

Nursery Rhymes

<p>Baa Baa Black Sheep</p> <p>Baa, baa, black sheep, Have you any wool? Yes sir, yes sir, Three bags full;</p> <p>One for the master, And one for the dame, And one for the little boy Who lives down the lane.</p>	<p>Hickory, Dickory, Dock,</p> <p>Hickory, dickory, dock, The mouse ran up the clock. The clock struck one, And down he run Hickory, dickory, dock.</p>	<p>Hot Cross Buns</p> <p>Hot cross buns! Hot cross buns! One a penny, two a penny, Hot cross buns!</p> <p>Hot cross buns! Hot cross buns! If you have no daughters, Give them to your sons!</p>
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<p>Georgie Porgie</p> <p>Georgie Porgie, puddin' and pie, Kissed the girls and made them cry. When the boys came out to play, Georgie Porgie ran away.</p> <p>History: This rhyme refers to the amorous and amoral Prince Regent who became George IV during Regency times in England</p>	<p>To Market, to Market!</p> <p>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.</p>
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Hey Diddle Diddle

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.

History: 1. Classified as a nonsense rhyme, these verses were put together purely to rhyme with each other. 2. In astronomy all (nearly all) the characters in the rhyme are visible in the night sky in the month of April (planting season). This was a rhyme to remind early Europeans (primarily those in England) it was time to plant the crops.
 CAT – Leo FIDDLE – Lyra COW – Taurus MOON - literally the MOON
 LITTLE DOG - Canis Minor THE DISH - Constellation Crater
 THE SPOON - The Big Dipper (Ursa Major)

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<p>Hush-a-bye, Baby</p> <p>Hush-a-bye, baby, in the tree top. When the wind blows, the cradle will rock.</p> <p>When the bough breaks, the cradle will fall, And down will come baby, Bough, cradle and all.</p> <p>History: A young pilgrim wrote this after seeing how Indians hung their infants on tree branches. This is thought to be the first poem created on American soil.</p>	<p>If All the World Were Paper</p> <p>If all the world were paper, And all the sea were ink, If all the trees Were bread and cheese, What should we have to drink?</p>	<p>Jack Be Nimble</p> <p>Jack, be nimble, Jack, be quick, Jack, jump over The candlestick.</p> <p>Jack jumped high Jack jumped low Jack jumped over and burned his toe.</p>
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<p>Jack Sprat</p> <p>Jack Sprat could eat no fat, His wife could eat no lean, And so betwixt the two of them They licked the platter clean</p>	<p>Little Bo Peep</p> <p>Little Bo Peep has lost her sheep And can't tell where to find them. Leave them alone, And they'll come home, Wagging their tails behind them</p>
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<p>Jack and Jill</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Up Jack got And home did trot As fast as he could caper Went to bed And plastered his head With vinegar and brown paper.</p>	<p>Little Boy Blue</p> <p>Little Boy Blue, come blow your horn, The sheep's in the meadow, the cow's in the corn. Where is the boy who looks after the sheep? He's under a haystack, fast asleep. Will you wake him? No, not I, For if I do, he's sure to cry.</p> <p>History: Little Boy Blue is thought to be that of Thomas Wolsey, a dominant figure in the government of King Henry VII from 1515-1529.</p>
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Little Jack Horner	Little Miss Muffet	Mary, Mary Quite Contrary
<p>Little Jack Horner Sat in a corner, Eating a mincemeat pie. He stuck in his thumb And pulled out a plum, And said, "What a good boy am I!"</p>	<p>Little Miss Muffet, sat on a tuffet, Eating her curds and whey; Along came a spider, Who sat down beside her And frightened Miss Muffet away.</p>	<p>Mary, Mary, quite contrary, How does your garden grow? With silver bells and cockleshells, And pretty maids all in a row.</p>

Mary Had a Little Lamb

Mary had a little lamb, little lamb, little lamb,
Mary had a little lamb, its fleece was white as snow.
And everywhere that Mary went, Mary went, Mary went,
And everywhere that Mary went, the lamb was sure to go.

It followed her to school one day, school one day, school one day,
It followed her to school one day, which was against the rules.
It made the children laugh and play, laugh and play, laugh and play,
It made the children laugh and play to see a lamb at school.

And so the teacher turned it out, turned it out, turned it out,
And so the teacher turned it out, but still it lingered near,
And waited patiently about, patiently about, patiently about,
And waited patiently about till Mary did appear.

"Why does the lamb love Mary so?" Mary so? Mary so?
"Why does the lamb love Mary so," the eager children cry.
"Why, Mary loves the lamb, you know." Lamb, you know, lamb, you know,
"Why, Mary loves the lamb, you know," the teacher did reply.

History:

The four lines were the first four lines of recorded speech. They are the words uttered by Thomas Edison into his new invention -- the phonograph. The rhyme itself was written by Sarah Josepha in 1830 based upon a real incident that happened at a schoolhouse.

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<p>Old Mother Goose</p> <p>Old Mother Goose, When she wanted to wander, Would ride through the air On a very fine gander.</p>	<p>Pease Porridge Hot</p> <p>Pease porridge hot Pease porridge cold Pease porridge in the pot Nine days old.</p> <p>Some like it hot Some like it cold Some like it in the pot Nine days old.</p>	<p>Peter, Peter, Pumpkin Eater</p> <p>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.</p>
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<p>Old King Cole</p> <p>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. Every fiddler had a fiddle fine, And a very fine fiddle had he, had he.</p>	<p>Peter Piper</p> <p>Peter Piper picked a peck Of pickled peppers; A peck of pickled peppers Peter Piper Picked</p> <p>If Peter Piper picked a peck Of pickled peppers, Where's the peck of pickled peppers Peter Piper Picked?</p>
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Rub-a-dub-dub

Rub-a-dub-dub
Three men in a tub,
And how do you think they got there?
The butcher, the baker, the candlestick-maker --
They all jumped out of a rotten potato!
'Twas enough to make a fish stare.

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,
Whipped them all soundly, and sent them to bed.

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<p>Sing a song of Sixpence</p> <p>Sing a song of sixpence, A pocket full of rye; Four and twenty blackbirds Baked in a pie.</p> <p>When the pie was opened, They all began to sing. Now, wasn't that a dainty dish To set before the King?</p> <p>The King was in his countinghouse, Counting out his money; The Queen was in the parlor Eating bread and honey.</p> <p>The maid was in the garden, Hanging out the clothes. Along there came a big black bird And snipped off her nose!</p>	<p>There was a Crooked Man</p> <p>There was a crooked man Who walked a crooked mile. He found a crooked sixpence Against a crooked stile.</p> <p>He bought a crooked cat Which caught a crooked mouse, And they all lived together In a crooked little house.</p> <p>Star Light, Star Bright</p> <p>Star light, star bright, First star I see tonight, I wish I may, I wish I might, Have the wish I wish tonight.</p>
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<p>This Little Piggy</p> <p>This little piggy went to market, This little piggy stayed home, This little piggy had roast beef, This little piggy had none, And this little piggy cried, "Wee, wee, wee." All the way home.</p>	<p>Wee Willie Winkie</p> <p>Wee Willie Winkie Runs through the town, Upstairs and downstairs In his nightgown.</p> <p>Rapping at the windows, Crying through the lock, "Are the children all in bed? For it's now eight o'clock.</p>
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Ring around the Rosie

Ring a-round the rosies,
A pocket full of posies,
Ashes! Ashes!
We all fall down!

History: This innocent sounding rhyme, first appearing in the 1881 book *Mother Goose*, is actually a much older chant that goes back to the 1660s and is thought to be about the Plague of London which killed 70,000 of the 460,000 residents. "Ring-a-ring o' roses" refers to the rosy colored rash one would get. An early symptom of the plague. "Pocket full of posies" refers to the medicine and herbs people carried in their pockets to prevent the plague. Alternate ending: Achoo! Achoo! We all fall down! "Achoo! Achoo! We all fall down" are the last sneezes of the person and collapse of one who had died.