba, fooba wooba,  
Fooba wooba John.

-ee, -ea,-ow (crow), -oo (foo)

## **Fright and Bright**

Poor Cat Fright

Ran off with all her might

Because the dog was after her-

Poor Cat Fright!

Poor Dog Bright

Ran off with all his might

Because the cat was after him-

Poor Dog Bright!

-ight

## **Garden Gate**

Two, four, six, eight.

Meet me at the garden gate.

If I'm late, do not wait.

Two, four, six, eight.

## **The Gingerbread Man**

Smiling girls, rosy boys,

Come and buy my little toys;

Monkeys made of gingerbread,

And sugar horses painted red.

-oy

### **Go in and out the Window**

Go in and out the win-dow,  
Go in and out the win-dow,  
As we have done be-fore

-o, -ow (window)

### **Go to Bed Late**

Go to bed late,  
Stay very small.  
Go to bed early,  
Grow very tall.

-ate, -ay, -o, ow (grow) -all

### **The Goat**

There was a man, now please take note.  
There was a man, who had a goat.  
He loved that goat, indeed he did.  
He loved that goat, just like a kid.

One day that goat felt frisky and fine,

Ate three reds shirts from off the line.  
The man he grabbed him by the back,  
And tied him to the railroad track.

But when the train hove into sight,  
The goat grew pale and green with fright.  
He heaved a sigh, as if in pain,  
Coughed up those shirts and flagged the train.

-oat, -ote

### **Good, Better, Best**

Good, better, best,  
Never let it rest,  
Till your good is better  
And your better best.

-est, -et, -er

### **Happy Thoughts**

**by Robert Louis Stevenson**

The world is so full  
Of a number of things  
I'm sure we should all  
Be as happy as kings.

-ing

## **Help! Murder! Police!**

Help! Murder! Police!

My mother fell in the grease.

I laughed so hard, I fell in the lard.

Help! Murder! Police!

-ease (grease), -ice (police), -ar



## **Hey Diddle, Diddle**

Hey diddle, diddle,

The cat and the fiddle,

The cow jumped over the moon.

The little dog laughed

To see such a sport,

And the dish ran away with the spoon.

-oon, syll:-dle

## **Hiccup**

Hiccup, hiccup,

Go away!

Come again another day;

Hiccup, hiccup,

When I bake,

I'll give you a butter cake.

-ay, -ake

## **Hickory, Dickory, Dock\***

Hickory, dickory, dock,

(tick, tock)

The mouse ran up the clock.

(tick, tock)

The clock struck one,

The mouse ran down

Hickory, dickory, dock.

-ick, -ock, cl-

## **Higher Than a House**

Higher than a house,

Higher than a tree,  
Oh! Whatever can that be?

-igh

### **Hippity Hop to the Barber Shop**

Hippity hop to the barber shop,  
To get a stick of candy,  
One for you and one for me,  
And one for sister Mandy.

-op

### **Hot Boiled Beans**

Boys and girls come to supper—  
Hot boiled beans  
And very good butter.

-oil, -oy, syll: -up, -ut, -er

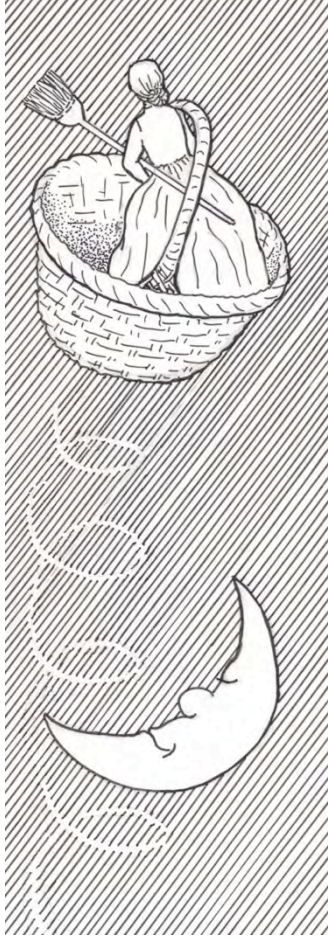
### **Hot Cross Buns!**

Hot cross buns!  
One a penny, two a penny,  
Hot cross buns!



If you have no daughters,  
Give them to your sons;  
One a penny, two a penny,  
Hot cross buns!

-un, -oss, -augh



## **I Asked My Mother for Fifteen Cents**

I asked my mother for fifteen cents  
To see the elephant jump the fence.  
He jumped so high that he touched the sky,  
And never came back 'till the Fourth of July.

-igh, -y



## **Ice Cream**

I scream, you scream,  
We all scream for ice cream.

-eam

## **If All the World Were Paper**

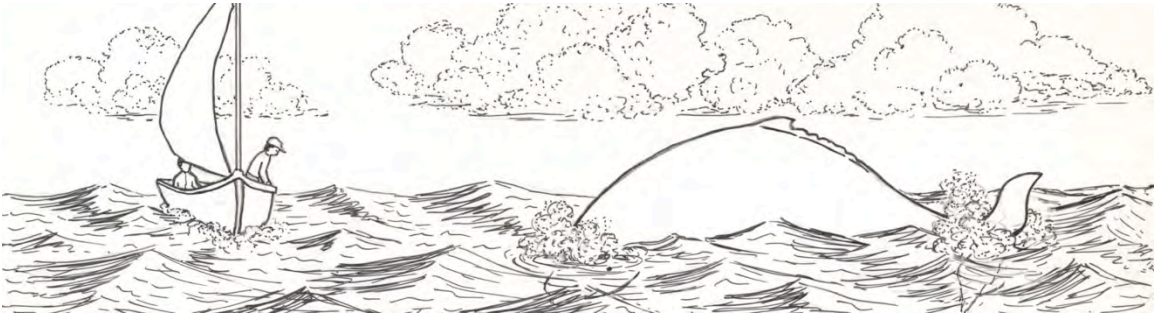
If all the world were paper,  
And all the seas were ink,  
If all the trees were bread and cheese,  
What should there be to drink?

-ink, -ea (seas), -eese

## **If Wishes Were Horses**

If wishes were horses,  
Beggars would ride.  
If turnips were watches,  
I'd wear one by my side.

-ide, -y



## **If You Ever Meet a Whale**

If you ever ever ever ever ever,  
If you ever ever ever ever ever meet a whale,  
You must never never never never never,  
You must never never never never never  
touch its tail.  
For if you ever ever ever ever ever ever,  
For if you ever ever ever ever ever ever  
touch its tail,  
You will never never never never never,  
You will never never never never meet  
another whale.

-ail, -ale, -er

## **If You Should Meet a Crocodile**

If you should meet a crocodile,  
Don't take a stick and poke him;  
Ignore the welcome in his smile;  
Be careful not to stroke him.  
For as he sleeps upon the Nile,  
He thinner gets and thinner;  
Whenever you meet a crocodile,  
He's ready for his dinner.

-ile, syll: thin-ner, din-ner, wel-come, ig-nore, croc-o-dile

## **If You're Happy and You Know It**

If you're happy and you know it,  
Clap your hands. (clap clap)  
If you're happy and you know it,  
Clap your hands. (clap clap)  
If you're happy and you know it,  
Then your face will surely show it.  
If you're happy and you know it,  
Clap your hands. (clap clap)

-ap, -ow (know)

## **I Have A Dog and His Name Is Rags**

I have a dog and his name is Rags.

He eats so much that his tummy sags.

His ears flip-flop and his tail wig-wags.

When he walks, he zig-zags.

Flip-flop, wig-wag, zig-zag,

Flip-flop, wig-wag, zig-zag.

-ag, -ig, -ip, -is



## **I'll Sing You a Song**

I'll sing you a song,  
Though not very long,  
Yet I think it as pretty as any.  
Put your hand in your purse,  
You'll never be worse,  
And give the poor singer a penny.

-urse, -orse (worse), -ong



### **I'm a Little Teapot**

I'm a little teapot,

Short and stout.

Here is my handle,

Here is my spout.

When I get all steamed up,

Hear me shout,

“Tip me over, and pour me out.”

-out



## **I Saw Esau**

I saw Esau sawing wood,  
And Esau saw I saw him;  
Though Esau saw I saw him saw,  
Still Esau went on sawing.

-au, aw

## **It Ain't Going to Rain No More**

It ain't going to rain no more, no more,  
It ain't going to rain no more;  
How in the heck can I wash my neck  
If It ain't going to rain no more?

-ore

## **Kind Hearts Are the Gardens**

**By Henry Wadsworth Longfellow**

Kind hearts are the gardens,

Kind thoughts are the roots,

Kind words are the flowers,

Kind deeds are the fruits.

Take care of your garden

And keep out the weeds,

Fill it with sunshine,

Kind words and kind deeds.

-oot, -uit

## **It's Raining, It's Pouring**

It's raining, it's pouring,

The old man is snoring.

He went to bed and bumped his head.

And he wouldn't get up in the morning.

-orn, -our (pour)

## **I've Been Working on the Railroad\***

I've been work-ing on the rail-road,  
All the live long day,  
I've been work-ing on the rail-road,  
Just to pass the time a-way.

Don't you hear the whistle blowing?  
Rise up so early in the morn.  
Don't you hear the cap-tain shout-ing,  
"Di-nah, blow your horn."  
Di-nah, won't you blow,  
Di-nah, won't you blow,  
Di-nah, won't you blow your horn?

Some-one's in the kitch-en with Dinah,  
Some-one's in the kitch-en, I know,  
Someone's in the kitch-en with Dinah,  
Strum-ming on the old ban-jo, and sing-ing:  
Fee - fi - fi dd-lee-i-o, Fee - fi - fi dd-lee-i-o,  
Fee - fi - fi dd-lee-i-o, Strum-ming on the old  
banjo.

-oad, -ow (know), -o, -orn

## **I've Got a Dog**

I've got a dog as thin as a rail,  
He's got fleas all over his tail.  
Every time his tail goes flop,  
The fleas on the bottom all hop to the top.

-op, -ail



## **Jack and Jill**

Jack and Jill went up the hill,  
To fetch a pail of water,  
Jack fell down and broke his crown,  
And Jill came tumbling after.

-ill, -own (down)

### **Jack Hall**

Jack Hall,  
He is so small,  
A rat could eat him,  
Hat and all.

-at, -and, -ack, -all

### **Jack, Be Nimble**

Jack, be nimble  
Jack, be quick,  
Jack, jump over the candlestick.  
Jump it lively,  
Jump it quick,  
But don't knock over  
The candlestick.

-ick, -im, syll: ble, -dle

### **Jack Sprat**

Jack Sprat could eat no fat,  
His wife could eat no lean.  
And between them both, you see,  
They licked the platter clean.

-ean, -ee, -e



### **Jumping Joan**

Here am I,  
Little Jumping Joan;  
When nobody's with me,  
I'm all alone.

-oan, -one (alone), -o

### **Lazy Mary**

La-zy Mar-y, will you get up,  
Will you get up, will you get up?  
La-zy Mar-y, will you get up,  
Will you get up, will you get up to-day?  
Oh, no, moth-er, I won't get up,  
I won't get up, I won't get up.  
Oh, no, moth-er, I won't get up,  
I won't get up, I won't get up to-day.

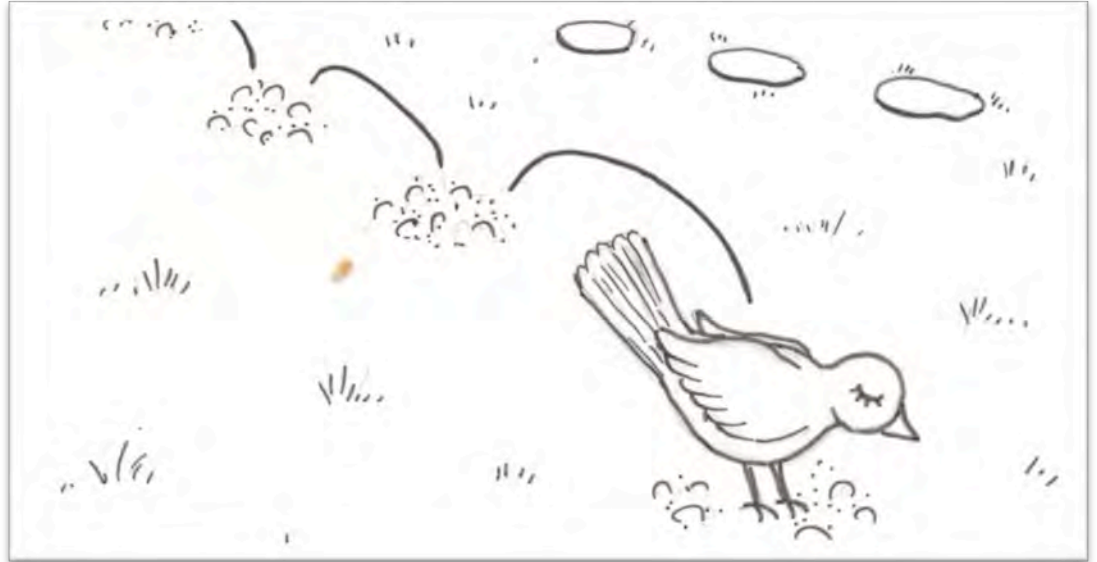
-o, syll: la-zy, Mar-y, moth-er, to-day



### **Little Betty Blue**

Little Betty Blue,  
Lost her new shoe.  
What will poor Betty do?  
Why, give her another,  
To match the other,  
And then she will walk in two.

-ew, -o (two), -ue,



## **The Little Bird**

Once I saw a little bird  
Come hop, hop, hop;  
So I cried, "Little bird,  
Will you stop, stop, stop?"  
I was going to the window  
To say, "How do you do?"  
But he shook his little tail,  
And away he flew.

-o (do), -ew



## Little Blue Ben

Little Blue Ben, who lives in the glen,  
Keeps a blue cat and one blue hen,  
Which lays of blue eggs a score and ten;  
Where shall I find the little Blue Ben?

-en, -o (who), -ue



## Little Bo-Peep

Little Bo-Peep has lost her sheep,  
And can't tell where to find them;  
Let them along, and they'll come home,  
And wag their tails behind them.

-ind, -eep



## **Little Boy Blue**

Little boy blue, come blow your horn;  
The sheep's in the meadow, the cow's in the corn.  
Where's that boy that looks after the sheep?  
He's under the haystack fast asleep.  
Will you wake him? No, not I;  
For if I do, he'll be sure to cry.

-eep, -orn

## **Little Jack Horner**

Little Jack Horner  
Sat in a corner,  
Eating his Christmas pie;  
He put in his thumb,  
And pulled out a plum,  
And said, "What a good boy am I!"

-or, -ner

### **Little Old Man**

A little old man came riding by.

Said I, "Old man, your horse will die."

Said he, "If he dies, I'll tan his skin."

And if he lives, I'll ride him again."

-ide, -ie

### **Little Puppy Dog**

My father owns the butcher shop,

My mother cuts the meat,

And I'm the little puppy dog,

That runs down the street.

-eat, -eet

## **Little Tommy Tucker**

Little Tommy Tucker

Sings for his supper.

What shall we give him?

White bread and butter.

How shall he cut it

Without a knife?

How will he be married

Without a wife?

-ife, -ite, short u syll: uck, ut, up, er syll

## **Lock and Key**

“I am a gold lock.”

“I am a gold key.”

“I am a silver lock.”

“I am a silver key.”

“I am a brass lock.”

“I am a brass key.”

“I am a lead lock.”

“I am a lead key.”

“I am a don lock.”

“I am a don key.”

-ock, -ey (key)

## **A Man in the Wilderness**

A man in the wilderness

Asked this of me,

“How many strawberries

Grow in the sea?”

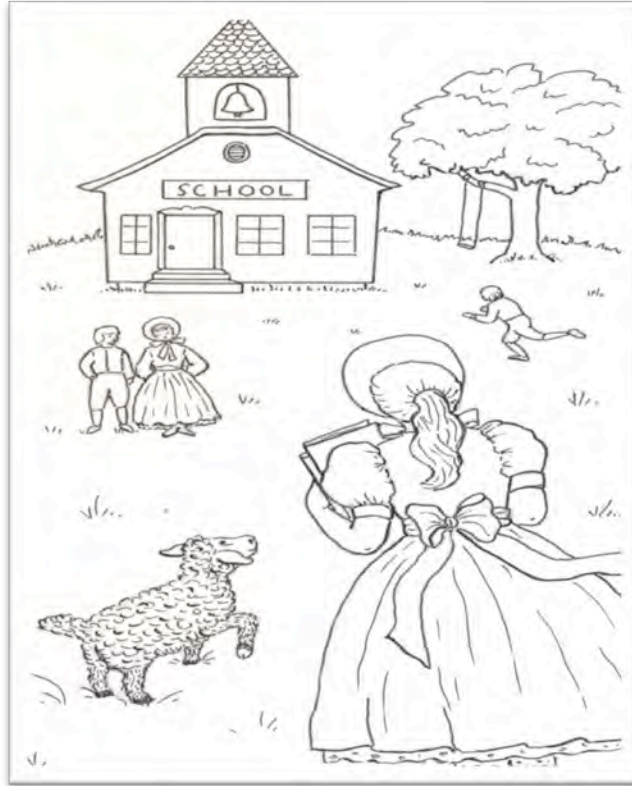
I answered him

As I thought good,”

As many red herrings

As swim in the wood.”

-ood



## Mary Had a Little Lamb

Mary had a little lamb,  
Its fleece was a white as snow;  
And everywhere that Mary went  
The lamb was sure to go.  
It followed her to school one day,  
That was against the rule;  
It made the children laugh and play,  
To see a lamb in school.

-ool, -ule

## **Merrily We Roll Along**

Mer-ri-ly we roll a-long, roll a-long,

Mer-ri-ly we roll a-long, o-ver the deep blue sea  
-oll

## **Miss Molly**

Miss Molly had a dolly who was sick, sick, sick.  
So she called for the doctor to come quick, quick,  
quick.

The doctor came with his bag and his hat,  
And he knocked on the door with a rat-a-tat-tat.  
He looked at the dolly and he shook his head.  
And he said, "Miss Molly, put her straight to bed."  
He wrote on the paper for a pill, pill, pill.  
"I'll be back in the morning if she still feels ill."

-ick, -ill

## **Mix a Pancake**

**by Christina Rossetti**

Mix a pancake,  
Stir a pancake,  
Pop it in the pan;  
Fry a pancake,

Toss the pancake  
Catch it if you can.

-if, -in, -it, -ix



### **The Mocking Bird**

Hush, little baby, don't say a word,  
Papa's going to buy you a mocking bird.  
If the mocking bird won't sing,  
Papa's going to buy you a diamond ring.  
If the diamond ring turns to brass,  
Papa's going to buy you a looking-glass.  
If the looking-glass gets broke,



Papa's going to buy you a billy goat.  
If that billy goat runs away,  
Papa's going to buy you another today.

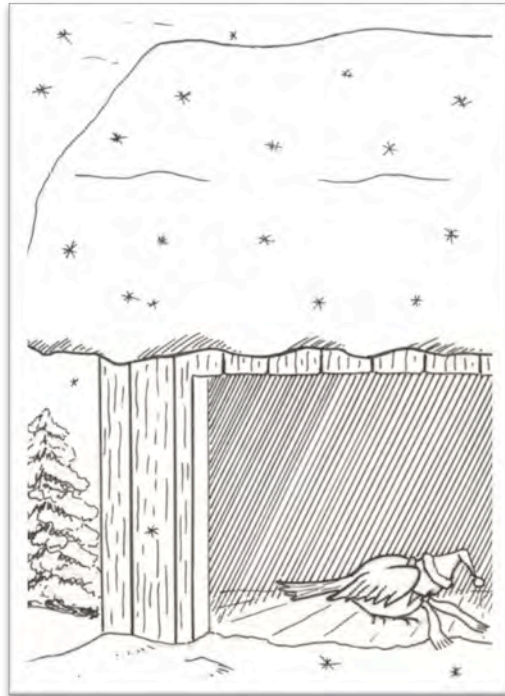
-oke, -oat, -ird, -(w)ord, syll ay (a-way, to-day)

### **My Bonnie Lies over the Ocean\***

My Bonnie lies over the ocean,  
My Bonnie lies over the sea.  
My Bonnie lies over the ocean.  
Please bring back my Bonnie to me.

Bring back, Bring back,  
Oh, bring back my Bonnie to me, to me.  
Bring back, Bring back,  
Oh, bring back my Bonnie to me.

-oh, o-



### **The North Wind Doth Blow**

The north wind doth blow,  
And we shall have snow,  
And what will poor Robin do then?  
Poor thing!  
He'll sit in a barn,  
And keep himself warm,  
And hide his head under his wing.

## Poor thing!

-oor, -or, -ar, (w)arm

## Oh, Suzanna

I come from Al-a-bam-a,  
With my banjo on my knee.  
I'm going to Louisiana (loo-ee-zee-AN-uh),  
My true love for to see.

It rained all night,  
The day I left,  
The weather it was dry,  
The sun so hot,  
I froze to death.  
Suzanna (soo-ZAN-uh), don't you cry.

Oh, Susanna,  
Oh don't you cry for me.  
For I come from Alabama,  
With my banjo on my knee.

-oze, oh, -jo

### **Old King Cole**

Was a merry old soul,  
And a merry old soul was he.  
He called for his pipe,  
And he called for his bowl,  
And he called for his fiddlers three.

-old

### **Old MacDonald**

Old MacDonald had a farm, E-I-E-I-O,  
And on his farm he had a cow, E-I-E-I-O,  
With a moo-moo here and a moo-moo there,  
Here a moo, there a moo,  
Everywhere a moo-moo,  
Old MacDonald had a farm, E-I-E-I-O.

Old MacDonald had a farm, E-I-E-I-O.  
And on this farm he had some sheep, E-I-E-I-O.  
With a baa-baa here and a baa-baa there,  
Here a baa, there a baa,  
Everywhere a baa-baa,

Old MacDonald had a farm, E-I-E-I-O.

Old MacDonald had a farm, E-I-E-I-O,  
And on his farm he had a pig, E-I-E-I-O,  
With an oink-oink here and an oink-oink there,  
Here an oink, there an oink,  
Everywhere an oink-oink,

Old MacDonald had a farm, E-I-E-I-O.

Old MacDonald had a farm, E-I-E-I-O,  
And on his farm he had a duck, E-I-E-I-O,  
With a quack-quack here and a quack-quack there,  
Here a quack, there a quack,  
Everywhere a quack-quack,

Old MacDonald had a farm, E-I-E-I-O.

Old MacDonald had a farm, E-I-E-I-O,  
And on his farm he had a horse, E-I-E-I-O,  
With a neigh-neigh here and a neigh-neigh there,  
Here a neigh, there a neigh,  
Everywhere a neigh-neigh,

Old MacDonald had a farm, E-I-E-I-O.

-ow (cow) -oo (moo), -oink

## The Old Man of Peru

There was an old man of Peru,  
Who dreamt he was eating his shoe.  
He woke in the night  
In a terrible fright,  
And found it was perfectly true.

-ight, -u, -ue, -oe



## Old Woman

There was an old woman tossed in a basket,  
Seventeen times as high as the moon;  
But where she was going no one could tell,  
For under her arm she carried a broom.  
“Old woman, old woman, old woman, “ said I,  
Where, oh where, oh where so high?”  
“To sweep the cobwebs from the sky;  
And I’ll be with you by and by.”

-y, -igh, -oom, -oon

### **One For The Money**

One for the money,  
And two for the show,  
Three to make ready,  
And four to go.

-ow

### **One, Two, Buckle My Shoe**

One, two, buckle my shoe,  
Three, four, knock at the door,  
Five, six, pick up sticks,  
Seven, eight, lay them straight,  
Nine, ten, a big fat hen.

-en, -ick, -uck, -ock, st-, str-, -ai, -eigh (eight)



### **One, Two, Three, Four, Five**

One, two, three, four, five,  
Once I caught a fish alive,  
Six, seven, eight, nine, ten,  
Then I let it go again.  
Why did you let it go?  
Because it bit my finger so.  
Which finger did it bite?  
The little finger on the right.

-ive, -ite, -ight

### **Out**

Out goes the rat,  
Out goes the cat,  
Out goes the lady  
With the big green hat.  
Y, O, U spells you;  
O, U, T spells out!



-at, -ells, -ou

### **Over in the Meadow**

Over in the meadow  
In the sand in the sun,  
Lived an old mother toadie  
And her little toadie one.  
"Wink!" said the mother;  
"I wink!" said the one,  
So they winked and they blinked  
In the sand in the sun.

-ink, -old, -oad

### **Owl**

A wise old owl sat in an oak,  
The more he heard the less he spoke.  
The less he spoke the more he heard.  
Why aren't we all like that wise old bird?

-oa, -old

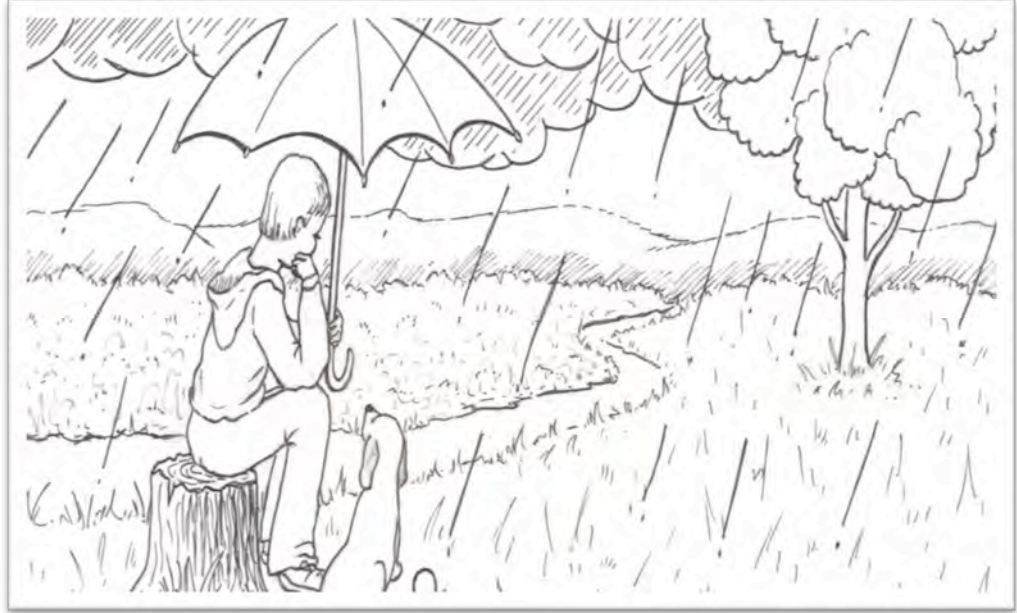
## **Polly Put the Kettle On**

Polly, put the kettle on,  
Polly, put the kettle on,  
Polly, put the kettle on,  
We'll all have tea.

Suki, take it off again,  
Suki, take it off again,  
Suki, take it off again,  
We'll all have none.

Polly, put it back again,  
Polly, put it back again,  
Polly, put it back again,  
We'll all have tea.

syll: a-gain, ket-tle, Pol-ly, Su-ki



## Rain

Rain on the green grass,  
And rain on the tree,  
Rain on the house-top,  
But not on me.

-ain, -e,-ee, -een

## Rain

**By Robert Louis Stevenson**

The rain is raining all around,  
It falls on field and tree,  
It rains on the umbrellas here,  
And on the ships at sea.

-ain, -ie, -ee, -ea

## **Rain, Rain**

Rain, rain, go away,  
Come again another day;  
Little Johnny wants to play.



## **Red Sky at Night**

Red sky at night,  
Sailor's delight;  
Red sky in the morning,  
Sailor's warning.

-ight, -arn (warn), -orn

## **Roll Over**

Ten men in the bed, and the little one said,  
"Roll o-ver! Roll o-ver!"  
They all rolled o-ver  
And one fell out.

Nine men in the bed, and the little one said,

"Roll o-ver! Roll o-ver!"

They all rolled o-ver

And one fell out.

Eight men in the bed, and the little one said,

"Roll o-ver! Roll o-ver!"

They all rolled o-ver

And one fell out.

Seven men in the bed, and the little one said,

"Roll o-ver! Roll o-ver!"

They all rolled o-ver

And one fell out.

Six men in the bed, and the little one said,

"Roll o-ver! Roll o-ver!"

They all rolled o-ver

And one fell out.

Five men in the bed, and the little one said,

"Roll o-ver! Roll o-ver!"

They all rolled o-ver

And one fell out.

Four men in the bed, and the little one said,

"Roll o-ver! Roll o-ver!"

They all rolled o-ver

And one fell out.

Three men in the bed, and the little one said,

"Roll o-ver! Roll o-ver!"

They all rolled o-ver

And one fell out.

Two men in the bed, and the little one said,

"Roll o-ver! Roll o-ver!"

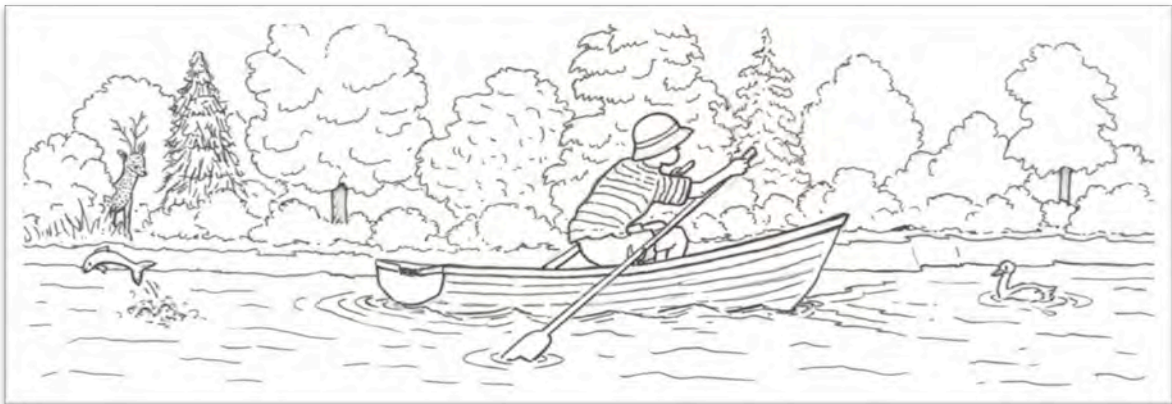
They all rolled o-ver

And one fell out.

One man in the bed, and the little one said,

"Alone at last!"

-oll, -o, -er, -ou (out)



**Row, Row, Row Your Boat\***

Row, row, row your boat

Gently down the stream,  
Merrily, merrily, merrily,  
Life is but a dream.

-eam, -ow (row), -oat

### **Rub-a-Dub-Dub**

Rub-a-dub-dub,  
Three men in a tub,  
The butcher, the baker,  
And the candlestick maker.

-ub, -er

### **Said a Flea to a Fly**

Said a flea to a fly in a flue  
Said the flea, "Oh what shall we do?"  
Said the fly, "Let us flee!"  
Said the flea, "Let us fly!"  
So they flew through a flaw in the flue.

-ue, -ew, -o (do)

### **A Sailor Went to Sea**

A sailor went to sea

To see what he could see,  
And all that he could see  
Was the sea, sea, sea.

-ea, -ee

### **See-Saw, Margery Daw**

See-saw, Margery Daw,  
Jack shall have a new master,  
He shall have but a penny a day,  
Because he won't work any faster.

-aw

### **She'll Be Comin' 'Round the Mountain**

She'll be com-in' 'round the moun-tain when she  
comes,  
She'll be com-in' 'round the moun-tain when she  
comes,  
She'll be com-n' 'round the moun-tain when she  
comes,  
She'll be com-in' 'round the moun-tain,  
She'll be com-n' 'round the moun-tain,  
She'll be com-in' 'round the moun-tain when she  
comes.



She'll be driv-in' six white hor-ses when she comes,  
She'll be driv-in' six white hor-ses when she comes,  
She'll be driv-in' six white hor-ses when she comes,  
She'll be driv-in' six white hor-ses when she comes,  
She'll be com-in' 'round the moun-tain when she  
comes.

Oh, we'll all be there to greet her when she comes,  
Yes, we'll all be there to greet her when she  
comes,

Oh, we'll all be there to greet her when she comes,  
Yes, we'll all be there to meet her when she  
comes,

She'll be com-in' 'round the moun-tain when she  
comes.

- ound, -ount

### **Shoo, Fly**

Shoo, fly, don't bother me,  
Shoo, fly, don't bother me,  
Shoo, fly, don't bother me,  
For I belong to somebody.

I feel, I feel,  
I feel like a morning star,  
I feel, I feel,  
I feel like a morning star.

-ar, -or, -oo (shoo)

### **Simple Simon**

Simple Simon met a pieman  
Going to the fair.  
Says Simple Simon to the pieman,  
"Let me taste your ware."

Says the pieman to Simple Simon,  
"Show me first your penny."  
Says Simple Simon to the pieman,  
"Indeed I have not any."

-air, -are (ware)

### **Sing Your Way Home\***

Sing your way home  
At the close of the day.  
Sing your way home,  
Drive the shadows away.  
Smile every mile,

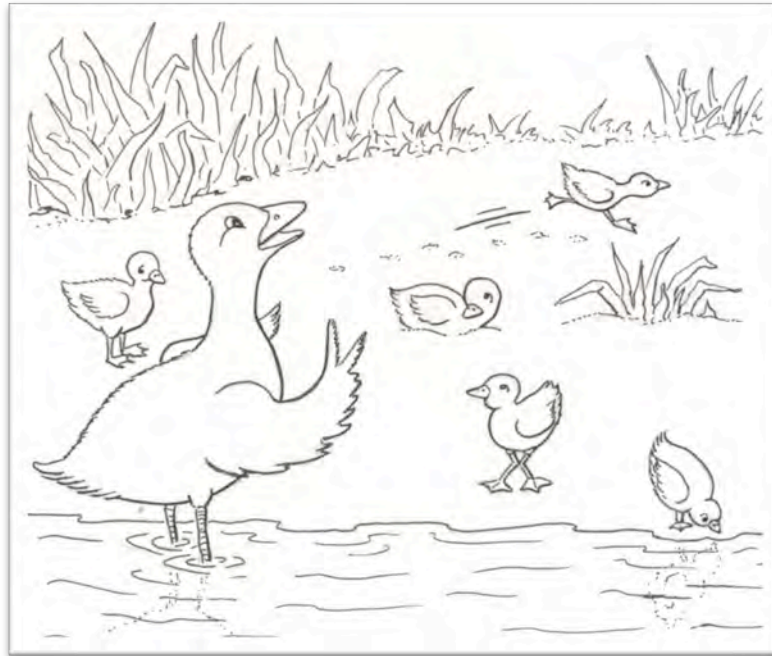
For wherever you roam,  
It will brighten your road,  
It will lighten your load,  
If you sing your way home.

-ome, -ose, -oad, -oa

### **Six Little Dogs\***

Six little dogs that I once knew,  
Fat ones, skinny ones, fair ones, too.  
But the one little dog with the brown curly fur,  
He led the others with a grr, grr, grr.  
Grr, grr, grr  
Grr, grr, grr  
He led the others with a grr, grr, GRR!

gr-, sk-, br-, ew, -oo (too)



## **Six Little Ducks**

Six little ducks

That I once knew

Fat ones, skinny ones,

Fair ones, too,

But the one little duck

With the feather on his back

He led the others

With a quack, quack, quack

Quack, quack, quack,  
Quack, quack, quack.  
He led the others  
With a quack, quack, quack.  
Down to the river  
They would go  
Wobble, wobble, wobble, wobble,  
To and fro.  
But the one little duck  
With the feather on his back  
He led the others  
With a quack, quack, quack  
Quack, quack, quack,  
Quack, quack, quack.  
He led the others  
With a quack, quack, quack.

Back from the river  
They would come  
Wobble, wobble, wobble, wobble,  
Ho, hum, hum.  
But the one little duck

With the feather on his back

He led the others

With a quack, quack, quack

Quack, quack, quack,

Quack, quack, quack.

He led the others

With a quack, quack, quack.

Into the water they would dive

Over and under the other five.

But the one little duck

With the feather on his back

He led the others

With a quack, quack, quack.

Home from the river they would go

Wibble wobble, wibble wobble,

Ho hum hum.

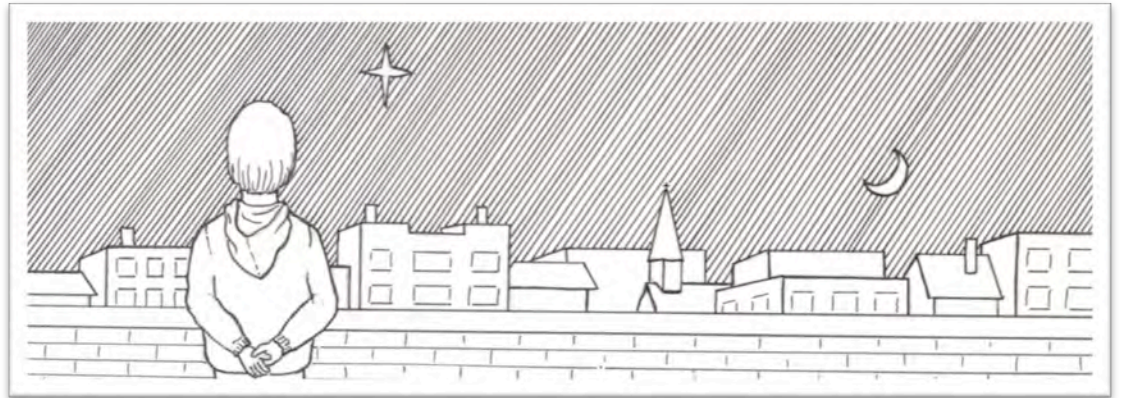
But the one little duck

With the feather on his back

He led the others

With a quack, quack, quack.

-ack, -o, -ome, syll: wib-, wob-, -ble



### **Star Light**

Star light, star bright,  
First star I see tonight,  
I wish I may, I wish I might  
Have the wish I wish tonight.

-ish, -ight, -ar

### **Sugar and Spice**

What are little boys made of?  
Frogs and snails,  
And puppy dogs' tails.  
That's what little boys are made of.  
What are little girls made of?

Sugar and spice,  
And all things nice.  
That's what little girls are made of.

-ail, -ice

### **A Sunshiny Shower**

A sunshinny shower  
Won't last half an hour.

-ow (shower), -our

### **Swim, Swan, Swim**

Swan swam over the sea,  
Swim, swan, swim!  
Swan swam back again,  
Well swum, swan!

sw-, -an, -am, -im, -um

### **Take Me out to the Ball Game**

Take me out to the ball game,  
Take me out with the crowd.  
Buy me some peanuts and Cracker Jack,  
I don't care if I never get back,  
Let me root, root, root for the home team,  
If they don't win it's a shame.



For it's one, two, three strikes, you're out,  
At the old ball game.

-out, -owd, -outh, -oot

### **Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear**

Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear, turn around,  
Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear, touch the ground.

Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear, read the news,  
Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear, shine your shoes.

-ound, -ew, -oe

### **Ten Little Monkeys Jumping on a Bed\***

Ten little monkeys jumping on a bed,  
One jumped up and bumped his head,  
Mom called the doctor and the doctor said,  
"No more monkeys jumping on a bed."

Nine little monkeys jumping on a bed,  
One jumped up and bumped his head.  
Mom called the doctor and the doctor said,  
"No more monkeys jumping on a bed."

Eight little monkeys jumping on a bed.  
One jumped up and bumped his head.  
Mom called the doctor and the doctor said,  
"No more monkeys jumping on a bed."  
Seven little monkeys jumping on a bed  
One jumped up and bumped his head.  
Mom called the doctor and the doctor said,  
"No more monkeys jumping on a bed."

Six little monkeys jumping on a bed  
One jumped up and bumped his head.  
Mom called the doctor and the doctor said,  
"No more monkeys jumping on a bed."

Five little monkeys jumping on a bed  
One jumped up and bumped his head.  
Mom called the doctor and the doctor said,  
"No more monkeys jumping on a bed."

Four little monkeys jumping on a bed  
One jumped up and bumped his head.  
Mom called the doctor and the doctor said,

"No more monkeys jumping on a bed."

Three little monkeys jumping on a bed  
One jumped up and bumped his head.  
Mom called the doctor and the doctor said,  
"No more monkeys jumping on a bed."

Two little monkeys jumping on a bed  
One jumped up and bumped his head.  
Mom called the doctor and the doctor said,  
"No more monkeys jumping on a bed."

One little monkey jumping on a bed  
One jumped up and bumped his head.  
Mom called the doctor and the doctor said,  
"No more monkeys jumping on a bed."

-ed, -ead (head), said, -om. -oc, -ump

## **There Was an Old Woman**

There was an old woman  
Who lived under a hill.  
And if she's not gone  
She lives there still.

-ill

### **There's a Hole in the Middle of the Sea**

There's a hole in the middle of the sea,  
There's a hole in the middle of the sea,  
There's a hole, there's a hole,  
There's a hole in the middle of the sea.

There's a log in the hole in the middle of the sea,  
There's a log in the hole in the middle of the sea,  
There's a log, there's a log,  
There's a log in the hole in the middle of the sea.

There's a bump on the log in the hole  
In the middle of the sea,  
There's a bump on the log in the hole  
In the middle of the sea,  
There's a bump, there's a bump,  
There's a bump on the log in the hole  
In the middle of the sea.

There's a frog on the bump on the log  
In the hole in the middle of the sea,  
There's a frog on the bump on the log  
In the hole in the middle of the sea,  
There's a frog, there's a frog,  
There's a frog on the bump on the log  
In the hole in the middle of the sea.

-og, -ump, -ea, -ole, syll: mid-dle

### **There Was a Crooked Man**

There was a crooked man,  
And he walked a crooked mile,  
He found a crooked sixpence  
Against a crooked stile;  
He bought a crooked cat,  
Which caught a crooked mouse.  
And they all lived together  
In a little crooked house.

-ile, -ook, -ouse, -alk, -ought, -aught

## **They That Wash**

They that wash on Monday  
Have all week to dry;  
They that wash on Tuesday  
Are not much awry;  
They that wash on Wednesday  
Are not much to blame;  
They that wash on Thursday  
Wash for shame;  
They that wash on Friday  
Wash in need;  
And they that wash on Saturday?  
Dirty are they indeed.

-ame, -eek, -eed

## **This is the Way We Clap Our Hands**

This is the way we clap our hands,  
This is the way we clap our hands,

This is the way we clap our hands,  
On a cold and frosty morning.

-ap, -and, -ay

### **Three Blind Mice\***

Three blind mice, see how they run.  
They all ran after the farmer's wife,  
Who cut off their tails with the carving knife.  
Did you ever see such a sight in your life,  
As three blind mice?

-ice, -ife, -ind, -ight

### **Three Little Bugs**

Three little bugs in a basket,  
Hardly room for two.  
One like Mary, one like Tom,  
And one that looks like you.

-oom, o (two), ou (you)

### **A Tisket, A Tasket**

A tis-ket, a tas-ket, green and yel-low bas-ket,  
I wrote a let-ter to my love,

And on the way, I lost it, I lost it, I lost it,  
And on the way I lost it.

A little boy picked it up and put it in his pock-et.

syll: -tis,-et -ket, -let, -ter,

### **Tom, He Was a Piper's Son**

Tom, he was a piper's son,  
He learned to play when he was young;  
But the only tune that he could play was,  
"Over the Hills and Far Away."

Now Tom with his pipe made such a noise,  
That he pleased all the girls and boys;  
And they stopped to hear him play,  
" Over the Hills and Far away."

-oise, -oy

### **Tom, Tom, the Piper's Son**

Tom, Tom, the piper's son,  
Stole a pig  
And away did run.  
The pig he did eat  
And Tom was beat



Till he ran crying  
Down the street.

-eat, -eet

**Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Bat**  
**by Lewis Carroll**

Twinkle, twinkle, little bat,  
How I wonder what you're at!  
Up above the world you fly,  
Like a tea-tray in the sky.  
Twinkle, twinkle---

-y (fly), syll:-kle

**Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star**

Twinkle, twinkle, little star,  
How I wonder what you are!  
Up above the world so high,  
Like a diamond in the sky.

-igh, -y, syll:-kle

## **Two Cats of Kilkenny**

There were once two cats of Kilkenny.  
Each thought there was one cat too many.  
So they fought and they fit,  
And they scratched and they bit,  
Until, except for their nails,  
And the tips of their tails,  
Instead of two cats, there weren't any.

-ought

## **Way Down South Where Bananas Grow**

Way down South where bananas grow,  
A grasshopper stepped on an elephant's toe.  
The elephant said, with tears in his eyes,  
"Pick on somebody your own size!"

-ow (grow), -oe

## **Up, Dear Children**

Come, my dear children,  
Up is the sun,  
Birds are all singing,  
And morn has begun.  
Up from the bed, Miss  
Out on the lea;  
The horses are waiting  
For you and for me!

-ear, -orse, -orn

## **We Can Read**

Rip! Rip! Rip!  
Rap! Rap! Rap!  
We can read!  
Clap! Clap! Clap!  
Rip! Rip! Rip!

Rap! Rap! Rap!  
We can write I  
Clap! Clap! Clap!

-an, -ap, -ip



### **Wee Willie Winkie**

Wee Willie Winkie runs through the town,  
Upstairs and downstairs in his nightgown,  
Rapping at the window,  
Crying through the lock,  
Are the children all in bed,  
for now it's eight o'clock?

-ock, -own (town)

### **What Animals Say**

Bow-wow, says the dog,  
Mew, mew, says the cat,  
Grunt, grunt, goes the hog,  
And squeak goes the rat.

Tu-whoo, says the owl,  
Caw, caw, says the crow,  
Quack, quack, says the duck,  
What cuckoos say you know.

-ow (crow), -ow (wow), -og (dog)



## **Wheels on the Bus**

The wheels on the bus  
Go round and round,  
Round and round.  
The wheels on the bus  
Go round and round,  
All over town.

-ound, -own (town)

## **Where Has My Little Dog Gone?**

Oh where, oh where has my little dog gone?

Oh where, oh where can he be?  
With his ears cut short and his tail cut long.

- one (gone), -ong (long)

## **White Sheep**

**by Christina Rossetti**

White sheep, white sheep,  
On a blue hill,  
When the wind stops  
You all stand still.  
When the wind blows  
You walk away slow.  
White sheep, white sheep,  
Where do you go?

-ow (blow, slow), -o, bl-, sl-, st

## **Windy Nights**

**by Robert Louis Stevenson**

Whenever the moon and stars are set,  
Whenever the wind is high,  
All night long in the dark and wet,  
A man goes riding by.

Late in the night when the fires are out,  
Why does he gallop and gallop about?

Whenever the trees are crying aloud,  
And ships are tossed at sea,  
By on the highway, low and loud,  
By at the gallop goes he:  
By at the gallop he goes, and then,  
By he comes back at the gallop again.

-out, -oud

### **Who Ever Sausage Such a Thing?**

One day a boy went walking  
And went into a store.  
He bought a pound of sausages  
And laid them on the floor.  
The boy began to whistle  
A merry little tune.  
And all the little sausages  
Began to dance around the room.

-oom, -une



## **Wishes**

Said the first little chicken  
With a queer little squirm,  
“I wish I could find a fat little worm.”

Said the second little chicken  
With an odd little shrug,  
“I wish I could find a fat little slug.”

Said the third little chicken  
With a sharp little squeal,  
“I wish I could find  
Some nice yellow meal.”

“Now see here,” said their mother  
From the green garden patch.

“If you want any breakfast,  
Just come here and SCRATCH!”

-eal, -een, -eer, scr-, -irm, -orm (worm)



## **Woodchuck**

How much wood

Would a woodchuck chuck

If a woodchuck would chuck wood?

-ood

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