

Who Built the Ark?

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Chorus:

Who built the Ark? No - ah, No - ah.

Who built the Ark? Bro - ther No - ah built the Ark. Oh, Ark.

1. Now did - n't old Noah build the ark?

Built it out of a hick - o - ry bark.

2. Built it long both wide and tall,

Plen - ty of room for the large and small, Now

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| 3. He found him an axe, and hammer too,
Began to cut and began to hew. | 9. Now in come the animals six by six,
Elephant laughed at the monkey's tricks, |
| 4. And ev'ry time that hammer ring,
Noah shout and-a Noah sing.
(Chorus) | 10. Now in come the animals seven by seven,
Four from home and the rest from heaven, |
| 5. Now in come the animals two by two,
Hippopotamus and kangaroo, | 11. Now in come the animals eight by eight,
Some were on time and the others were late, |
| 6. Now in come the animals three by three,
Two big cats and a bumble bee, | 12. Now in come the animals nine by nine,
Some was a-shouting and some was a-crying, |
| 7. Now in come the animals four by four,
Two through the window and two through the door, | 13. Now in come the animals ten by ten,
Five black roosters and five black hens, |
| 8. Now in come the animals five by five,
Four little sparrows and the redbird's wife, | 14. Now Noah says, go shut that door,
The rain's started dropping and we can't take more .
(Chorus) |

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