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# Poems and Rhymes



## **Fishy, Fishy**

Fishy, fishy in the brook,  
Won't you bite my little hook?  
Fishy, fishy in the brook,  
Daddy'll catch him on a hook!  
Mommy'll fry him in a pan,  
Johnny'll eat him like a man!

## **Rainy Day**

Rain on the green grass,  
And rain on the tree.  
Rain on the rooftop,  
But not on me!

## **Counting Rhyme**

One, two, three, four,  
Mary's at the kitchen door.  
Five, six, seven, eight,  
Eating cherries off a plate.

## **Hot Cross Buns**

Hot cross buns!  
Hot cross buns!  
One a penny, two a penny,  
Hot cross buns!  
If you have no daughters,  
Give them to your sons.  
One a penny, two a penny,  
Hot cross buns!

## **My Face**

Two little eyes to look around.  
Two little ears to hear each sound.  
One little nose to smell what's sweet.  
One little mouth that likes to eat.

## **Three**

Wash the dishes.  
Wipe the dishes.  
Ring the bell for tea!  
Three good wishes,  
Three good kisses,  
I will give to thee!

## **At the Horse Races**

One to make ready,  
And two to prepare.  
Good luck to the rider,  
And away runs the mare.  
One for the money,  
Two for the show,  
Three to make ready,  
And four to go!

## **My Brother and Me**

I love you well, my little brother,  
And you are fond of me.  
Let us be kind to one another,  
As brothers ought to be.  
You shall learn to play with me,

And learn to share the toys;  
And then I think that we shall be  
Two happy little boys.

## **Lucy Locket**

Lucy Locket lost her pocket.  
Katie Fisher found it.  
But there was not a penny in it,  
Only ribbon 'round it.

## **Peas**

I eat my peas with honey.  
I've done it all my life.  
It makes the peas taste funny,  
But it keeps them on my knife.

## **Fuzzy Wuzzy**

Fuzzy Wuzzy was a bear.  
Fuzzy Wuzzy had no hair.  
Fuzzy Wuzzy wasn't so fuzzy, was he?

## **If a Woodchuck Could Chuck**

How much wood would a woodchuck chuck,  
If a woodchuck could chuck wood?  
As much wood as a woodchuck would  
If a woodchuck could chuck wood.

## **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.

## **Mother and Father and Uncle John**

Mother and Father and Uncle John  
Went to market one by one.  
Then Mother fell off!  
And Father fell off!  
But Uncle John went on and on and on and on...

## **The Cat's Run Away**

Sing, sing,  
What shall I sing?  
The cat's run away  
With the pudding bag string!  
Do, do,  
What shall I do?  
The cat's run away  
With the pudding, too!

## **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,  
Couldn't put Humpty together again.

## **Little Jack Horner**

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

## **Purple Cow**

*by Gelett Burgess*

I never saw a purple cow.  
I never hope to see one.  
But I can tell you, anyhow,  
I'd rather see than be one!

## **Here Are**

Here are my ears. Here is my nose.  
Here are my fingers. Here are my toes.  
Here are my eyes, both open wide.  
Here is my mouth with white teeth inside.  
Here is my tongue that helps me to speak.  
Here is my chin, and here are my cheeks.  
Here are my hands that help me to play.  
Here are my feet for walking away.

## **Please Give**

I'll sing you a song,  
Though not very long,  
Yet I think it as pretty as any.  
Put your hand in your purse,  
You'll never do worse,  
And give this poor singer a penny.

## **The Old Woman Who Lived in a Shoe**

There was an old woman  
Who lived in a shoe.  
She had so many children,  
She didn't know what to do.  
So she gave them some broth,  
With lots of rye bread,  
Then kissed them all sweetly  
And put them to bed.

## **Can You Keep a Secret?**

Can you keep a secret?  
I don't believe you can!  
You mustn't laugh,  
You mustn't cry,  
But do the best you can.

## **Little Tim Spratt's Pet Rat**

Little Tim Spratt had a pet rat  
In a tin cage with a wheel.  
Said little Tim Spratt each day to his rat,  
"If hungry, my dear, you must squeal."

## **A Squirrel Becomes a Pet**

The wind it did blow,  
The leaves they did wag.  
Along came a little boy,  
And put me in his bag.  
He took me up to London,  
A lady did me buy.

She put me in a silver cage  
And hung me up on high.  
With apples by the fire  
And nuts for to crack,  
Beside a little feather bed  
To rest my little back.

## **Animal Chorus**

“Bow-wow,” says the dog.  
“Mew-mew,” says the cat.  
“Grunt, grunt,” says the hog.  
And “Squeak!” goes the rat.  
“Who? Who?” says the owl.  
“Caw, caw,” says the crow.  
“Quack, quack,” says the duck.  
And what lions say, you know.  
So with lions and owls,  
With rats and with dogs,  
With ducks and with crows,  
With cats and with hogs,  
A fine song I have made,  
To please you, my dear;  
And if it’s well sung,  
’Twill be lovely to hear.

## **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.

## Alphabet Rhyme

A, B, C, and D

Are very good letters, we'll agree.

E, F, G, and H

Follow the first letters in their place.

I, J, K, and L

Are used each day to read and spell.

M, N, O, and P

Are more than just okay with me.

Q, R, S, and T;

Say all the letters along with me.

U, V, W, and X;

What are the letters that come next?

Y, Z, and then we're done.

Saying the alphabet sure is fun!

## The Railroad Cars Are Coming

The great Pacific railway for California, hail!

Bring on the locomotive; lay down the iron rail.

Across the rolling prairies by steam we're bound to go!

The railroad cars are coming, humming through New Mexico.

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The little dogs in dog-town will wag each little tail.

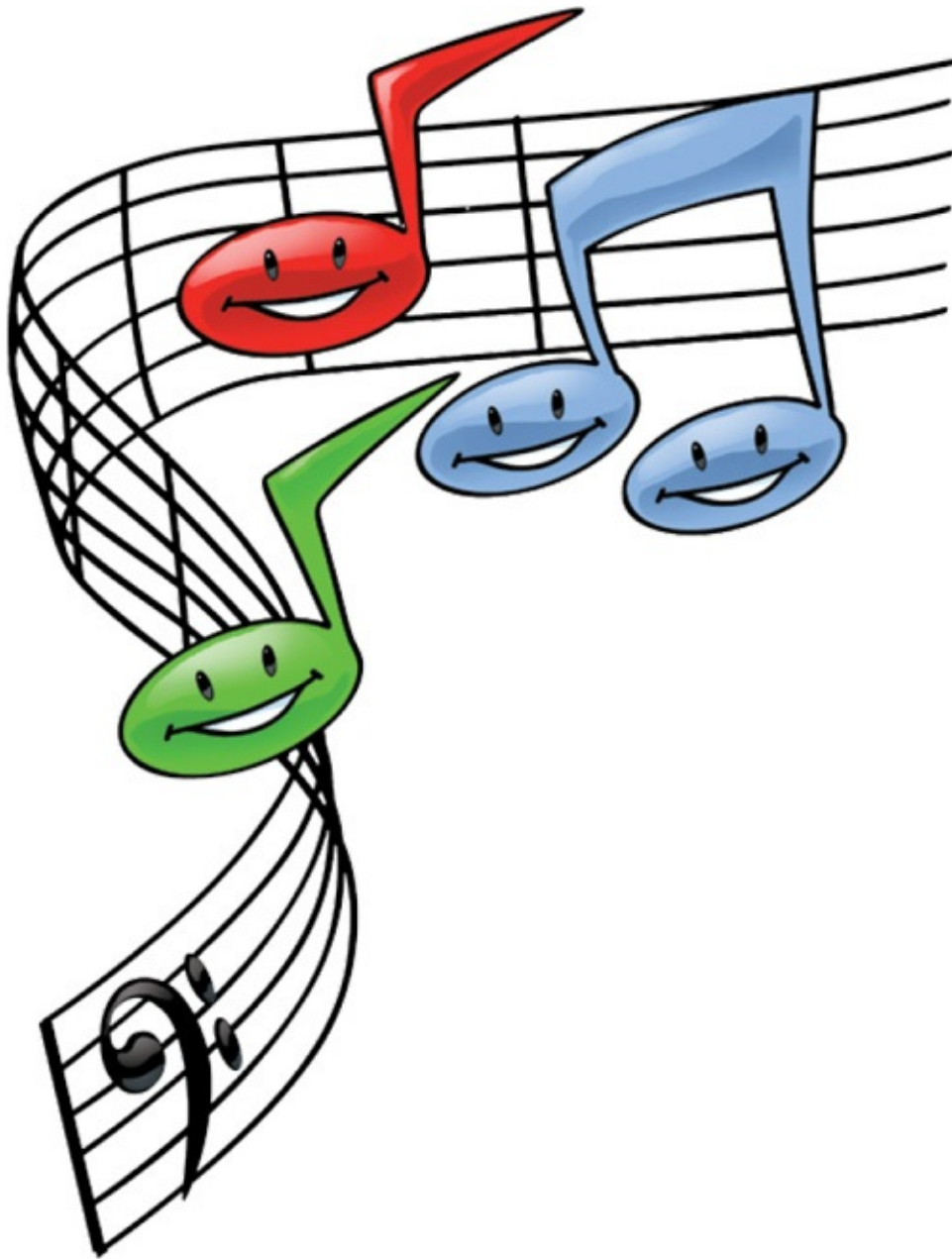
They'll think that something's coming, a-riding on a rail.

The rattlesnake will show its fangs; the owl tu-whit, tu-who.

The railroad cars are coming, humming through New Mexico.

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# Song Lyrics



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