

The Grand Old Duke of York

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The grand old Duke of York, He had ten thousand men.
He marched them up to the top of the hill And marched them down again.

2. And when they were up, they were up,
And when they were down, they were down,
And when they were only half way up
They were neither up nor down.

Game Directions

Children march around in a line; on "when they were up" they stretch tall with hands above head; on "when they were down" they crouch; on "half way up" they walk with knees bent. Also, played like "A-Hunting We Will Go," and used as a skipping rhyme.