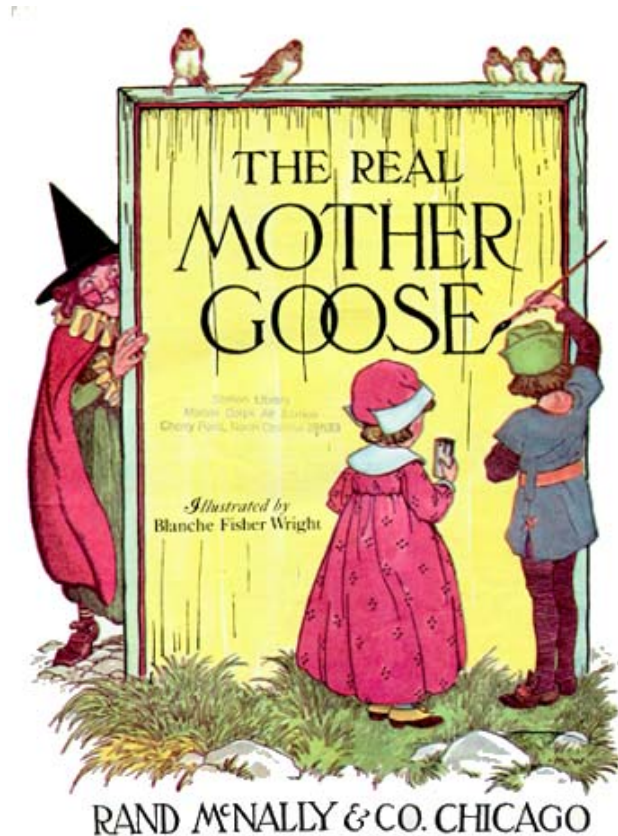


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A carrion crow sat on an oak,
A diller, a dollar, a ten o'clock scholar!
A duck and a drake,
A farmer went trotting upon his gray mare,
A hill full, a hole full,
A little boy went into a barn,
A little cock-sparrow sat on a green tree,
A little old man of Derby,
A man went a-hunting at Reigate,
A riddle, a riddle, as I suppose,
A robin and a robin's son
A sunshiny shower
A swarm of bees in May
A, B, C, and D,
About the bush, Willie,
Around the green gravel the grass grows green,
As I walked by myself,
As I was going to Derby all on a market-day,
As I was going to sell my eggs
As I was going to St. Ives
As I was going up Phippen Hill,
As I went through the garden gap,
As I went to Bonner,
As little Jenny Wren
As round as an apple, as deep as a cup,
As soft as silk, as white as milk,
As the days grow longer
As Tommy Snooks and Bessy Brooks
A-singing a comical song, song, song,
At the siege of Belleisle
Away, birds, away!
Baa, baa, black sheep,
Barber, barber, shave a pig,
Bat, bat, come under my hat
Bell horses, bell horses, what time of day?
Bessy Bell and Mary Gray,
Billy, Billy, come and play,
Birds of a feather flock together,
Black within and red without;
Bobby Shaftoe's gone to sea,
Bow-wow-wow!
Burnie bee, burnie bee,
Buttons, a farthing a pair!
Bye, baby bunting,
Christmas comes but once a year,
Christmas is coming, the geese are getting fat,
Clap, clap handies,
Cock, cock, cock, cock,
Cock-a-doodle-do!
Cocks crow in the morn
Cold and raw the north wind doth blow,
Come when you're called,
Cross patch, draw the latch,
Cry, baby, cry,
Curly-locks, Curly-locks, wilt thou be mine?
Cushy cow, bonny, let down thy milk,
Daffy-down-dilly has come to town
Dame Trot and her cat
Dance to your daddie,
Dance, little Baby, dance up high!
Dance, Thumbkin, dance;
Dear, dear! what can the matter be?
Dickory, dickory, dare,
Diddle diddle dumpling, my son John
Ding, dong, bell,
Doctor Foster went to Glo'ster,
Donkey, donkey, old and gray,
Doodle doodle doo,
Elizabeth, Elspeth, Betsy, and Bess,
Every lady in this land
Flour of England, fruit of Spain,
For every evil under the sun
For want of a nail, the shoe was lost;
Four and Twenty tailors

Little maid, pretty maid, whither goest thou?
Little Miss Muffet
Little Nanny Etticoat
Little Polly Flinders
Little Robin Redbreast sat upon a tree,
Little Tom Tucker
Little Tommy Tittlemouse
Lives in winter,
London Bridge is broken down,
Long legs, crooked thighs,
Lucy Locket lost her pocket,
March winds and April showers
Margaret wrote a letter,
Mary had a pretty bird,
Mary, Mary, quite contrary,
Master I have, and I am his man,
Mister East gave a feast;
Molly, my sister and I fell out,
Monday's child is fair of face,
Multiplication is vexation,
My little old man and I fell out;
My maid Mary she minds the dairy,
Nancy Dawson was so fine
Needles and pins, needles and pins,
Oh, dear, what can the matter be?
Oh, my pretty cock, oh, my handsome cock,
Old Grimes is dead, that good old man,
Old King Cole
Old Mother Goose, when
Old Mother Hubbard
Old Mother Twitchett had but one eye,
Old woman, old woman, shall we go a-shearing?
On Saturday night
Once I saw a little bird
One misty moisty morning,
One, he loves; two, he loves;
One, two, three, four, five,
One, two, buckle my shoe
Over the water, and over the sea,
Over the water,
Pat-a-cake, pat-a-cake,
Pease porridge hot,
Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers;
Peter, Peter, pumpkin-eater,
Piping hot, smoking hot,
Polly, put the kettle on,
Poor old Robinson Crusoe!
Pretty John Watts,
Pussy-cat ate the dumplings, the dumplings,
Pussy-cat Mew jumped over a coal,
Pussy-cat sits by the fire;
Pussy-cat, pussy-cat,
Rain, rain, go away,
Rain, rain, go to Spain,
Read my riddle, I pray,
Ride a cock-horse to Banbury Cross,
Ride away, ride away,
Ring a ring o' roses,
Robert Barnes, my fellow fine,
Robin and Richard were two pretty men,
Robin Hood, Robin Hood,
Robin-a-Bobbin
Rock-a-bye, baby, thy cradle is green;
Saw ye aught of my love a-coming from the market?
See a pin and pick it up,
See, see! What shall I see?
See-saw, Margery Daw,
Shoe the colt,
Simple Simon met a pieman,
Sing a song of sixpence,
Sing, sing, what shall I sing?
Sleep, baby, sleep,
Solomon Grundy,
Swan, swan, over the sea;
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THE REAL MOTHER GOOSE

LITTLE BO-PEEP

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

Little Bo-Peep fell fast asleep,
 And dreamt she heard them bleating;
 But when she awoke, she found it a joke,
 For still they all were fleeing.

Then up she took her little crook,
 Determined for to find them;
 She found them indeed, but it made her
 heart bleed,
 For they'd left all their tails behind 'em!

It happened one day, as Bo-peep did stray
 Unto a meadow hard by--
 There she espied their tails, side by side,
 All hung on a tree to dry.

She heaved a sigh and wiped her eye,
 And over the hillocks she raced;
 And tried what she could, as a shepherdess
 should,
 That each tail should be properly placed.

THE CLOCK

There's a neat little clock,--
 In the schoolroom it stands,--
 And it points to the time
 With its two little hands.

And may we, like the clock,
 Keep a face clean and bright,
 With hands ever ready

LITTLE BOY BLUE

Little Boy Blue, come, blow your horn!
 The sheep's in the meadow, the cow's in the
 corn.
 Where's the little boy that looks after the sheep?
 Under the haystack, fast asleep!

RAIN

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



WINTER

Cold and raw the north wind doth blow,
 Bleak in the morning early;
 All the hills are covered with snow,
 And winter's now come fairly.

To do what is right.



FINGERS AND TOES

Every lady in this land
Has twenty nails, upon each hand
Five, and twenty on hands and feet:
All this is true, without deceit.

A SEASONABLE SONG

Piping hot, smoking hot.
What I've got
You have not.
Hot gray pease, hot, hot, hot;
Hot gray pease, hot.

DAME TROT AND HER CAT

Dame Trot and her cat
Led a peaceable life,
When they were not troubled
With other folks' strife.

When Dame had her dinner
Pussy would wait,
And was sure to receive
A nice piece from her plate.



THREE CHILDREN ON THE ICE

Three children sliding on the ice
Upon a summer's day,
As it fell out, they all fell in,
The rest they ran away.

Oh, had these children been at school,
Or sliding on dry ground,
Ten thousand pounds to one penny
They had not then been drowned.

Ye parents who have children dear,
And ye, too, who have none,
If you would keep them safe abroad
Pray keep them safe at home.

CROSS PATCH

Cross patch, draw the latch,
Sit by the fire and spin;
Take a cup and drink it up,

THE OLD WOMAN UNDER A HILL

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

TWEEDLE-DUM AND TWEEDLE-DEE

Tweedle-dum and Tweedle-dee
Resolved to have a battle,
For Tweedle-dum said Tweedle-dee
Had spoiled his nice new rattle.

Just then flew by a monstrous crow,
As big as a tar barrel,
Which frightened both the heroes so,
They quite forgot their quarrel.

Then call your neighbors in.

OH, DEAR!

Dear, dear! what can the matter be?
Two old women got up in an apple-tree;
One came down, and the other stayed till Saturday.



OLD MOTHER GOOSE

Old Mother Goose, when
She wanted to wander,
Would ride through the air
On a very fine gander.

LITTLE JUMPING JOAN

Here am I, little jumping Joan,
When nobody's with me
I'm always alone.

ROBIN REDBREAST

Little Robin Redbreast sat upon a tree,
Up went Pussy-Cat, down went he,
Down came Pussy-Cat, away Robin ran,
Says little Robin Redbreast: "Catch me if you can!"

Little Robin Redbreast jumped upon a spade,
Pussy-Cat jumped after him, and then he was afraid.
Little Robin chirped and sang, and what did Pussy say?
Pussy-Cat said: "Mew, mew, mew," and Robin flew away.



PAT-A-CAKE

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Pat-a-cake, pat-a-cake,
Baker's man!
So I do, master,
As fast as I can.

Pat it, and prick it,
And mark it with T,
Put it in the oven
For Tommy and me.

MONEY AND THE MARE

"Lend me thy mare to ride a mile."
"She is lamed, leaping over a stile."

"Alack! and I must keep the fair!
I'll give thee money for thy mare."

"Oh, oh! say you so?
Money will make the mare to go!"

A MELANCHOLY SONG

Trip upon trenchers,
And dance upon dishes,
My mother sent me for some barm, some barm;
She bid me go lightly,
And come again quickly,
For fear the young men should do me some harm.
Yet didn't you see, yet didn't you see,
What naughty tricks they put upon me?
They broke my pitcher
And spilt the water,
And huffed my mother,
And chid her daughter,
And kissed my sister instead of me.



JACK

Jack be nimble, Jack be quick,
Jack jump over the candlestick.

GOING TO ST. IVES

As I was going to St. Ives
I met a man with seven wives.
Every wife had seven sacks,
Every sack had seven cats,
Every cat had seven kits.
Kits, cats, sacks, and wives,
How many were going to St. Ives?

THIRTY DAYS HATH SEPTEMBER

Thirty days hath September,
April, June, and November;
February has twenty-eight alone,
All the rest have thirty-one,
Excepting leap-year, that's the time
When February's days are twenty-nine.



BABY DOLLY

Hush, baby, my dolly, I pray you don't cry,
And I'll give you some bread, and some milk by-and-by;
Or perhaps you like custard, or, maybe, a tart,
Then to either you're welcome, with all my heart.





IF WISHES WERE HORSES

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

And if "ifs" and "ands"
Were pots and pans,
There'd be no work for tinkers!



TO MARKET, TO MARKET, TO BUY A FAT PIG

TO MARKET

To market, to market, to buy a fat pig.
Home again, home again, jiggety jig.
To market, to market, to buy a fat hog,
Home again, home again, jiggety jog.
To market, to market, to buy a plum bun,
Home again, home again, market is done.

ROBIN AND RICHARD

Robin and Richard were two pretty men,
They lay in bed till the clock struck ten;
Then up starts Robin and looks at the sky,
"Oh, brother Richard, the sun's very high!
You go before, with the bottle and bag,
And I will come after on little Jack Nag."

COME OUT TO PLAY

Girls and boys, come out to play,
The moon doth shine as bright as day;
Leave your supper, and leave your sleep,
And come with your playfellows into the street.

Come with a whoop, come with a call,
Come with a good will or not at all.
Up the ladder and down the wall,
A half-penny roll will serve us all.
You find milk, and I'll find flour,
And we'll have a pudding in half an hour.

OLD CHAIRS TO MEND

If I'd as much money as I could spend,
I never would cry old chairs to mend;
Old chairs to mend, old chairs to mend;
I never would cry old chairs to mend.

If I'd as much money as I could tell,
I never would cry old clothes to sell;
Old clothes to sell, old clothes to sell;
I never would cry old clothes to sell.





A MAN AND A MAID

There was a little man,
Who wooed a little maid,
And he said, "Little maid, will you wed, wed,
wed?"

I have little more to say,
So will you, yea or nay,
For least said is soonest mended-ded, ded,
ded."

The little maid replied,
"Should I be your little bride,
Pray what must we have for to eat, eat, eat?
Will the flame that you're so rich in
Light a fire in the kitchen?
Or the little god of love turn the spit, spit,
spit?"

HERE GOES MY LORD

Here goes my lord
A trot, a trot, a trot, a trot,
Here goes my lady
A canter, a canter, a canter, a canter!

Here goes my young master
Jockey-hitch, jockey-hitch, jockey-hitch,
jockey-hitch!

Here goes my young miss
An amble, an amble, an amble, an amble!

The footman lags behind to tippie ale and
wine,
And goes gallop, a gallop, a gallop, to make
up his time.

TWO BIRDS

There were two birds sat on a stone,
Fa, la, la, la, lal, de;
One flew away, and then there was
one,
Fa, la, la, la, lal, de;
The other bird flew after,
And then there was none,

THE CLEVER HEN

I had a little hen, the prettiest ever seen,
She washed me the dishes and kept the house
clean;
She went to the mill to fetch me some flour,
She brought it home in less than an hour;
She baked me my bread, she brewed me my ale,
She sat by the fire and told many a fine tale.



LUCY LOCKET

Lucy Locket lost her pocket,
Kitty Fisher found it;
Nothing in it, nothing in it,

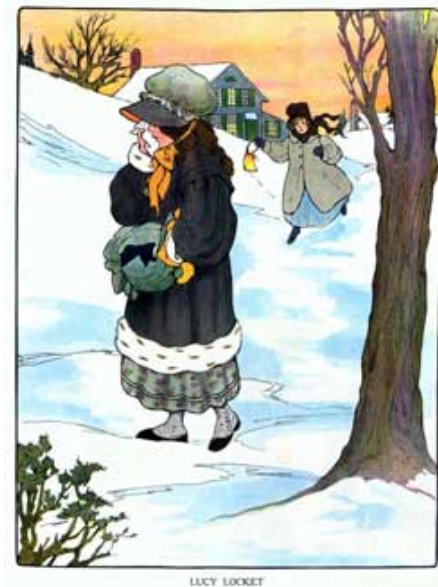
Fa, la, la, la, lal, de;
And so the stone
Was left alone,
Fa, la, la, la, lal, de.



LEG OVER LEG

Leg over leg,
As the dog went to Dover;
When he came to a stile,
Jump, he went over.

But the binding round it.



WHEN JENNY WREN WAS YOUNG

'Twas once upon a time, when Jenny Wren was young,
So daintily she danced and so prettily she sung,
Robin Redbreast lost his heart, for he was a gallant bird.
So he doffed his hat to Jenny Wren, requesting to be heard.

"Oh, dearest Jenny Wren, if you will but be mine,
You shall feed on cherry pie and drink new currant wine,
I'll dress you like a goldfinch or any peacock gay,
So, dearest Jen, if you'll be mine, let us appoint the day."

Jenny blushed behind her fan and thus declared her mind:

"Since, dearest Bob, I love you well, I'll take your offer kind.

Cherry pie is very nice and so is currant wine,
But I must wear my plain brown gown and never go too fine."

THE FLYING PIG

Dickory, dickory, dare,
The pig flew up in the air;
The man in brown soon brought
him down,
Dickory,
dickory,
dare.



BARBER

Barber, barber, shave a pig.
How many hairs will make a wig?

Four and twenty; that's enough.
Give the barber a pinch of snuff.

SOLOMON GRUNDY

Solomon Grundy,
Born on a Monday,
Christened on Tuesday,
Married on Wednesday,
Took ill on Thursday,
Worse on Friday,
Died on Saturday,
Buried on Sunday.
This is the end
Of Solomon Grundy.



THREE WISE MEN OF GOTHAM

Three wise men of Gotham
Went to sea in a bowl;
If the bowl had been stronger
My song had been longer.



HUSH-A-BYE

Hush-a-bye, baby, on the tree top!
When the wind blows the cradle will rock;
When the bough breaks the cradle will fall;
Down will come baby, bough, cradle and all.



BURNIE BEE

Burnie bee, burnie bee,
Tell me when your wedding be?
If it be to-morrow day,
Take your wings and fly away.

THE HUNTER OF REIGATE

A man went a-hunting at Reigate,
And wished to leap over a high gate.
Says the owner, "Go round,
With your gun and your hound,
For you never shall leap over my gate."

LITTLE POLLY FLINDERS

Little Polly Flinders
Sat among the cinders
Warming her pretty little toes;
Her mother came and caught her,
Whipped her little daughter
For spoiling her nice new clothes.

PUSSY-CAT AND QUEEN

"Pussy-cat, pussy-cat,
Where have you been?"
"I've been to London
To look at the Queen."
"Pussy-cat, pussy-cat,
What did you there?"
"I frightened a little mouse

RIDE AWAY, RIDE AWAY

Ride away, ride away,
Johnny shall ride,

And he shall have pussy-cat
Tied to one side;
And he shall have little dog
Tied to the other,
And Johnny shall ride
To see his grandmother.



PIPPEN HILL

As I was going up Pippen Hill,
Pippen Hill was dirty;
There I met a pretty Miss,
And she dropped me a curtsy.

Little Miss, pretty Miss,
Blessings light upon you;
If I had half-a-crown a day,
I'd spend it all upon you.



CLAP HANDIES

Clap, clap handies,
Mammie's wee, wee ain;
Clap, clap handies,
Daddie's comin' hame,
Hame till his bonny wee bit laddie;
Clap, clap handies,
My wee, wee ain.

Under the chair."



PUSSEY-CAT AND QUEEN

THE WINDS

Mister East gave a feast;
Mister North laid the cloth;
Mister West did his best;
Mister South burnt his mouth
Eating cold potato.

JUST LIKE ME

"I went up one pair of stairs."
"Just like me."

"I went up two pairs of stairs."
"Just like me."

"I went into a room."
"Just like me."

"I looked out of a window."
"Just like me."

"And there I saw a monkey."
"Just like me."



HEIGH-HO, THE CARRION CROW

A carrion crow sat on an oak,
 Fol de riddle, lol de riddle, hi ding do,
 Watching a tailor shape his cloak;
 Sing heigh-ho, the carrion crow,
 Fol de riddle, lol de riddle, hi ding do!

Wife, bring me my old bent bow,
 Fol de riddle, lol de riddle, hi ding do,
 That I may shoot yon carrion crow;
 Sing heigh-ho, the carrion crow,
 Fol de riddle, loi de riddle, hi ding do!

The tailor he shot, and missed his mark,
 Fol de riddle, lol de riddle, hi ding do!
 And shot his own sow quite through the heart;
 Sing heigh-ho, the carrion crow,
 Fol de riddle, lol de riddle, hi ding do!

Wife! bring brandy in a spoon,
 Fol de riddle, lol de riddle, hi ding do!
 For our old sow is in a swoon;
 Sing heigh-ho, the carrion crow,
 Fol de riddle, lol de riddle, hi ding do!



PLAY DAYS

How many days has my baby to play?
 Saturday, Sunday, Monday,
 Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday,
 Saturday, Sunday, Monday.

CHRISTMAS

Christmas comes but once a year,
 And when it comes it brings good cheer.

ELIZABETH

Elizabeth, Elspeth, Betsy, and Bess,
 They all went together to seek a bird's nest;
 They found a bird's nest with five eggs in,
 They all took one, and left four in.

BANBURY CROSS

Ride a cock-horse to Banbury Cross,
 To see an old lady upon a white horse.
 Rings on her fingers, and bells on her toes,

She shall have music wherever she goes.



ABC

Great A, little a,
Bouncing B!
The cat's in the cupboard,
And can't see me.

A NEEDLE AND THREAD

Old Mother Twitchett had but one eye,
And a long tail which she let fly;
And every time she went through a gap,
A bit of her tail she left in a trap.



RIDE A COCKHORSE TO BANBURY CROSS

THE MAN IN OUR TOWN

There was a man in our town,
And he was wondrous wise,
He jumped into a bramble bush,
And scratched out both his eyes;
But when he saw his eyes were out,
With all his might and main,
He jumped into another bush,
And scratched 'em in again.



FOR EVERY EVIL

For every evil under the sun
There is a remedy or there is none.
If there be one, seek till you find it;
If there be none, never mind it.

CUSHY COW

Cushy cow, bonny, let down thy milk,
And I will give thee a gown of silk;
A gown of silk and a silver tee,



GEORGY PORGY

If thou wilt let down thy milk to me.

Georgy Porgy, pudding and pie,
Kissed the girls and made them cry.
When the boys came out to play,
Georgy Porgy ran away.



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 in their beds? Now it's eight
o'clock."



ABOUT THE BUSH

About the bush, Willie,
About the beehive,
About the bush, Willie,
I'll meet thee alive.

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."

SEE-SAW

See-saw, Margery Daw,
Sold her bed and lay upon straw.



ROBIN-A-BOBBIN

Robin-a-Bobbin
Bent his bow,
Shot at a pigeon,
And killed a crow.

JOHN SMITH

Is John Smith within?
Yes, that he is.
Can he set a shoe?
Ay, marry, two.
Here a nail, there a nail,
Tick, tack, too.

FIVE TOES

This little pig went to market;
This little pig stayed at home;
This little pig had roast beef;
This little pig had none;
This little pig said, "Wee, wee!
I can't find my way home."

Simple Simon went a-fishing
For to catch a whale;
All the water he could find
Was in his mother's pail!

Simple Simon went to look
If plums grew on a thistle;
He pricked his fingers very much,
Which made poor Simon whistle.

He went to catch a dicky bird,
And thought he could not fail,
Because he had a little salt,
To put upon its tail.

He went for water with a sieve,
But soon it ran all through;
And now poor Simple Simon
Bids you all adieu.



THREE BLIND MICE

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



THREE BLIND MICE

DOCTOR FOSTER

Doctor Foster went to Glo'ster,
In a shower of rain;
He stepped in a puddle, up to his
middle,



A LITTLE MAN

There was a little man, and he had a little gun,
And his bullets were made of lead, lead, lead;

He went to the brook, and saw a little duck,
And shot it right through the head, head, head.

And never went there again.

He carried it home to his old wife Joan,
And bade her a fire to make, make, make.
To roast the little duck he had shot in the brook,
And he'd go and fetch the drake, drake, drake.

The drake was a-swimming with his curly tail;
The little man made it his mark, mark, mark.
He let off his gun, but he fired too soon,
And the drake flew away with a quack, quack,
quack.



JERRY HALL

Jerry Hall, he was so small,
A rat could eat him, hat and all.

LENGTHENING DAYS

As the days grow longer
The storms grow stronger.

DIDDLE DIDDLE DUMPLING

Diddle diddle dumpling, my son John
Went to bed with his breeches on,
One stocking off, and one stocking on;
Diddle diddle dumpling, my son John.

THE BLACK HEN

Hickety, pickety, my black hen,
She lays eggs for gentlemen;
Gentlemen come every day
To see what my black hen doth lay.

THE MIST

A hill full, a hole full,
Yet you cannot catch a bowl full.

MISS MUFFET

Little Miss Muffet
Sat on a tuffet,
Eating of curds and whey;
There came a big spider,
And sat down beside her,
And frightened Miss Muffet away.



CURLY-LOCKS

Curly-locks, Curly-locks, wilt thou be mine?
Thou shalt not wash the dishes, nor yet feed the swine;
But sit on a cushion, and sew a fine seam
And feed upon strawberries, sugar, and cream.

A CANDLE

Little Nanny Etticoat
In a white petticoat,
And a red nose;
The longer she stands
The shorter she grows.



CURLY-LOCKS, CURLY-LOCKS, WILT THOU BE MINE?



HUMPTY DUMPTY

Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall,
Humpty Dumpty had a great fall;
All the King's horses, and all the King's men
Cannot put Humpty Dumpty together again.

ONE, TWO, THREE

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

PINS

See a pin and pick it up,
All the day you'll have good luck.
See a pin and let it lay,
Bad luck you'll have all the day.

THE DOVE AND THE WREN

The dove says coo, coo, what shall I do?
I can scarce maintain two.
Pooh, pooh! says the wren, I've got ten,
And keep them all like gentlemen.

MASTER I HAVE

Master I have, and I am his man,
 Gallop a dreary dun;
 Master I have, and I am his man,
 And I'll get a wife as fast as I can;
 With a heightly gaily gamberally,
 Higgledy piggledy, niggledy, niggledy,
 Gallop a dreary dun.



SHALL WE GO A-SHEARING?

"Old woman, old woman, shall we go a-shearing?"
 "Speak a little louder, sir, I am very thick of hearing."
 "Old woman, old woman, shall I kiss you dearly?"
 "Thank you, kind sir, I hear you very clearly."

OLD MOTHER HUBBARD

Old Mother Hubbard
 Went to the cupboard,
 To give her poor dog a bone;
 But when she got there
 The cupboard was bare,
 And so the poor dog had none.

She went to the baker's
 To buy him some bread;
 When she came back
 The dog was dead.

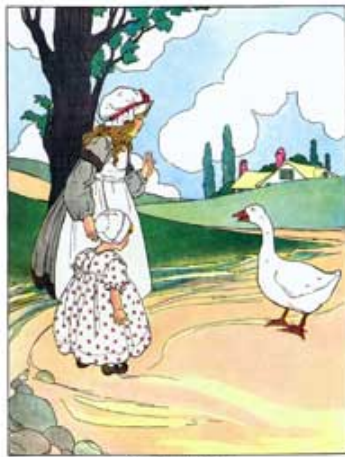
She went to the undertaker's
 To buy him a coffin;
 When she got back
 The dog was laughing.

She took a clean dish
 To get him some tripe;
 When she came back
 He was smoking a pipe.

She went to the alehouse
 To get him some beer;
 When she came back
 The dog sat in a chair.

She went to the tavern
 For white wine and red;
 When she came back
 The dog stood on his head.

She went to the hatter's
 To buy him a hat;



GOOSEY, GOOSEY, GANDER

Goosey, goosey, gander,
 Whither dost thou wander?
 Upstairs and downstairs
 And in my lady's chamber.

There I met an old man
 Who wouldn't say his prayers;
 I took him by the left leg,
 And threw him down the stairs.

THE COCK AND THE HEN

"Cock, cock, cock, cock,
 I've laid an egg,
 Am I to gang ba--are-foot?"

"Hen, hen, hen, hen,
I've been up and down
To every shop in town,
And cannot find a shoe
To fit your foot,
If I'd crow my hea--art out."



BLUE BELL BOY

I had a little boy,
And called him Blue Bell;
Gave him a little work,--
He did it very well.

I bade him go upstairs
To bring me a gold pin;
In coal scuttle fell he,
Up to his little chin.

He went to the garden
To pick a little sage;
He tumbled on his nose,
And fell into a rage.

He went to the cellar
To draw a little beer;
And quickly did return
To say there was none there.

WHY MAY NOT I LOVE JOHNNY?

Johnny shall have a new bonnet,
And Johnny shall go to the fair,
And Johnny shall have a blue ribbon
To tie up his bonny brown hair.

And why may not I love Johnny?
And why may not Johnny love me?
And why may not I love Johnny
As well as another body?

And here's a leg for a stocking,
And here's a foot for a shoe,
And he has a kiss for his daddy,
And two for his mammy, I trow.

When she came back
He was feeding the cat.

She went to the barber's
To buy him a wig;
When she came back
He was dancing a jig.

She went to the fruiterer's
To buy him some fruit;
When she came back
He was playing the flute.

She went to the tailor's
To buy him a coat;
When she came back
He was riding a goat.

She went to the cobbler's
To buy him some shoes;
When she came back
He was reading the news.

She went to the sempster's
To buy him some linen;
When she came back
The dog was a-spinning.

She went to the hosier's
To buy him some hose;
When she came back
He was dressed in his clothes.

The dame made a curtsy,
The dog made a bow;
The dame said, "Your servant,"
The dog said, "Bow-wow."



JACK JELF

Little Jack Jelf
Was put on the shelf
Because he could not spell "pie";

And why may not I love Johnny?
 And why may not Johnny love me?
 And why may not I love Johnny
 As well as another body?



When his aunt, Mrs. Grace,
 Saw his sorrowful face,
 She could not help saying, "Oh, fie!"

And since Master Jelf
 Was put on the shelf
 Because he could not spell "pie,"
 Let him stand there so grim,
 And no more about him,
 For I wish him a very good-bye!

JACK SPRAT

Jack Sprat
 Could eat no fat,
 His wife could eat no lean;
 And so,
 Betwixt them both,
 They licked the platter clean.



DAFFODILS

Daffy-down-dilly has come to town
 In a yellow petticoat and a green gown.

HUSH-A-BYE

Hush-a-bye, baby, lie still with thy daddy,
 Thy mammy has gone to the mill,
 To get some meal to bake a cake,
 So pray, my dear baby, lie still.



THE GIRL IN THE LANE

The girl in the lane, that couldn't speak plain,
 Cried, "Gobble, gobble, gobble":
 The man on the hill that couldn't stand still,

HUSH-A-BYE

Hush-a-bye, baby,
 Daddy is near;
 Mamma is a lady,
 And that's very clear.

Went hobble hobble, hobble.



NANCY DAWSON

Nancy Dawson was so fine
She wouldn't get up to serve the swine;
She lies in bed till eight or nine,
So it's Oh, poor Nancy Dawson.

And do ye ken Nancy Dawson, honey?
The wife who sells the barley, honey?
She won't get up to feed her swine,
And do ye ken Nancy Dawson, honey?

HANDY PANDY

Handy Pandy, Jack-a-dandy,
Loves plum cake and sugar candy.
He bought some at a grocer's shop,
And out he came, hop, hop, hop!



JACK AND JILL

Jack and Jill went up the hill,
To fetch a pail of water;



THE ALPHABET

A, B, C, and D,
Pray, playmates, agree.
E, F, and G,
Well, so it shall be.
J, K, and L,
In peace we will dwell.
M, N, and O,
To play let us go.
P, Q, R, and S,

Jack fell down, and broke his crown,
And Jill came tumbling after.

Then up Jack got and off did trot,
As fast as he could caper,
To old Dame Dob, who patched his nob
With vinegar and brown paper.



DANCE TO YOUR DADDIE

Dance to your daddie,
My bonnie laddie;
Dance to your daddie, my bonnie lamb;
You shall get a fishy,
On a little dishy;
You shall get a fishy, when the boat comes home.

ONE MISTY MOISTY MORNING

One misty moisty morning,
When cloudy was the weather,
I chanced to meet an old man,
Clothed all in leather.
He began to compliment
And I began to grin.
How do you do? And how do you do?
And how do you do again?



THE OLD WOMAN FROM FRANCE

Love may we possess.
W, X, and Y,
Will not quarrel or die.
Z, and ampersand,
Go to school at command.



ROBIN HOOD AND LITTLE JOHN

Robin Hood, Robin Hood,
Is in the mickle wood!
Little John, Little John,
He to the town is gone.

Robin Hood, Robin Hood,
Telling his beads,
All in the greenwood
Among the green weeds.

Little John, Little John,
If he comes no more,
Robin Hood, Robin Hood,
We shall fret full sore!

RAIN

Rain, rain, go to Spain,
And never come back again.

THE ROBINS

There came an old woman from France
 Who taught grown-up children to dance;
 But they were so stiff,
 She sent them home in a sniff,
 This sprightly old woman from France.



TEETH AND GUMS

Thirty white horses upon a red hill,
 Now they tramp, now they champ, now they stand still.



T'OTHER LITTLE TUNE

I won't be my father's Jack,
 I won't be my father's Jill;
 I will be the fiddler's wife,
 And have music when I will.
 T'other little tune,
 T'other little tune,
 Prithee, Love, play me
 T'other little tune.

A robin and a robin's son
 Once went to town to buy a bun.
 They couldn't decide on plum or plain,
 And so they went back home again.

THE OLD MAN

There was an old man
 In a velvet coat,
 He kissed a maid
 And gave her a goat.
 The goat it was crack'd
 And would not go,--
 Ah, old man, do you serve me so?



MY KITTEN

Hey, my kitten, my kitten,
 And hey, my kitten, my deary!
 Such a sweet pet as this
 Was neither far nor neary.



IF ALL THE SEAS WERE ONE SEA

If all the seas were one sea,
 What a *great* sea that would be!
 And if all the trees were one tree,
 What a *great* tree that would be!

And if all the axes were one axe,
What a *great* axe that would be!
And if all the men were one man,
What a *great* man he would be!
And if the *great* man took the *great* axe,
And cut down the *great* tree,
And let it fall into the *great* sea,
What a splish splash *that* would be!

PANCAKE DAY

Great A, little a,
This is pancake day;
Toss the ball high,
Throw the ball low,
Those that come after
May sing heigh-ho!



FOREHEAD, EYES, CHEEKS, NOSE, MOUTH, AND CHIN

Here sits the Lord Mayor,
Here sit his two men,
Here sits the cock,
Here sits the hen,
Here sit the little chickens,
Here they run in.
Chin-chopper, chin-chopper, chin chopper, chin!



A PLUM PUDDING

Flour of England, fruit of Spain,
Met together in a shower of rain;
Put in a bag tied round with a string;
If you'll tell me this riddle,
I'll give you a ring.



THE LION AND THE UNICORN

The Lion and the Unicorn were fighting for the crown,
The Lion beat the Unicorn all around the town.
Some gave them white bread, and some gave them brown,
Some gave them plum-cake, and sent them out of town.

THE MERCHANTS OF LONDON

Hey diddle dinkety poppety pet,
The merchants of London they wear scarlet,
Silk in the collar and gold in the hem,

A SURE TEST

If you are to be a gentleman,
As I suppose you'll be,

You'll neither laugh nor smile,
For a tickling of the knee.

So merrily march the merchant men.

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!"



I HAD A LITTLE HUSBAND

I had a little husband no bigger than my thumb,
I put him in a pint pot, and there I bid him
drum,
I bought a little handkerchief to wipe his little
nose,
And a pair of little garters to tie his little hose.

I'LL TELL YOU A STORY

I'll tell you a story
About Jack-a-Nory:
And now my story's begun.
I'll tell you another
About his brother:
And now my story is done.



TO BABYLON

How many miles is it to Babylon?--
Threescore miles and ten.
Can I get there by candle-light?--
Yes, and back again.
If your heels are nimble and light,
You may get there by candle-light.

A STRANGE OLD WOMAN

There was an old woman, and what do you
think?
She lived upon nothing but victuals and drink;
Victuals and drink were the chief of her diet,
And yet this old woman could never be quiet.

CRY, BABY

Cry, baby, cry,
Put your finger in your eye,
And tell your mother it wasn't I.



SLEEP, BABY, SLEEP

Sleep, baby, sleep,
 Our cottage vale is deep:
 The little lamb is on the green,
 With woolly fleece so soft and clean--
 Sleep, baby, sleep.
 Sleep, baby, sleep,
 Down where the woodbines creep;
 Be always like the lamb so mild,
 A kind, and sweet, and gentle child.
 Sleep, baby, sleep.



LITTLE FRED

When little Fred went to bed,
 He always said his prayers;

He kissed mamma, and then papa,
 And straightway went upstairs.



BAA, BAA, BLACK SHEEP

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Baa, baa, black sheep,
 Have you any wool?
 Yes, marry, have I,
 Three bags full;

One for my master,
 One for my dame,
 But none for the little boy
 Who cries in the lane.



THE CAT AND THE FIDDLE

Hey, diddle, diddle!
 The cat and the fiddle,
 The cow jumped over the moon;
 The little dog laughed
 To see such sport,
 And the dish ran away with the spoon.



JACK AND HIS FIDDLE

"Jacky, come and give me thy fiddle,
 If ever thou mean to thrive."
 "Nay, I'll not give my fiddle
 To any man alive.

"If I should give my fiddle,
 They'll think that I've gone mad;
 For many a joyous day
 My fiddle and I have had."

DOCTOR FELL

I do not like thee, Doctor Fell;
 The reason why I cannot tell;
 But this I know, and know full well,
 I do not like thee, Doctor Fell!

A COUNTING-OUT RHYME

Hickery, dickery, 6 and 7,
 Alabone, Crackabone, 10 and 11,
 Spin, spun, muskidun,
 Twiddle 'em, twaddle 'em, 21.

BUTTONS

Buttons, a farthing a pair!
 Come, who will buy them of me?
 They're round and sound and pretty,
 And fit for girls of the city.
 Come, who will buy them of me?
 Buttons, a farthing a pair!



HOT BOILED BEANS

Ladies and gentlemen come to supper--
 Hot boiled beans and very good butter.



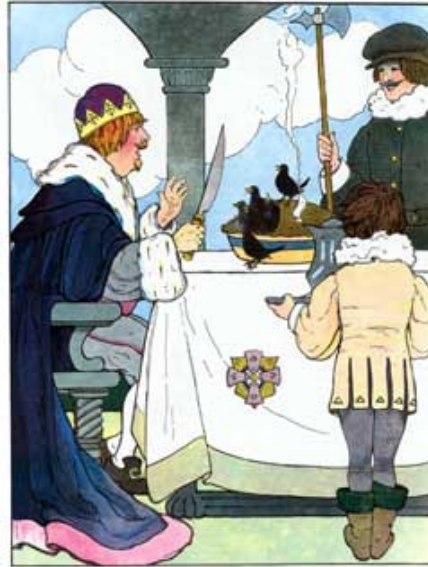
LITTLE PUSSY

I like little Pussy,
Her coat is so warm,
And if I don't hurt her
She'll do me no harm;
So I'll not pull her tail,
Nor drive her away,
But Pussy and I
Very gently will play.



TOMMY TITTMOUSE

Little Tommy Tittlemouse
Lived in a little house;



SING A SONG OF SIXPENCE

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Sing a song of sixpence,
A pocket full of rye;
Four-and-twenty blackbirds
Baked in a pie!

When the pie was opened
The birds began to sing;
Was not that a dainty dish
To set before the king?

The king was in his counting-house,
Counting out his money;
The queen was in the parlor,
Eating bread and honey.

The maid was in the garden,
Hanging out the clothes;
When down came a blackbird
And snapped off her nose.

THE DERBY RAM

As I was going to Derby all on a market-day,
I met the finest ram, sir, that ever was fed upon hay;
Upon hay, upon hay, upon hay;
I met the finest ram, sir, that ever was fed upon hay.
This ram was fat behind, sir; this ram was fat before;
This ram was ten yards round, sir; indeed, he was no more;
No more, no more, no more;
This ram was ten yards round, sir; indeed, he was no more.
The horns that grew on his head, sir, they were so wondrous high,
As I've been plainly told, sir, they reached up to the sky.
The sky, the sky, the sky;



He caught fishes
In other men's ditches.

THE MULBERRY BUSH

Here we go round the mulberry bush,
The mulberry bush, the mulberry bush,
Here we go round the mulberry bush.
On a cold and frosty morning.

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

This is the way we wash our clothes.
Wash our clothes, wash our clothes,
This is the way we wash our clothes,
On a cold and frosty morning.

This is the way we go to school,
Go to school, go to school,
This is the way we go to school,
On a cold and frosty morning.

This is the way we come out of school,
Come out of school, come out of
school,
This is the way we come out of school,
On a cold and frosty morning.

As I've been plainly told, sir, they reached up to the sky.
The tail that grew from his back, sir, was six yards and
an ell;
And it was sent to Derby to toll the market bell;
The bell, the bell, the bell;
And it was sent to Derby to toll the market bell.



THE HOBBY-HORSE

I had a little hobby-horse,
And it was dapple gray;
Its head was made of pea-straw,
Its tail was made of hay.

I sold it to an old woman
For a copper groat;
And I'll not sing my song again
Without another coat.

YOUNG LAMBS TO SELL

If I'd as much money as I could tell,
I never would cry young lambs to sell;
Young lambs to sell, young lambs to sell;
I never would cry young lambs to sell.





BOY AND THE SPARROW

A little cock-sparrow sat on a green tree,
And he chirruped, he chirruped, so merry was he;
A naughty boy came with his wee bow and
arrow,
Determined to shoot this little cock-sparrow.

"This little cock-sparrow shall make me a stew,
And his giblets shall make me a little pie, too."
"Oh, no," says the sparrow "I won't make a
stew."
So he flapped his wings and away he flew.

TWO PIGEONS

I had two pigeons bright and gay,
They flew from me the other day.
What was the reason they did go?
I cannot tell, for I do not know.



THE FIRST OF MAY

The fair maid who, the first of May,
Goes to the fields at break of day,
And washes in dew from the hawthorn-tree,

OLD WOMAN, OLD WOMAN

There was an old woman tossed in a basket,
Seventeen times as high as the moon;
But where she was going no mortal could
tell,
For under her arm she carried a broom.

"Old woman, old woman, old woman," said I,
"Whither, oh whither, oh whither so high?"
"To sweep the cobwebs from the sky;
And I'll be with you by-and-by."



THE OLD WOMAN TOSSED IN A BASKET

THE HOUSE THAT JACK BUILT

This is the house that Jack built.
This is the malt
That lay in the house that Jack built.

This is the rat,
That ate the malt
That lay in the house that Jack built.

This is the cat,
That killed the rat,
That ate the malt
That lay in the house that Jack built.

This is the dog,
That worried the cat,
That killed the rat,
That ate the malt
That lay in the house that Jack built.

This is the cow with the crumpled horn,
That tossed the dog,
That worried the cat,
That killed the rat,
That ate the malt
That lay in the house that Jack built.

Will ever after handsome be.



SULKY SUE

Here's Sulky Sue,
What shall we do?
Turn her face to the wall
Till she comes to.



SATURDAY, SUNDAY

On Saturday night
Shall be all my care
To powder my locks
And curl my hair.

On Sunday morning
My love will come in.
When he will marry me
With a gold ring.



This is the maiden all forlorn,
That milked the cow with the crumpled horn,
That tossed the dog,
That worried the cat,
That killed the rat,
That ate the malt
That lay in the house that Jack built

This is the man all tattered and torn,
That kissed the maiden all forlorn,
That milked the cow with the crumpled horn,
That tossed the dog,
That worried the cat,
That killed the rat,
That ate the malt
That lay in the house that Jack built.

This is the priest all shaven and shorn,
That married the man all tattered and torn,
That kissed the maiden all forlorn,
That milked the cow with the crumpled horn,
That tossed the dog,
That worried the cat,
That killed the rat,
That ate the malt
That lay in the house that Jack built.

This is the cock that crowed in the morn,
That waked the priest all shaven and shorn,
That married the man all tattered and torn,
That kissed the maiden all forlorn,
That milked the cow with the crumpled horn,
That tossed the dog,
That worried the cat,
That killed the rat,
That ate the malt
That lay in the house that Jack built.

This is the farmer sowing the corn,
That kept the cock that crowed in the morn,
That waked the priest all shaven and shorn,
That married the man all tattered and torn,
That kissed the maiden all forlorn,
That milked the cow with the crumpled horn,
That tossed the dog,
That worried the cat,
That killed the rat,
That ate the malt
That lay in the house that Jack built.

THE OLD WOMAN AND THE PEDLAR

There was an old woman, as I've heard tell,
She went to market her eggs for to sell;
She went to market all on a market-day,
And she fell asleep on the King's highway.

There came by a pedlar whose name was Stout,
He cut her petticoats all round about;
He cut her petticoats up to the knees,
Which made the old woman to shiver and freeze.

When the little old woman first did wake,
She began to shiver and she began to shake;
She began to wonder and she began to cry,
"Lauk a mercy on me, this can't be I!"

"But if it be I, as I hope it be,
I've a little dog at home, and he'll know me;
If it be I, he'll wag his little tail,
And if it be not I, he'll loudly bark and wail."

Home went the little woman all in the dark;
Up got the little dog, and he began to bark;
He began to bark, so she began to cry,
"Lauk a mercy on me, this is none of I!"



LITTLE JENNY WREN

Little Jenny Wren fell sick,
Upon a time;
In came Robin Redbreast
And brought her cake and wine.

"Eat well of my cake, Jenny,
Drink well of my wine."
"Thank you, Robin, kindly,
You shall be mine."

Jenny she got well,
And stood upon her feet,
And told Robin plainly
She loved him not a bit.

Robin being angry,
Hopped upon a twig,
Saying, "Out upon you! Fie upon you!
Bold-faced jig!"



THE OLD WOMAN AND THE PEDLAR

THE LITTLE MOPPET

I had a little moppet,
I put it in my pocket,
And fed it with corn and hay.
There came a proud beggar.
And swore he should have her;



BOBBY SNOOKS

And stole my little moppet away.

Little Bobby Snooks was fond of his books,
And loved by his usher and master;
But naughty Jack Spry, he got a black eye,
And carries his nose in a plaster.

**THE MAN IN THE MOON**

The Man in the Moon came tumbling down,
And asked the way to Norwich;
He went by the south, and burnt his mouth
With eating cold pease porridge.

I SAW A SHIP A-SAILING

I saw a ship a-sailing,
A-sailing on the sea;
And, oh! it was all laden
With pretty things for thee!

There were comfits in the cabin,
And apples in the hold;
The sails were made of silk,
And the masts were made of gold.

The four-and-twenty sailors
That stood between the decks,
Were four-and-twenty white mice
With chains about their necks.

The captain was a duck,
With a packet on his back;
And when the ship began to move,
The captain said, "Quack! Quack!"

**A WALNUT**

As soft as silk, as white as milk,
As bitter as gall, a strong wall,
And a green coat covers me all.

ONE, HE LOVES

One, he loves; two, he loves;
Three, he loves, they say;
Four, he loves with all his heart;
Five, he casts away.
Six, he loves; seven, she loves;
Eight, they both love.
Nine, he comes; ten, he tarries;
Eleven, he courts; twelve, he marries.

BAT, BAT

Bat, bat,
 Come under my hat,
 And I'll give you a slice of bacon;
 And when I bake
 I'll give you a cake
 If I am not mistaken.

**HARK! HARK!**

Hark, hark! the dogs do bark!
 Beggars are coming to town:
 Some in jags, and some in rags,
 And some in velvet gown.

THE HART

The hart he loves the high wood,
 The hare she loves the hill;
 The Knight he loves his bright sword,
 The Lady--loves her will.

**POOR OLD ROBINSON CRUSOE!****MY LOVE**

Saw ye aught of my love a-coming from the
 market?
 A peck of meal upon her back,
 A babby in her basket;
 Saw ye aught of my love a-coming from the
 market?

THE MAN OF BOMBAY

There was a fat man of Bombay,
 Who was smoking one sunshiny day;
 When a bird called a snipe
 Flew away with his pipe,
 Which vexed the fat man of Bombay



Poor old Robinson Crusoe!
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 They made him a coat
 Of an old Nanny goat.
 I wonder why they should do so!
 With a ring-a-ting-tang,
 And a ring-a-ting-tang,
 Poor old Robinson Crusoe!

A SIEVE

A riddle, a riddle, as I suppose,
 A hundred eyes and never a nose!

PRETTY JOHN WATTS

Pretty John Watts,
 We are troubled with rats.
 Will you drive them out of the house?
 We have mice, too, in plenty,
 That feast in the pantry,
 But let them stay
 And nibble away,
 What harm in a little brown mouse?



I LOVE SIXPENCE

I love sixpence, a jolly, jolly sixpence,
 I love sixpence as my life;
 I spent a penny of it, I spent a penny of it,
 I took a penny home to my wife.

Oh, my little fourpence, a jolly, jolly fourpence,
 I love fourpence as my life;
 I spent twopence of it, I spent twopence of it,
 And I took twopence home to my wife.

MY MAID MARY

My maid Mary she minds the dairy,
 While I go a-hoeing and mowing each morn;
 Gaily run the reel and the little spinning wheel,
 While I am singing and mowing my corn.

A DIFFICULT RHYME

What is the rhyme for porringer?
 The king he had a daughter fair,
 And gave the Prince of Orange her.

GOOD ADVICE

Come when you're called,
 Do what you're bid,
 Shut the door after you,
 And never be chid.

BYE, BABY BUNTING

Bye, baby bunting,
 Father's gone a-hunting,
 Mother's gone a-milking,
 Sister's gone a-silking,
 And brother's gone to buy a skin
 To wrap the baby bunting in.

TOM, TOM, THE PIPER'S SON

Tom, Tom, the piper's son,
 Stole a pig, and away he run,
 The pig was eat,
 And Tom was beat,
 And Tom ran crying down the street.



COMICAL FOLK

In a cottage in Fife
Lived a man and his wife
Who, believe me, were comical folk;
For, to people's surprise,
They both saw with their eyes,
And their tongues moved whenever they spoke!

When they were asleep,
I'm told, that to keep
Their eyes open they could not contrive;
They both walked on their feet,
And 'twas thought what they eat
Helped, with drinking, to keep them alive!



TOMMY SNOOKS

As Tommy Snooks and Bessy Brooks
Were walking out one Sunday,
Says Tommy Snooks to Bessy Brooks,
"Wilt marry me on Monday?"

THE BLACKSMITH

"Robert Barnes, my fellow fine,
Can you shoe this horse of mine?"
"Yes, good sir, that I can,
As well as any other man;
There's a nail, and there's a prod,



COCK-CROW

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Cocks crow in the morn
To tell us to rise,
And he who lies late
Will never be wise;

For early to bed
And early to rise,
Is the way to be healthy
And wealthy and wise.

THE THREE SONS

There was an old woman had three sons,
Jerry and James and John,
Jerry was hanged, James was drowned,
John was lost and never was found;
And there was an end of her three sons,
Jerry and James and John!

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 good, fat hen;

Now, good sir, your horse is shod."



TWO GRAY KITS

The two gray kits,
And the gray kits' mother,
All went over
The bridge together.

The bridge broke down,
They all fell in;
"May the rats go with you,"
Says Tom Bolin.



COCK-A-DOODLE-DO!

Cock-a-doodle-do!
My dame has lost her shoe,
My master's lost his fiddle-stick
And knows not what to do.

Cock-a-doodle-do!
What is my dame to do?
Till master finds his fiddle-stick,
She'll dance without her shoe.

OLD KING COLE

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,

The Real Mother Goose

Eleven, twelve,
Dig and delve;
Thirteen, fourteen,
Maids a-courting;
Fifteen, sixteen,
Maids in the kitchen;
Seventeen, eighteen,
Maids a-waiting;
Nineteen, twenty,
My plate's empty.

PAIRS OR PEARS

Twelve pairs hanging high,
Twelve knights riding by,
Each knight took a pear,
And yet left a dozen there.

BELLEISLE

At the siege of Belleisle
I was there all the while,
All the while, all the while,
At the siege of Belleisle.

PUSSY-CAT MEW

Pussy-cat Mew jumped over a coal,
And in her best petticoat burnt a great hole.
Poor Pussy's weeping, she'll have no more milk
Until her best petticoat's mended with silk.

And he called for his fiddlers three!
 And every fiddler, he had a fine fiddle,
 And a very fine fiddle had he.
 "Twee tweedle dee, tweedle dee," went the
 fiddlers.

Oh, there's none so rare
 As can compare
 With King Cole and his fiddlers three.

SEE, SEE

See, see! What shall I see?
 A horse's head where his tail should be.

A WELL

As round as an apple, as deep as a cup,
 And all the king's horses can't fill it up.



COFFEE AND TEA

Molly, my sister and I fell out,
 And what do you think it was all about?
 She loved coffee and I loved tea,
 And that was the reason we couldn't agree.



THE LITTLE GIRL WITH A CURL



DAPPLE-GRAY

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I had a little pony,
 His name was Dapple-Gray,
 I lent him to a lady,
 To ride a mile away.
 She whipped him, she slashed him,
 She rode him through the mire;
 I would not lend my pony now
 For all the lady's hire.

A COCK AND BULL STORY

The cock's on the housetop blowing his horn;
 The bull's in the barn a-threshing of corn;
 The maids in the meadows are making of hay;
 The ducks in the river are swimming away.



There was a little girl who had a little curl
Right in the middle of her forehead;
When she was good, she was very, very good,
And when she was bad she was horrid.

DREAMS

Friday night's dream, on Saturday told,
Is sure to come true, be it never so old.

MYSELF

As I walked by myself,
And talked to myself,
Myself said unto me:
"Look to thyself,
Take care of thyself,
For nobody cares for thee."

I answered myself,
And said to myself
In the selfsame repartee:
"Look to thyself,
Or not look to thyself,
The selfsame thing will be."

CANDLE-SAVING

To make your candles last for aye,
You wives and maids give ear-O!
To put them out's the only way,
Says honest John Boldero.



FEARS AND TEARS

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

THE KILKENNY CATS

FOR BABY

You shall have an apple,
YOU shall have a plum,
You shall have a rattle,
When papa comes home.



OVER THE WATER

Over the water, and over the sea,
And over the water to Charley,
I'll have none of your nasty beef,
Nor I'll have none of your barley;
But I'll have some of your very best flour
To make a white cake for my Charley.

A WEEK OF BIRTHDAYS

Monday's child is fair of face,
Tuesday's child is full of grace,
Wednesday's child is full of woe,
Thursday's child has far to go,
Friday's child is loving and giving,
Saturday's child works hard for its living,

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,
Till, excepting their nails,
And the tips of their tails,
Instead of two cats, there weren't any.



OLD GRIMES

Old Grimes is dead, that good old man,
We ne'er shall see him more;
He used to wear a long brown coat
All buttoned down before.

THE MAN WHO HAD NAUGHT

There was a man and he had naught,
And robbers came to rob him;
He crept up to the chimney pot,
And then they thought they had him.

But he got down on t'other side,
And then they could not find him;
He ran fourteen miles in fifteen days,
And never looked behind him.

THE TAILORS AND THE SNAIL

Four and Twenty tailors
Went to kill a snail;
The best man among them
Durst not touch her tail;
She put out her horns
Like a little Kyoew cow.
Run, tailors, run, or
She'll kill you all e'en now.

AROUND THE GREEN GRAVEL

But the child that's born on the Sabbath day
Is bonny and blithe, and good and gay.

A CHIMNEY

Black within and red without;
Four corners round about.

LADYBIRD

Ladybird, ladybird, fly away home!
Your house is on fire, your children all gone,
All but one, and her name is Ann,
And she crept under the pudding pan.



LADYBIRD

INTERY, MINTERY

Intery, mintery, cutery corn,
Apple seed and apple thorn;
Wire, brier, limber-lock,
Five geese in a flock,
Sit and sing by a spring,
O-u-t, and in again.



CAESAR'S SONG

Around the green gravel the grass grows green,
And all the pretty maids are plain to be seen;
Wash them with milk, and clothe them with silk,
And write their names with a pen and ink.

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



AS I WAS GOING ALONG

As I was going along, along,
A-singing a comical song, song, song,
The lane that I went was so long, long, long,
And the song that I sang was so long, long, long,
And so I went singing along.

ROCK-A-BYE, BABY

Rock-a-bye, baby, thy cradle is green;
Father's a nobleman, mother's a queen;
And Betty's a lady, and wears a gold ring;
And Johnny's a drummer, and drums for the king.

HECTOR PROTECTOR

Hector Protector was dressed all in green;
Hector Protector was sent to the Queen.
The Queen did not like him,
No more did the King;
So Hector Protector was sent back again.

BILLY, BILLY

"Billy, Billy, come and play,
While the sun shines bright as day."

"Yes, my Polly, so I will,
For I love to please you still."

"Billy, Billy, have you seen
Sam and Betsy on the green?"

"Yes, my Poll, I saw them pass,
Skipping o'er the new-mown grass."

"Billy, Billy, come along,
And I will sing a pretty song."

THE MAN IN THE WILDERNESS

The man in the wilderness
Asked me
How many strawberries
Grew in the sea.
I answered him
As I thought good,
As many as red herrings
Grew in the wood.



LITTLE JACK HORNER

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

THE BIRD SCARER

Away, birds, away!
 Take a little and leave a little,
 And do not come again;
 For if you do,
 I will shoot you through,
 And there will be an end of you.



MARY, MARY, QUITE CONTRARY

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Mary, Mary, quite contrary,
 How does your garden grow?
 Silver bells and cockle-shells,
 And pretty maids all of a row.

BESSY BELL AND MARY GRAY

Bessy Bell and Mary Gray,
 They were two bonny lasses;
 They built their house upon the lea,
 And covered it with rushes.

Bessy kept the garden gate,
 And Mary kept the pantry;
 Bessy always had to wait,
 While Mary lived in plenty.



DANCE, THUMBKIN DANCE

Dance, Thumbkin, dance;
(keep the thumb in motion)
 Dance, ye merrymen, everyone.
(all the fingers in motion)
 For Thumbkin, he can dance alone,
(the thumb alone moving)
 Thumbkin, he can dance alone.
(the thumb alone moving)
 Dance, Foreman, dance,
(the first finger moving)
 Dance, ye merrymen, everyone.
(all moving)
 But Foreman, he can dance alone,
(the first finger moving)
 Foreman, he can dance alone.
(the first finger moving)
 Dance, Longman, dance,
(the second finger moving)
 Dance, ye merrymen, everyone.
(all moving)
 For Longman, he can dance alone,
(the second finger moving)
 Longman, he can dance alone.
(the second finger moving)
 Dance, Ringman, dance,
(the third finger moving)
 Dance, ye merrymen, dance.
(all moving)
 But Ringman cannot dance alone,
(the third finger moving)
 Ringman, he cannot dance alone.
(the third finger moving)
 Dance, Littleman, dance,
(the fourth finger moving)
 Dance, ye merrymen, dance.
(all moving)
 But Littleman, he can dance alone,
(the fourth finger moving)
 Littleman, he can dance alone.
(the fourth finger moving)



NEEDLES AND PINS

Needles and pins, needles and pins,
 When a man marries his trouble begins.

PUSSY-CAT AND THE DUMPLINGS

Pussy-cat ate the dumplings, the dumplings,
 Pussy-cat ate the dumplings.
 Mamma stood by, and cried, "Oh, fie!
 Why did you eat the dumplings?"



MARY'S CANARY

Mary had a pretty bird,
 Feathers bright and yellow,
 Slender legs--upon my word

THE LITTLE BIRD

Once I saw a little bird
 Come hop, hop, hop;
 So I cried, "Little bird,
 Will you stop, stop, stop?"

And was going to the window
 To say, "How do you do?"
 But he shook his little tail,

He was a pretty fellow!

And far away he flew.

The sweetest note he always sung,
Which much delighted Mary.
She often, where the cage was hung,
Sat hearing her canary.

BIRDS OF A FEATHER

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



THE GREEDY MAN

The greedy man is he who sits
And bites bits out of plates,
Or else takes up an almanac
And gobbles all the dates.



THE DUSTY MILLER

Margaret wrote a letter,
Sealed it with her finger,
Threw it in the dam
For the dusty miller.
Dusty was his coat,
Dusty was the siller,
Dusty was the kiss
I'd from the dusty miller.
If I had my pockets
Full of gold and siller,
I would give it all
To my dusty miller.



THE TEN O'CLOCK SCHOLAR

A diller, a dollar, a ten o'clock scholar!
What makes you come so soon?
You used to come at ten o'clock,

A STAR

Higher than a house, higher than a tree.
Oh! whatever can that be?

But now you come at noon.



THE TEN O'CLOCK SCHOLAR



COCK-A-DOODLE-DO

Oh, my pretty cock, oh, my handsome cock,
I pray you, do not crow before day,
And your comb shall be made of the very beaten gold,
And your wings of the silver so gray.

WILLY, WILLY

Willy, Willy Wilkin
Kissed the maids a-milking,
Fa, la, la!
And with his merry daffing
He set them all a-laughing,
Ha, ha, ha!

AN ICICLE

Lives in winter,
Dies in summer,
And grows with its roots upward!

A SHIP'S NAIL

Over the water,
And under the water,
And always with its head down.

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,

The Real Mother Goose
And the little boy ran away.



THE OLD WOMAN OF LEEDS

There was an old woman of Leeds,
Who spent all her time in good deeds;
She worked for the poor
Till her fingers were sore,
This pious old woman of Leeds!



SUNSHINE

Hick-a-more, Hack-a-more,
On the King's kitchen door,
All the King's horses,
And all the King's men,
Couldn't drive Hick-a-more, Hack-a-more,
Off the King's kitchen door.

TONGS

Long legs, crooked thighs,
Little head, and no eyes.

JACK JINGLE

Little Jack Jingle, He used to live single;
But when he got tired of this kind of life,
He left off being single and lived with his wife.
Now what do you think of little Jack Jingle?
Before he was married he used to live single.



SHOEING

THE QUARREL

My little old man and I fell out;
I'll tell you what 'twas all about,--
I had money and he had none,
And that's the way the noise begun.



THE PUMPKIN-EATER

Peter, Peter, pumpkin-eater,
Had a wife and couldn't keep her;
He put her in a pumpkin shell,

And there he kept her very well.

Shoe the colt,
Shoe the colt,
Shoe the wild mare;
Here a nail,
There a nail,
Yet she goes bare.



PETER, PETER, PUMPKIN-EATER

THAT'S ALL

There was an old woman sat spinning,
And that's the first beginning;

She had a calf,
And that's half;

She took it by the tail,
And threw it over the wall,
And that's all!



BETTY BLUE

Little Betty Blue
Lost her holiday shoe;
What shall little Betty do?
Give her another
To match the other
And then she'll walk upon two.





BEDTIME

The Man in the Moon looked out of the moon,
Looked out of the moon and said,
"Tis time for all children, on the earth
To think about getting to bed!"

PEASE PORRIDGE

Pease porridge hot,
Pease porridge cold,
Pease porridge in the pot,
Nine days old.
Some like it hot,
Some like it cold,
Some like it in the pot,
Nine days old.



PEASE PORRIDGE 1807

RING A RING O' ROSES

DANCE, LITTLE BABY

Dance, little Baby, dance up high!
Never mind, Baby, Mother is by.
Crow and caper, caper and crow,
There, little Baby, there you go!
Up to the ceiling, down to the ground,
Backwards and forwards, round and round;
Dance, little Baby and Mother will sing,
With the merry coral, ding, ding, ding!

MY LITTLE MAID

High diddle doubt, my candle's out
My little maid is not at home;
Saddle my hog and bridle my dog,
And fetch my little maid home.

FOR WANT OF A NAIL

For want of a nail, the shoe was lost;
For want of the shoe, the horse was lost;
For want of the horse, the rider was lost;
For want of the rider, the battle was lost;
For want of the battle, the kingdom was lost,
And all for the want of a horseshoe nail.

THE CROOKED SIXPENCE

There was a crooked man, and he went a crooked
mile,
He found a crooked sixpence beside a crooked
stile;
He bought a crooked cat, which caught a crooked
mouse,
And they all lived together in a little crooked
house.



THIS IS THE WAY

This is the way the ladies ride,
Tri, tre, tre, tree,
Tri, tre, tre, tree!

Ring a ring o' roses,
A pocketful of posies.
Tisha! Tisha!
We all fall down.

The Real Mother Goose
This is the way the ladies ride,
Tri, tre, tre, tre, tri-tre-tre-tree!

This is the way the gentlemen ride,
Gallop-a-trot,
Gallop-a-trot!
This is the way the gentlemen ride,
Gallop-a-gallop-a-trot!

This is the way the farmers ride,
Hobbledey-hoy,
Hobbledey-hoy!
This is the way the farmers ride,
Hobbledey-hobbledey-hoy!



DUCKS AND DRAKES

A duck and a drake,
And a halfpenny cake,
With a penny to pay the old baker.
A hop and a scotch
Is another notch,
Slitherum, slatherum, take her.

THE DONKEY

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

IF

If all the world were apple pie,
And all the sea were ink,
And all the trees were bread and cheese,
What should we have for drink?

THE BELLS

"You owe me five shillings,"
Say the bells of St. Helen's.
"When will you pay me?"
Say the bells of Old Bailey.
"When I grow rich,"
Say the bells of Shoreditch.
"When will that be?"
Say the bells of Stepney.
"I do not know,"
Says the great Bell of Bow.
"Two sticks in an apple,"
Ring the bells of Whitechapel.
"Halfpence and farthings,"
Say the bells of St. Martin's.
"Kettles and pans,"
Say the bells of St. Ann's.
"Brickbats and tiles,"
Say the bells of St. Giles.
"Old shoes and slippers,"
Say the bells of St. Peter's.
"Pokers and tongs,"
Say the bells of St. John's.



LITTLE GIRL AND QUEEN

"Little girl, little girl, where have you been?"
"Gathering roses to give to the Queen."
"Little girl, little girl, what gave she you?"
"She gave me a diamond as big as my shoe."

THE KING OF FRANCE

The King of France went up the hill,

With twenty thousand men;
The King of France came down the hill,
And ne'er went up again.

PETER PIPER

Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers;
A peck of pickled peppers Peter Piper picked.
If Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers,
Where's the peck of pickled peppers Peter Piper
picked?



ONE TO TEN

1, 2, 3, 4, 5!
I caught a hare alive;
6, 7, 8, 9, 10!
I let her go again.

AN EQUAL

Read my riddle, I pray.
What God never sees,
What the king seldom sees,
What we see every day.



THE TARTS

THE TARTS

The Queen of Hearts,
She made some tarts,
All on a summer's day;
The Knave of Hearts,
He stole the tarts,
And took them clean away.

The King of Hearts
Called for the tarts,
And beat the Knave full sore;
The Knave of Hearts
Brought back the tarts,
And vowed he'd steal no more.



WHAT ARE LITTLE BOYS MADE OF?

What are little boys made of, made of?
 What are little boys made of?
 "Snaps and snails, and puppy-dogs' tails;
 And that's what little boys are made of."



What are little girls made of, made of?
 What are little girls made of?
 "Sugar and spice, and all that's nice;
 And that's what little girls are made of."

LITTLE MAID

"Little maid, pretty maid, whither goest thou?"
 "Down in the forest to milk my cow."
 "Shall I go with thee?" "No, not now;
 When I send for thee, then come thou."



COME, LET'S TO BED

"To bed! To bed!"
 Says Sleepy-head;
 "Tarry awhile," says Slow;
 "Put on the pan,"
 Says Greedy Nan;
 "We'll sup before we go."



THE GIRL AND THE BIRDS

When I was a little girl, about seven years old,
 I hadn't got a petticoat, to cover me from the cold.
 So I went into Darlington, that pretty little town,
 And there I bought a petticoat, a cloak, and a gown.
 I went into the woods and built me a kirk,
 And all the birds of the air, they helped me to work.
 The hawk with his long claws pulled down the stone,
 The dove with her rough bill brought me them home.
 The parrot was the clergyman, the peacock was the clerk,
 The bullfinch played the organ,--we made merry

BANDY LEGS

As I was going to sell my eggs
 I met a man with bandy legs,
 Bandy legs and crooked toes;
 I tripped up his heels, and he fell on his nose.



LITTLE TOM TUCKER

Little Tom Tucker
Sings for his supper.
What shall he eat?
White bread and butter.
How will he cut it
Without e'er a knife?
How will he be married
Without e'er a wife?



A PIG

As I went to Bonner,
I met a pig
Without a wig
Upon my word and honor.

JENNY WREN

As little Jenny Wren
Was sitting by her shed.
She waggled with her tail,
And nodded with her head.
She waggled with her tail,
And nodded with her head,
As little Jenny Wren
Was sitting by the shed.



LITTLE TOM TUCKER

WHERE ARE YOU GOING, MY PRETTY MAID

"Where are you going, my pretty maid?"
"I'm going a-milking, sir," she said.
"May I go with you, my pretty maid?"
"You're kindly welcome, sir," she said.
"What is your father, my pretty maid?"
"My father's a farmer, sir," she said.
"What is your fortune, my pretty maid?"
"My face is my fortune, sir," she said.
"Then I can't marry you, my pretty maid."
"Nobody asked you, sir," she said.



THE OLD WOMAN OF GLOUCESTER



There was an old woman of Gloucester,
Whose parrot two guineas it cost her,
But its tongue never ceasing,
Was vastly displeasing
To the talkative woman of Gloucester.

MULTIPLICATION IS VEXATION

Multiplication is vexation,
Division is as bad;
The Rule of Three doth puzzle me,
And Practice drives me mad.

LITTLE KING BOGGEN

Little King Boggen, he built a fine hall,
Pie-crust and pastry-crust, that was the wall;
The windows were made of black puddings and white,
And slated with pan-cakes,--you ne'er saw the like!

BELL HORSES

Bell horses, bell horses, what time of day?
One o'clock, two o'clock, three and away.



WHISTLE

"Whistle, daughter, whistle;
Whistle, daughter dear."
"I cannot whistle, mammy,
I cannot whistle clear."
"Whistle, daughter, whistle;
Whistle for a pound."
"I cannot whistle, mammy,
I cannot make a sound."

TAFFY

Taffy was a Welshman, Taffy was a thief,
Taffy came to my house and stole a piece of beef;
I went to Taffy's house, Taffy was not home;
Taffy came to my house and stole a marrow-bone.

I went to Taffy's house, Taffy was not in;
Taffy came to my house and stole a silver pin;
I went to Taffy's house, Taffy was in bed,
I took up the marrow-bone and flung it at his head.

A THORN

I went to the wood and got it;
I sat me down to look for it
And brought it home because I couldn't find it.

YOUNG ROGER AND DOLLY

Young Roger came tapping at Dolly's window,
Thumpaty, thumpaty, thump!

He asked for admittance; she answered him "No!"
Frumpaty, frumpaty, frump!

"No, no, Roger, no! as you came you may go!"
Stumpaty, stumpaty, stump!



YOUNG ROGER AND DOLLY



THE ROBIN

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!

THE OLD WOMAN OF HARROW

There was an old woman of Harrow,
Who visited in a wheelbarrow;
And her servant before,
Knocked loud at each door,
To announce the old woman of Harrow.



THE PIPER AND HIS COW

There was a piper had a cow,
And he had naught to give her;
He pulled out his pipes and played her a
tune,
And bade the cow consider.

The cow considered very well,
And gave the piper a penny,
And bade him play the other tune,
"Corn rigs are bonny."



THE MAN OF DERBY

A little old man of Derby,
How do you think he served me?
He took away my bread and cheese,
And that is how he served me.



THE COACHMAN

Up at Piccadilly, oh!
The coachman takes his stand,
And when he meets a pretty girl
He takes her by the hand;
Whip away forever, oh!
Drive away so clever, oh!
All the way to Bristol, oh!
He drives her four-in-hand.

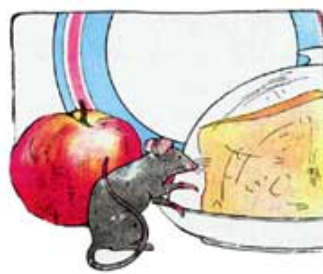
THERE WAS AN OLD WOMAN

There was an old woman who lived in a shoe.
She had so many children she didn't know what to
do.
She gave them some broth without any bread.
She whipped them all soundly and put them to
bed.



THE OLD WOMAN OF SURREY

There was an old woman in Surrey,
Who was morn, noon, and night in a hurry;
Called her husband a fool,
Drove the children to school,
The worrying old woman of Surrey.



THE LITTLE MOUSE

I have seen you, little mouse,
Running all about the house,
Through the hole your little eye
In the wainscot peeping sly,
Hoping soon some crumbs to steal,
To make quite a hearty meal.
Look before you venture out,
See if pussy is about.
If she's gone, you'll quickly run
To the larder for some fun;
Round about the dishes creep,
Taking into each a peep,

To choose the daintiest that's there,
Spoiling things you do not care.



DING, DONG, BELL

Ding, dong, bell,
Pussy's in the well!
Who put her in?
Little Tommy Lin.

Who pulled her out?
Little Johnny Stout.
What a naughty boy was that,
To try to drown poor pussy-cat.
Who never did him any harm,
But killed the mice in his father's barn!



BOY AND GIRL

There was a little boy and a little girl
Lived in an alley;
Says the little boy to the little girl,
"Shall I, oh, shall I?"
Says the little girl to the little boy,
"What shall we do?"
Says the little boy to the little girl,
"I will kiss you."

WHEN

When I was a bachelor
I lived by myself;
And all the bread and cheese I got
I laid up on the shelf.

The rats and the mice
They made such a strife,
I was forced to go to London
To buy me a wife.

The streets were so bad,
And the lanes were so narrow,
I was forced to bring my wife home
In a wheelbarrow.

The wheelbarrow broke,
And my wife had a fall;
Down came wheelbarrow,
Little wife and all.



WHEN I WAS A BACHELOR



SING, SING

Sing, sing, what shall I sing?
 Cat's run away with the pudding-string!
 Do, do, what shall I do?
 The cat has bitten it quite in two.

MARCH WINDS

March winds and April showers
 Bring forth May flowers.



HOT-CROSS BUNS

Hot-cross Buns!
 Hot-cross Buns!
 One a penny, two a penny,
 Hot-cross Buns!

Hot-cross Buns!
 Hot-cross Buns!
 If ye have no daughters,
 Give them to your sons.

LONDON BRIDGE

London Bridge is broken down,
 Dance over my Lady Lee;
 London Bridge is broken down,
 With a gay lady.

How shall we build it up again?
 Dance over my Lady Lee;
 How shall we build it up again?
 With a gay lady.

Build it up with silver and gold,
 Dance over my Lady Lee;
 Build it up with silver and gold,
 With a gay lady.

Silver and gold will be stole away,
 Dance over my Lady Lee;
 Silver and gold will be stole away,
 With a gay lady.

Build it up with iron and steel,
 Dance over my Lady Lee;
 Build it up with iron and steel,
 With a gay lady.

Iron and steel will bend and bow,
 Dance over my Lady Lee;
 Iron and steel will bend and bow,
 With a gay lady.

Build it up with wood and clay,
 Dance over my Lady Lee;
 Build it up with wood and clay,
 With a gay lady.

Wood and clay will wash away,
 Dance over my Lady Lee;
 Wood and clay will wash away,
 With a gay lady.

Build it up with stone so strong,
 Dance over my Lady Lee;
 Huzza! 'twill last for ages long,
 With a gay lady.



THE BALLOON

"What is the news of the day,
Good neighbor, I pray?"
"They say the balloon
Is gone up to the moon!"

A CHERRY

As I went through the garden gap,
Who should I meet but Dick Red-cap!
A stick in his hand, a stone in his throat,--
If you'll tell me this riddle, I'll give you a goat.



SWAN

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

THREE STRAWS

Three straws on a staff
Would make a baby cry and laugh.

THE LOST SHOE

Doodle doodle doo,
The Princess lost her shoe:
Her Highness hopped,--
The fiddler stopped,
Not knowing what to do.

HOT CODLINS

There was a little woman, as I've been told,
Who was not very young, nor yet very old;
Now this little woman her living got
By selling codlins, hot, hot, hot!



THE MAN OF TOBAGO

There was an old man of Tobago
Who lived on rice, gruel, and sago,
Till much to his bliss,
His physician said this:
"To a leg, sir, of mutton, you may go."



A SUNSHINY SHOWER

A sunshiny shower
Won't last half an hour.



CHRISTMAS

Christmas is coming, the geese are getting fat,
Please to put a penny in an old man's hat;
If you haven't got a penny a ha'penny will do,
If you haven't got a ha'penny, God bless you.

THE FARMER AND THE RAVEN

A farmer went trotting upon his gray mare,
Bumpety, bumpety, bump!
With his daughter behind him so rosy and fair,
Lumpety, lumpety, lump!

A raven cried croak! and they all tumbled down,
Bumpety, bumpety, bump!
The mare broke her knees, and the farmer his crown,
Lumpety, lumpety, lump!

The mischievous raven flew laughing away,
Bumpety, bumpety, bump!
And vowed he would serve them the same the next day,
Lumpety, lumpety lump!



WILLY BOY

"Willy boy, Willy boy, where are you going?
I will go with you, if that I may."
"I'm going to the meadow to see them a-mowing,
I'm going to help them to make the hay."

THE DEATH AND BURIAL OF POOR COCK ROBIN

Who killed Cock Robin?
"I," said the sparrow,
"With my little bow and arrow,
I killed Cock Robin."

Who saw him die?
"I," said the fly,
"With my little eye,
I saw him die."

Who caught his blood?
"I," said the fish,
"With my little dish,
I caught his blood."

Who'll make his shroud?
"I," said the beetle,
"With my thread and needle.
I'll make his shroud."

Who'll carry the torch?
"I," said the linnet,
"I'll come in a minute,



POLLY AND SUKEY

Polly, put the kettle on,
Polly, put the kettle on,
Polly, put the kettle on,
And let's drink tea.

Sukey, take it off again,
Sukey, take it off again,
Sukey, take it off again,
They're all gone away.



THE MOUSE AND THE CLOCK

Hickory, dickory, dock!
The mouse ran up the clock;
The clock struck one,
And down he run,
Hickory, dickory, dock!

The Real Mother Goose
I'll carry the torch."

Who'll be the clerk?
"I," said the lark,
"If it's not in the dark,
I'll be the clerk."

Who'll dig his grave?
"I," said the owl,
"With my spade and trowel
I'll dig his grave."

Who'll be the parson?
"I," said the rook,
"With my little book,
I'll be the parson."

Who'll be chief mourner?
"I," said the dove,
"I mourn for my love,
I'll be chief mourner."

Who'll sing a psalm?
"I," said the thrush,
"As I sit in a bush.
I'll sing a psalm."

Who'll carry the coffin?
"I," said the kite,
"If it's not in the night,
I'll carry the coffin."

Who'll toll the bell?
"I," said the bull,
"Because I can pull,
I'll toll the bell."

All the birds of the air
Fell sighing and sobbing,
When they heard the bell toll
For poor Cock Robin.

BOBBY SHAFTOE

Bobby Shaftoe's gone to sea,
 With silver buckles on his knee:
 He'll come back and marry me,
 Pretty Bobby Shaftoe!
 Bobby Shaftoe's fat and fair,
 Combing down his yellow hair;
 He's my love for evermore,
 Pretty Bobby Shaftoe.



THE BUNCH OF BLUE RIBBONS

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Oh, dear, what can the matter be?
 Oh, dear, what can the matter be?
 Oh, dear, what can the matter be?
 Johnny's so long at the fair.

He promised he'd buy me a bunch of blue ribbons,
 He promised he'd buy me a bunch of blue ribbons,
 He promised he'd buy me a bunch of blue ribbons,
 To tie up my bonny brown hair.

PUSSY-CAT BY THE FIRE

Pussy-cat sits by the fire;
 How can she be fair?
 In walks the little dog;
 Says: "Pussy, are you there?
 How do you do, Mistress Pussy?
 Mistress Pussy, how d'ye do?"
 "I thank you kindly, little dog,
 I fare as well as you!"

WHEN THE SNOW IS ON THE GROUND

The little robin grieves
 When the snow is on the ground,
 For the trees have no leaves,
 And no berries can be found.

The air is cold, the worms are hid;
 For robin here what can be done?
 Let's strow around some crumbs of bread,
 And then he'll live till snow is gone.

THE WOMAN OF EXETER

There dwelt an old woman at Exeter;
 When visitors came it sore vexed her,
 So for fear they should eat,
 She locked up all her meat,
 This stingy old woman of Exeter.



SNEEZING

If you sneeze on Monday, you sneeze for
danger;
Sneeze on a Tuesday, kiss a stranger;
Sneeze on a Wednesday, sneeze for a letter;
Sneeze on a Thursday, something better.
Sneeze on a Friday, sneeze for sorrow;
Sneeze on a Saturday, joy to-morrow.

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