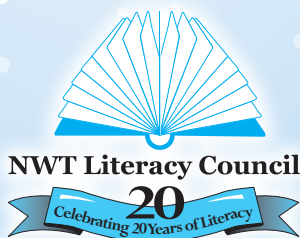


# 1-2-3 Rhyme with Me

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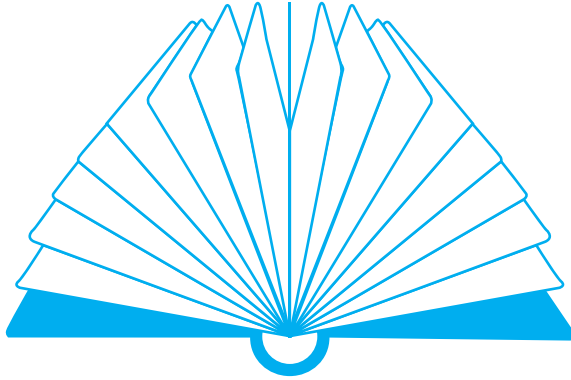


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## **Children Love to Rhyme and Sing!**

Talking, rhyming and singing with your children are some of the most important things you can do to help them build strong language skills.

You can sing and rhyme with your children:

- While waiting in line
- In the car
- When they are fussy or cranky
- To calm them down before bedtime
- Anytime!

You can also sing songs or say rhymes in your aboriginal language.

## The Moon is Round

The Moon is round  
As round can be  
Two eyes, two ears  
And a mouth like me



## Go Bananas!

Peel bananas, (*Pretend to peel a banana in your hand*)  
Peel, peel bananas  
Chop bananas (*With one arm straight out, "chop" it  
with opposite hand*)  
Chop, chop bananas  
Eat bananas (*Pretend to eat a banana*)  
Eat, eat bananas  
Go bananas! (*Wiggle whole body around*)



## Ring the Bell

Ring the bell (*Tug at a lock of the child's hair*)

Knock at the door (*Knock gently on her forehead*)

Peek in (*Look in her eyes*)

Lift up the latch (*Push up on the end of her nose*)

Walk in (*Walk your fingers on her lips*)

Let's go down cellar and eat apples (*Run your fingers down the child's body to her tummy. Then tickle.*)



## Here is the Beehive



Here is the beehive. (*Make a fist*)

Where are the bees? (*Shrug shoulders*)

Hidden away where nobody sees. (*Tap fist with finger*)

Soon they come creeping out of the hive

One, two, three, four, five (*Hold up fingers*)

Bzzzzzzzzzzzz...they're alive! (*Wiggle fingers*)

## Elevator

*For this bouncing rhyme, sit on the floor with your legs extended. Sit your child on your legs facing you.*

Let's go riding on an elevator (*Bounce child gently on your legs*)

Let's go riding on an elevator

First floor (*Raise knees slightly*)

Second floor (*Raise knees higher*)

Third floor (*Raise knees higher*)

Fourth floor (*Raise knees higher*)

Down (*Return legs to floor*)





## Where is Thumbkin?

Where is Thumbkin? (*Stick up one thumb*)

Where is Thumbkin? (*Stick up the other thumb*)

Here I am (*Wiggle thumb*)

Here I am (*Wiggle other thumb*)

How are you this morning? (*Wiggle thumb as if it is talking*)

Very well I thank you (*Wiggle other thumb as if it is talking*)

Run away (*Put thumb behind your back*)

Run away (*Put other thumb behind your back*)

*Repeat the verse using each of your fingers –pointer, middle man, ring man and pinky.*



## Mother and Father and Uncle John

Mother and Father and Uncle John (*Bounce baby on your knees*)

Went to the market one by one

Mother fell off (*Tilt baby to one side*)

And Father fell off (*Tilt baby to the other side*)

But Uncle John went on and on and on and on...

(*Bounce baby again*)



## A Smooth Road

A smooth road, a smooth road, a smooth road, a smooth road

A bumpy road, a bumpy road, a bumpy road, a bumpy road (*Bounce baby gently on your knees*)

A rough road, a rough road, a rough road, a rough road (*Bounce baby harder*)

A HOLE! (*Drop baby between your legs while holding onto her*)

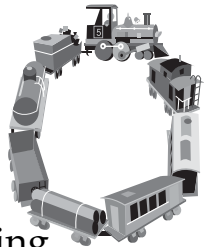
## On My Foot There is a Flea

On my foot there is a flea  
Now he's climbing up on me (*Creep fingers up leg*)  
Past my belly (*Creep fingers past belly*)  
Past my nose (*Creep finger past nose*)  
On my head where my hair grows



On my heads there is a flea (*Touch head*)  
Now he's climbing down on me (*Creep fingers down*)

Past my belly (*Creep fingers past belly*)  
Past my knee (*Creep fingers past knee*)  
On my foot (*Couch foot*)  
Take that you flea! (*Slap foot gently as if you are squishing a flea*)



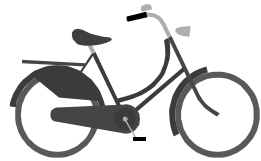
## Down by the Station

Down by the station, early in the morning  
See the little pufferbellies all in a row  
See the stationmaster pull the little handle  
Puff, puff, toot, toot, off they go!

## I Have a Little Bicycle

*Do this rhyme with your baby lying on your lap with her legs towards you. Move her legs or arms as if she is riding a bike.*

I have a little bicycle (*Move legs*)  
I ride it to the shop  
And when I see a red light  
I know it's time to stop (*Stop*)



I have a little bicycle (*Move legs*)  
I ride it to the gate  
And when I see a yellow light  
I know it's time to wait (*Stop*)

I have a little bicycle (*Move legs*)  
I ride it to and fro  
And when I see a green light  
I know it's time to go, go, go, go, go... (*Move legs faster*)

## Tickly, Tickly

Tickly, tickly  
On your knee  
If you laugh  
You must love me



## Round and Round the Garden

Round and round the garden (*Circle your child's tummy with your hand*)  
Like a teddy bear  
One step (*Walk fingers up your child's arm*)  
Two step  
Tickle you under there (*Tickle under the child's arm*)

Round and round the lighthouse  
In the wind and rain  
One step  
Two step  
Tickle you there again



## Three Little Monkeys

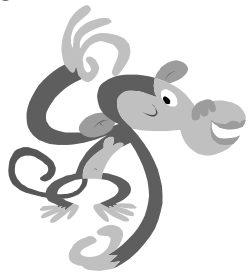
Three little monkeys swinging in a tree  
Teasing Mr. Alligator  
Can't catch me!  
Along came Mr. Alligator  
Mouth open wide  
Snap!  
The first little monkey was deep inside



Two little monkeys swinging in a tree  
Teasing Mr. Alligator  
Can't catch me!  
Along came Mr. Alligator  
Mouth open wide  
Snap!  
The second little monkey was deep inside



One little monkey swinging in a tree  
Teasing Mr. Alligator  
Can't catch me!  
Along came Mr. Alligator  
Mouth open wide  
Snap!  
Missed me!



## **Ga Goon Went the Little Green Frog**

Ga goon went the little green frog one day  
Ga goon went the little green frog  
Ga goon went the little green frog one day  
And they all went ga ga goon.

Now we all know frogs go (Clap) la de da de da  
(Clap) la de da de da  
(Clap) la de da de da  
We all know frogs go (Clap) la de da de da  
They don't go ga ga goon.



## **Row, Row, Row Your Boat**

*(Sit your child in lap and rock back and forth, or lie child on floor and move arms or legs in rowing motion)*

Row, row, row your boat  
Gently down the stream  
Merrily, merrily, merrily, merrily  
Life is but a dream



## Four Little Ducks



Four little ducks went out to play  
Over the hills and far away  
Mother duck said, "quack quack quack quack"  
But only three little ducks came quacking back



Three little ducks went out to play  
Over the hills and far away  
Mother duck said, "quack quack quack quack"  
But only two little ducks came quacking back

Two little ducks went out to play  
Over the hills and far away  
Mother duck said, "quack quack quack quack"  
But only one little duck came quacking back



One little duck went out to play  
Over the hills and far away  
Mother duck said, "quack quack quack quack"  
And all four ducks came quacking back





## Open Them, Shut Them

Open them shut them  
Open them shut them  
Give them a little clap, clap, clap

Open them shut them  
Open them shut them  
Lay them in your lap, lap, lap

Creep them creep them  
Creep them creep them  
Right up to your chin chin  
chin

Open up your little mouth  
But do not let them in, in, in!



## If You're Happy And You Know It

If you're happy and you know it  
Clap your hands

If you're happy and you know it  
Clap your hands

If you're happy and you know it  
And you really want to show it

If you're happy and you know it  
Clap your hands

*\*Repeat using:*

*If you're sad and you know it, cry a tear*

*If you're mad and you know it, stomp your feet*

*If you're glad and you know it, shout "hurray!"*



## Hokey Pokey

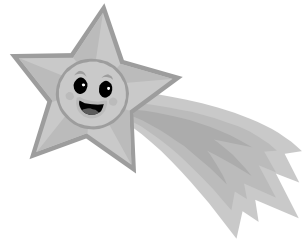


You put your right foot in  
You put your right foot out,  
You put your right foot in and you shake it all  
about  
You do the hokey pokey and you shake it all about.  
That's what it's all about

*Repeat with left foot, right arm, left arm, head, tongue  
and whole self.*

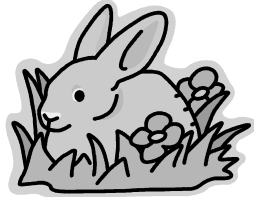
## Twinkle Twinkle Little Star

Twinkle, twinkle little star  
How I wonder what you are  
Up above the world so high  
Like a diamond in the sky  
Twinkle, twinkle little star  
How I wonder what you are



## Sleeping Bunnies

See the sleeping bunnies  
Sleeping 'till it's noon  
Shall we wake them  
With our merry tune?



Oh so still...  
Are they ill?

Wake up, wake up, wake up sleeping bunnies  
Wake up, wake up, wake up sleeping bunnies  
Wake up, wake up, wake up sleeping bunnies

Wake up little bunnies, hop, hop hop  
Wake up little bunnies, hop, hop hop  
Wake up little bunnies, hop, hop hop  
And STOP!

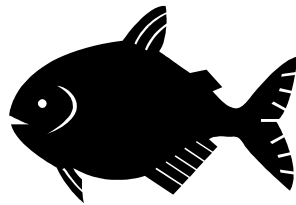
## Rock a Bye Baby

Rock a bye baby  
On the treetop  
When the wind blows  
The cradle will rock  
When the bow breaks  
The cradle will fall  
And down will come baby  
Cradle and all



## Dance to Your Daddy

Dance to your daddy  
My little laddie  
Dance to your daddy  
My little lamb  
  
You shall have a fishy  
In a little dish  
You shall have a fishy  
When the boat comes in



## **Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear**

*Do the actions along with this rhyme.*



Teddy bear, teddy bear turn around  
Teddy bear, teddy bear touch the ground  
Teddy bear, teddy bear touch your nose  
Teddy bear, teddy bear touch your toes  
Teddy bear, teddy bear show your shoe  
Teddy bear, teddy bear that will do  
Teddy bear, teddy bear turn out the light  
Teddy bear, teddy bear say good night!

## **Mommy Loves Baby**

*This lullaby has the same tune as Rock a Bye Baby. You can substitute other people or names, such as “auntie” or “sister” into this song.*

Mommy loves baby, yes she does  
Daddy loves baby, yes he does  
Grandma loves baby, grandpa does too  
We all love baby, yes we do

## Hush Little Baby



Hush little baby don't say a word,  
Mama's going to buy you a mockingbird

And if that mockingbird don't sing  
Mama's going to buy you a diamond ring

If that diamond ring turns brass  
Mama's going to buy you a looking glass

If that looking glass gets broke  
Mama's going to buy you a billy goat

If that billy goat won't pull  
Mama's going to buy you a cart and bull

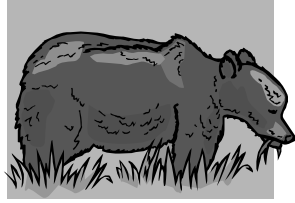
If that cart and bull turn over  
Mama's going to buy you a dog named Rover

If that dog named Rover won't bark  
Mama's going to buy you a horse and cart.

If that horse and cart fall down  
You'll still be the sweetest little baby in town

## Hickory Dickory Dee

Hickory, dickory, dee  
A bear climbed up a tree  
When he heard a sound  
The bear jumped down  
Hickory, dickory dee



## Humpty Dumpty

Humpty Dumpty fell in the snow  
The temperature was forty below  
And all of the nurses  
And all of his friends  
Couldn't get Humpty to warm up again



## Jack

Jack is healthy  
So is Pete  
They both eat fish  
And wild meat





## **Little Miss Moosehump**

Little Miss Moosehump  
Sat on a tree stump  
Eating some tea and bannock  
A raven came near  
And cawed in her ear  
Caw caw!  
And caused poor Miss Moosehump to panic

## **It's Snowing**

It's snowing  
It's blowing  
The old man is groaning  
There is no heat  
On the outhouse seat  
And he has to go there in the  
morning



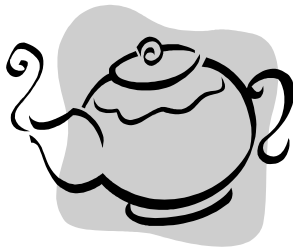
## **I'm a Great Big Snowman**

I'm a great big snowman  
Tall and fat. Here is my tummy  
And here is my hat  
Raisins for my eyes  
And a carrot nose  
I'm all snow from head to toe!



## **I'm a Little Teapot**

I'm a little teapot  
Short and stout  
Here is my handle  
Here is my spout  
When I get all steamed up  
Hear me shout  
Tip me over and pour me out



## Zoom, Zoom, Zoom

Zoom, zoom, zoom

We're going to the moon (*Repeat twice*)

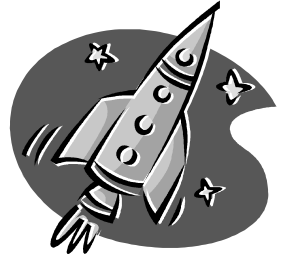
If you'd like to take a trip

Climb aboard my rocket ship

Zoom, zoom, zoom

We're going to the moon

5,4,3,2,1...BLASTOFF!



Zoom, zoom, zoom

We're going to the moon (*Repeat twice*)

Upside down and all around

I'll take you where the stars are found

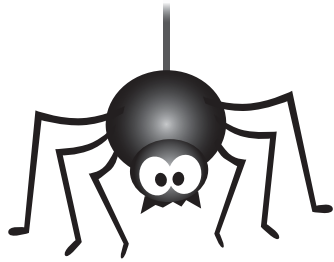
Zoom, zoom, zoom

We're going to the moon

5,4,3,2,1...BLASTOFF!

## Eensy Weensy Spider

The eensy weensy spider climbed  
Up the water spout  
Down came the rain  
And washed the spider out  
Out came the sun  
And dried up all the rain  
And the eensy weensy spider  
Climbed out the spout again



## It's Cold Outside

*This song has the same tune as Farmer and the Dell. Parents can use it to help get their children dressed in the winter.*

Let's put on your boots  
Let's put on your boots  
High ho, it's cold outside  
Let's put on your boots



*Substitute with mitts, hat, snow pants, etc.*