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## Level 3

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Rhyming Grandpa has such a long nose! His eyes are round... and thissss big. He wears a shirt in all the colours of the rainbow. And whenever he opens his mouth, rhymes flow out! Hello, I'm Grandpa! and I have a song. I sing in rhyme, I sing all day long!





This is how Grandpa spends his day.  
First, he says a special hello to the  
morning. Sleep ran away, I'm awake!

Returned from a hazy stir, I dreamed  
of dreamy drawings And of cats in  
yellow fur!



Rhyming Grandpa gets up early in the morning. He walks through the grass and talks to the blades. Look how you

grow, my little green loves, From seed  
to grass to art, Like me, when you  
find an open sky You breathe to fill  
your thirsty heart.





How does Grandpa think up of all these rhymes? As soon as one ends, another begins: They live together like you and me Lovely doves who sing up in the trees, While grasshoppers jump around below, We're one big, crazy family!



After greeting nature, Rhyming  
Grandpa puts on his jaunty hat.  
Lollipops swing from its rim. His

friends soon begin to join him. Owl is always first: he loves to pick a lollipop from Grandpa's wonderful hat. Grandpa says: Good morning, good morning My little friend, to see you is a treat! I also make a perfect friend: For even my hat is sweet!



Do you know who else accompanies Rhyming Grandpa? Baby Elephant, as white as snow! Then the friends start off. They visit several villages on their daily walks. All the villagers wait eagerly for Grandpa to pass by. They all love his walking rhyme: I walk, I talk-- I say hello! I talk, I walk! Away I go!



Owl cries, “Hoot hoot! Tell me  
another, tell me another!” Says  
Grandpa, No matter what you think  
We, the old, the strange, the wise  
We've got magic up our sleeves Can't  
you see it in our eyes? Baby Elephant  
dances with the rhythm of Grandpa’s

rhyme. "Oh, hooray!" she says. "It's time for an adventure!"





One adventure is on the sea! Rhyming  
Grandpa rides on whales, calling out  
his song: Here my children, take them  
all Ride waves with a lollipop, Take a  
bite, fill up your mouths Make sure it  
doesn't drop!



Another adventure is in the sky!  
WHOOOSH! Grandpa is flying!  
He's holding onto Owl, but... "Where

did your wings come from, Sister  
Elephant?" a passing duck calls out.  
Where do you think?





“Hee Hee Ho Ho!” the three friends laugh. Grandpa says, Those who laugh with open hearts, Can do

anything they try A little trust, a little  
hope And anyone can fly!



When school gets out, Grandpa is on  
the playground. Now the children  
laugh and sing a rhyme they made



themselves: "Welcome, Grandpa! and your friends, You know how old you seem... We run, we kick, we try to score, But the goals are all your team!"



On the way home from school, the children all huddle around Grandpa. He always has one last rhyme:



Children, you must understand, You  
must one day come to see, To hold  
your time with elders close For  
Grandpa won't forever be.



One morning, when Grandpa awakes,  
he hears a cricket's music. The music  
helps Grandpa rhyme a new song: Just  
past dawn, a cricket sings. He sings  
my song of love, In this world, we are  
all together Whether here, below, or  
above.



Grandpa doesn't walk by the village that day. Children look for him everywhere, but Grandpa is nowhere to be found. “Where did Rhyming Grandpa go?” they ask. “Mother, can’t you bring back Grandpa to us? How we miss his rhymes!”





"Perhaps," Mother says, "Rhyming Grandpa is far away now." "Perhaps he has travelled to another country, on



a grand adventure we can imagine  
together." Mother sings, He plays new  
games and rhymes new rhymes For  
children in other lands Listen close,  
you'll hear them laugh, With Grandpa,  
they're in good hands.



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Rhyming Grandpa (English) Grandpa makes a rhyme about everything he sees and everywhere he goes. He makes everyone laugh: baby elephants, pet owls, and children all over the world. He never stays in one place and is always on a go. Read what he sings about in this book full of rhymes and laughter. This is a Level 3 book for children who are ready to read on their own.



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