

# Volland Mother Goose Rhymes

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[V 18]

*Old Mother Goose, when*

*She wanted to wander,*

*Would ride through the air*

*On a very fine gander.*

1. Mother Goose would ride on a very fine what?  
Gander      broom      horse      balloon
2. The rhyme says Mother Goose was what?

Old rich young sad

3. Mother Goose liked to ride through the what?

Air haystack tent puddle

4. Mother Goose sometimes wanted to do what?

Wander dance hide jump

5. What sound comes at the very beginning of “wanted” and “wander”?

W S T K

[V 19]

*Cock-a-doodle-doo,*

*My mistress has lost her shoe:*

*My master's lost his fiddlestick,*

*And knows not what to do.*

1. The rooster said cock-a-doodle .... what?

Do bang wow yikes

2. The mistress lost her what?

Shoe hat mitten frog

3. The master lost his what?

Fiddlestick rabbit stone penny

4. The master knows not what to ....

Do say yell throw

5. What sound comes at the very beginning of “doodle” and “doo” and “dame”?

D S M P

6. What word rhymes with “do”?

Shoe            fiddlestick            rooster            strawberry

[V 20 A]

*Peter, Peter, pumpkin eater,*

*Had a wife and couldn't keep her;*

*He put her in a pumpkin shell,*

*And then he kept her very well.*

1. Peter ate what?

Pumpkin    banana    sandwich    mouse

2. Peter at first couldn't keep his what?

Wife            money            candlestick            squirrel

3. He kept her very well when he put her in what kind of shell?

Pumpkin    turtle            egg            pie

4. What word rhymes with shell?

Well            bowl            cranberry    hat

5. What sound comes at the very beginning of “Peter” and “pumpkin”?

P    K    L    F

[V 20 B]

*Peter, Peter, pumpkin eater,*

*Had another, and didn't love her;*

*Peter learned to read and spell,*

*And then he loved her very well.*

1. After his first one, Peter had a second what?  
Wife            shoe            nail            boat
2. Peter at first didn't do what to his second wife?  
Love            annoy            feed            talk
3. Peter loved the second very well, when he learned to read and what?  
Spell            sing            dance            skate
4. What word rhymes with well?  
Spell            kiss            read            love
5. What word starts with the same letter sound as "Peter"?  
Pumpkin    boat            shoe            nail
6. What sound comes at the end of "eater" and "another" and "her" ?  
ER            OW            ST            WH
7. What sound comes at the beginning of "had" and "he" and "her"?  
H            L            K            V

[V 21]

*Lady-bird, Lady-bird,*

*Fly away home,*

*Your house is on fire,*

*Your children alone.*

1. Her house is on what?  
Fire    hill    mountain    haystack
2. Her children are what?  
Alone            sleepy            happy            skating
3. Probably the lady-bird feels what?

Afraid      happy      sleepy      hungry

*[from generic faces showing emotions]*

4. How should the lady-bird get home?

Fly    jump      swim    dance

5. What sound comes in the middle of “Lady-bird” and at the beginning of “burn”?

B    S    K    G

[V 22]

*One misty, moisty morning,*

*When cloudy was the weather,*

*I happened 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?*

1. The weather was ... what?

Cloudy      sunny      snowy    icy

2. The man was clothed all in what?

Leather      pancakes      seaweed      mosquitoes

3. They said to each other, how do you what?

Do    nap    snort      burp

4. What word rhymes with leather?

Weather      dragon      potty      hug

5. Which sound comes at the beginning of “misty” and “moisty” and “morning”?

M    P    F    J

[V 23]

*I like little kitty, 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 kitty and I very gently will play.*

1. What does little kitty have that is so warm?

Coat   earmuffs   sandals   claws

2. The person speaking will not pull kitty's what?

Tail   wig   mitten   tongue

3. How will the person saying the rhyme play with kitty?

Gently   roughly   loudly   cruelly

4. Which word rhymes with play?

Day   swing   submarine   robot

5. What two sounds come at the end of "warm" and "harm"?

RM   ST   GL   ND

[V 24]

*Little Bo-peep has lost her sheep,*

*And doesn't know where to find them;*

*Leave them alone, and they'll come home,*

*Wagging their tails behind them.*

1. What kind of animal did Bo-peep lose?

Sheep   spider   cow   lion



2. The rhyme says the animals will come where?

Home      library      lake      school

3. What will the sheep's tails do behind them?

Wag   curl   flip   jump

4. The rhyme says Bo-peep is what?

Little   short   old   tall

5. What sound comes in the middle of "Peep" and "sheep" ?

E      U      O      A

[V 25]

*Little Nanny Etticoat*

*In a white petticoat,*

*And a red nose;*

*The longer she stands*

*The shorter she grows.*

1. What color is Little Nanny's petticoat?

White      yellow      blue      green

2. The rhyme says what part of Little Nanny is red?

Nose      hair      toes   eyes

3. Nanny grows shorter the longer she does what?

Stands      flies      jumps      skates

4. Which word rhymes with grows?

Nose   yikes   giggle      hum

5. What two sounds come at the end of "Etticoat" and "Petticoat"?

OT      RL      ST      NG

[V 26]

*Jack, be nimble, Jack, be quick,*

*Jack, jump over the candlestick.*

1. What boy is the rhyme about?

Jack   Clarence   Alonso   Pablo

2. What did the boy jump over?

Candlestick   puddle   sun   elephant

3. Quick rhymes with what word?

Candlestick   egg   spoon   banana

4. The rhyme tells the boy to be nimble and what?

Quick   slow   happy   angry

5. What sound comes at the beginning of “Jack” and “jump”?

J   W   Z   H

[V 27]

*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?*

1. The rhyme says who feast in the pantry?

Mice   robbers   mittens   ducks

2. What word rhymes with house?

Mouse      boat      oven      wall

3. What color is the little mouse?

Brown      white      black      red

4. The rhyme says John Watts is what?

Pretty lazy      silly      naughty

5. What sound comes at the end of “away” and “stay”?

A      J      O      U

[V 28]

*I'll tell you a story*

*About Mary Morey,*

*And now my story's begun.*

*I'll tell you another*

*About her brother,*

*And now my story's done.*

1. What will someone tell about Mary?

Story      joke      lie      fib

2. Someone will also tell about Mary's what?

Brother      rabbit      stone      wig

3. What word rhymes with another?

Brother      chimney      balloon      pot

4. What word rhymes with begun?

Done      crocodile      spear      trick

5. What sound comes in the middle of “story” and “Mary” and “Morey”?

R      K      P      B

6. What two sounds come at the end of “begun” and “done”?

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[V 29]

*Rock-a-bye, Baby, on the tree top,*

*When the wind blows the cradle will rock,*

*When the bough breaks the cradle will fall,*

*And down will come Baby, cradle, and all.*

1. The baby is rocking at the top of a what?

Tree barn flower cobweb

2. What will make the cradle rock?

Wind fisherman laundress cat

3. The cradle will fall if the bough does what?

Break grow whistle stink

4. What word rhymes with fall?

All music whisper rock

5. What sound comes at the beginning of “baby” and “bough”?

B M F K

[V 30]

*Ride away, ride away,*

*Johnny shall ride,*

*And he shall have kitty cat*

*Tied to one side;*

*And he shall have puppy dog*

*Tied to the other,*

*And Johnny shall ride*

*To see his grandmother.*

1. Who shall ride?

Johnny      Luis    Billy      Ahmad

2. What animal shall he have tied to one side?

Kitty            frog            calf            turtle

3. What little animal shall he have tied to the other side?

Dog            fish            spider            squirrel

4. Who is the boy riding to see?

Grandmother      vet            dragon            gremlin

5. What sound comes in the middle of “ride” and “tied”?

I      O      U      A

[V 31]

*Hickery, dickery, dock,*

*The mouse ran up the clock;*

*The clock struck one,*

*And down he did run,*

*Hickery, dickery, dock.*

1. What did the mouse run up?

Clock            window            chimney            hill

2. The clock struck what number?

1      3      5      7

3. What word rhymes with dock?

Clock            sandwich            banana            pillow

4. To get down the mouse did what?

Ran flew dove tumbled

5. What sound comes in the middle of “hickery” and “dickery” and end of “dock”?

K L M V

[V 32]

*A, B, C, D, E, F, G,*

*H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P,*

*Q, R, S, and T, U, V,*

*W, X, and Y and Z.*

*Now I've said my A, B, C,*

*Tell me what you think of me.*

1. What three letters come first?

ABC DEF GHI JKL

2. What three letters come last?

XYZ MNO PQR STU

3. What letter comes before D?

C J K Q

4. What letter comes after W?

X G E H

5. What sound comes at the end of “D” and “B” and “C”?

E R L K

[V 33 A]

*The little robin sadly grieves*

*When the snow is on the ground,*

*For the trees have no leaves,*

*And no berries can be found.*

1. How does the little Robin feel when it snows?

Sad            happy            angry            sleepy

2. The rhyme says what have no leaves?

Trees            carrots            flowers            bananas

3. No what can be found?

Berries            puddles            boats            mittens

4. What word rhymes with found?

Ground            tiger            alligator            worms

5. What sound comes at the end of “me” and “B” and “C”?

E    L    R    K

6. What sound comes at the end of “snow” and “no” and in the middle of “cold”?

O    E    A    I

[V 33 B]

*The air is cold, the worms are hid;*

*For robin here what can be done?*

*Let's scatter round some crumbs of bread,*

*And then he'll live till snow is gone.*

1. The rhyme says let's scatter around crumbs of what?

Bread            cake            candle    pie

2. The rhyme says what are hid?

Worms            elves            giraffes            toys

3. With crumbs to eat Robin can live till what is gone?

Snow          haystack          tent          cobweb

4. The rhyme says what is cold?

Air    elf    dragon    potty

5. What sound is in the middle of “hid” and “till” and “live”?

i      o      u      e

[V 34]

*Little Tommy Tittlemouse*

*Lived in a little house;*

*He caught fishes*

*In other men’s ditches.*

1. The boy’s name was Little Tommy what?

Tittlemouse          Sillycat          Grumpybear          Hummingbird

2. Tommy lived in a little what?

House          oven          wheelbarrow          boat

3. Tommy caught what?

Fish          lion          goat          clock

4. Tommy caught things in other men’s what?

Ditches          seaweed          pancakes          mouths

5. What sound comes at the beginning of “Tommy” and beginning and middle of “Tittlemouse”?

T      R      V      X

6. What sound comes in the middle of “little” and “fishes” and “ditches”?

I      O      R      M



[V 35]

*Around the bush, Willie, around the bee-hive,*

*Around the bush, Willie, I'll meet you alive.*

1. What is the boy's name?

Willie          Tevin          Sunil          Peter

2. They will meet about the beehive and about the what?

Bush          candlestick          hog          stone

3. What number rhymes with beehive and alive?

5          1          6          3

4. What animal lives in the hive?

Bee          dolphin          lizard          parrot

5. What sound is at the beginning of "bush" and in the middle of "about"?

B          K          L          J

[V 36]

*Bah, bah, black sheep,*

*Have you any wool?*

*Yes sir, Yes sir,*

*Three bags full.*

*One for my master,*

*One for my dame,*

*And one for the little boy*

*Who lives down the lane.*

1. What color is the sheep?

Black      brown      white      red

2. How many bags did the sheep have?

3      6      9      12

3. Down the lane lives the little what?

Boy    calf    turtle      horse

4. What did someone ask the sheep for?

Wool      gold      drum      button

5. What word does NOT start with the same letter sound as the others?

Sheep      bag      black      boy

[V 37]

*Hickety, pickety, my black hen,*

*She lays eggs for gentlemen:*

*Gentlemen come every day*

*To see what my black hen does lay.*

1. The rhyme is about what kind of animal?

Hen    lion    squirrel      elephant

2. What color is the animal?

Black      brown      white      red

3. What does she lay for gentlemen?

Eggs      blankets      sandwiches      bananas

4. The gentlemen come to see the hen every what?

Day    hour    week    year

5. What sound is in the middle of “hickety” and “pickety”?

K      R      L      W

[V 38]

*Willie boy, Willie boy,*

*Where are you going?*

*O, let us go with you*

*This sunshiny day.*

*I'll go to the meadow*

*To watch them a-mowing,*

*I'll go help the girls*

*Rake the new hay.*

1. What is the boy's name?

Willie          Lavell          Tommy          Miguel

2. On this day the weather is what?

Sunshiny          rainy          snowy          windy

3. The boy will help the girls to rake the new what?

Hay          grass          hair          flowers

4. The boy will go to the meadow to see them a-what?

Mowing          swimming          dancing          singing

5. What sound is at the end of "day" and "hay"?

A          O          U          R

[V 39]

*Three children sliding on the ice*

*All on a winter's day,*

*As it fell out, they all fell in,*

*The rest they ran away.*

1. How many children were sliding?

3      1      5      12

2. What did the children slide on?

Ice      grass      puddle      boat

3. The rest ran away when the children did what?

Fell      swung      jumped      flew

4. What word rhymes with away?

Day      box      fork      ankle

5. What sound is in “sliding” and in “ice”?

I      U      O      A

[V 40]

*Wee Willie Winkie runs through the town,*

*Upstairs and downstairs, in his nightgown;*

*Tapping at the window, crying at the lock:*

*“Are the children all in bed? It’s now eight o’clock?”*

1. Wee Willie cries at the what?

Lock      tower      tunnel      playground

2. Wee Willie taps at the what?

Window      stone      fireplace      wall

3. Wee Willie asks if the children are all in what?

Bed      forest      moon      wheelbarrow

4. Wee Willie runs while wearing his what?

Nightgown      uniform      flippers      diaper

5. What sound is at the beginning of “Wee” and “Willie” and “Winkie”?

W      K      R      S

[V 41]

*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,  
Then whipped them all soundly and put them to bed.*

1. The woman lived in a what?

Shoe          pumpkin      puddle      balloon

2. The woman fed the children soup-broth without any what?

Bread          bananas          strawberries      frogs

3. The woman whipped the children and sent them where?

Bed          tent          bridge      garden

4. The rhyme says the woman was what:

Old   ugly          little   tall

5. What sound is at the end of "shoe" and "do"?

U      K      R      M

[V 42 A]

*There was a man and he was poor,  
But robbers came to rob him;  
He climbed up to the chimney top,  
And then they thought they had him.*

1. The rhyme says the man was what?

Poor   mean          tall   short

2. The man went up to the top of what?

Chimney   tree   mountain   elephant

3. Who wanted to catch the man?

Robbers      dancer      king      queen

4. To get up high what did the man do?

Climb      fly      jump      bounce

5. What sound is at the beginning of “came” and “climbed”?

[V 42 B]

*But he got down on the other side,*

*And then they could not find him;*

*He ran fourteen miles in fifteen days,*

*And never looked behind him.*

1. The man ran to get away from what?

Robbers      lions      spiders      queens

2. The man ran for how many days?

15      6      9      20

3. The man ran how many miles?

14      3      6      9

4. When he ran the man never looked where?

Behind      up      down      ahead

5. What sound is at the beginning of “fourteen” and “fifteen”?

F      K      W      Z

[V 43]

*There was an old man,  
And he had a calf,  
And that's half;  
He took him out of the stall,  
And put him on the wall,  
And that's all.*

1. The old man had what animal?

Calf          turtle          pig      lion

2. The old man took the animal out of the what?

Stall          circus          school          bathtub

3. The old man put the animal on the what?

Wall          haystack      clock          sandwich

4. What is the last word in the rhyme?

All      book          glass          snort

5. What two sounds come at the end of "stall" and "wall"?

AL      PR      SM      IT

[V 44]

*Bow, wow, wow!*

*Whose dog art thou?*

*Little Tom Tinker's dog,*

*Bow, wow, wow!*

1. The boy's last name is Tinker, first name is what?

Tom      Khalid          Willie          Alonso

2. What animal belongs to the boy?

Dog            goat            pig            rabbit

3. What does the animal say?

Bow-wow-wow      meow            baa-baa      oink-oink

4. What word rhymes with thou?

Wow            burp            map            pearl

5. What two sounds come at the end of “bow” and “wow”?

OW    UR    ST    NG

6. What sound comes at the beginning of “Tom” and “Tinker”?

T      S      H      Z

7. What sound comes in the middle of “little” and “Tinker”?

I      M      G      P

[V 45]

*Kitty-Cat sits by the fire;*

*Napping without a care.*

*In walks the little dog;*

*Says: “Kitty, are you there?”*

*How do you do, Mistress Kitty?*

*Mistress Kitty, how do you do?”*

*“I thank you kindly, little dog,*

*I do as well as you!”*

1. The kitty-cat sits by the what?

Fire            puddle            cobweb            stone

2. The kitty-cat sits and does what without a care?



Naps            exercises    hums            draws

3. What animal visited the kitty-cat?

Dog   turtle            goose            cow

4. The kitty-cat says, "I do as well as---" what?

You   giraffes            alligators        reindeer

5. What sound comes at the end of "fire" and "fair" and "there"?

R     H     Z     D

[V 46]

*Here am I, little jumping Joan,*

*When nobody's with me*

*I'm always alone.*

1. What little girl says, "Here I am."

Joan            Mary            Serena            Latoya

2. The girl says she is doing what?

Jumping    sewing            diving            painting

3. What word rhymes with Joan and alone?

Bone            chair            pot    basket

4. The girl says when nobody's with her she is always what?

Alone            busy            happy            sleepy

5. What sound comes at the beginning of "jumping" and "Joan"?

J     V     F     K

6. What sound comes at the beginning and end of "little" and in the middle of "alone"?

L     P     X     S

[V 47]

*There was an old woman lived under the hill,*

*And if she's not gone she lives there still.*

*Baked apples she sold, and cranberry pies,*

*And she's the old woman who never told lies.*

1. The old woman lived under the what?

Hill    stone            tree            blanket

2. The old woman sold baked what?

Apples            bananas            lemons            carrots

3. The old woman sold what kind of pies?

Cranberry            egg            plum            pumpkin

4. The old woman never told what?

Lies            storiessecrets            gossip

5. What two sounds come at the end of "hill" and "still"?

IL    OM    SP    GR

[V 48]

*Simple Simon met a pieman*

*Going to the fair;*

*Says Simple Simon to the pieman:*

*"Please 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.”*

1. The rhyme says that Simon is what?

Simple      tiny      clumsy      cranky

2. Simon met a what?

Pieman      laundress      king      dancer

3. Simon was asked first to show his what?

Penny      tongue      spoon      apple

4. Simon was going to the what?

Fair      zoo      airport      beach

5. What sound comes at the beginning of “says” and “simple” and “Simon”?

S      H      F      V

6. What sound comes in the middle of “penny” and “any”?

N      S      P      F

[V 49A]

*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,*

*Now wasn't this a dainty dish to set before the king?*

1. What color were the four and twenty birds?

Black      red      white      green

2. The birds were baked in a what?

Pie      cake      pumpkin      shoe

3. The dish was set before the what?

king    laundress    girl    elephant

4. When it was opened the birds began to what?

Sing            fly    wrestle            count

5. What sound comes at the end of “rye” and “pie”?

I        O        A        U

[V 49B]

*The king was in the parlor counting out his money;*

*The queen was in the kitchen eating bread and honey;*

*The maid was in the garden hanging out the clothes,*

*And along came a blackbird and nipped off her nose.*

1. The king was counting out his what?

Money            spoons            pigs            wigs

2. Who was in the kitchen eating bread and honey?

Queen            duck            frog            hunter

3. The bird came along and nipped off the maid’s what?

Nose            ribbons            spider            mitten

4. Where was the maid hanging out the clothes?

Garden            fireplace            well            boat

5. What sound comes at the beginning of “nipped” and “nose”?

N        H        F        W

[V 50]

*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.*

1. The rhyme sings about going to where?

Market      school      circus      spaceship

2. The rhyme first says to buy a fat what?

Pig            mouse      haystack    pot

3. What word rhymes with jog?

Hog            lemon      pie      table

4. What silly word comes before jig and before jog?

Jiggety      diller      etticoat    diddle

5. What sound comes in the middle of "pig" and "jig"?

I      O      R      L

[V 51 A]

*Ride a black horse*

*To Banbury Cross*

*To see what Tommy can buy:*

*A penny white loaf,*

*A penny white cake,*

*And a two-penny apple pie.*

1. The rhyme says ride what color animal?

Black      white      brown      red

2. The rhyme says ride what animal?

horse          turtle          elephant          fish

3. What kind of pie is the two-penny pie?

apple          pumpkin          banana          carrot

4. What color are the penny loaf and penny cake?

white          black          brown          red

5. What sound is at the beginning and end of “cake” and the beginning and the of “black?”

K      M      S      B

[V 51 B]

*Ride a black horse*

*To Banbury Cross,*

*To see a fine lady upon a white horse.*

*Rings on her fingers,*

*And bells on her toes,*

*And she shall have music wherever she goes.*

1. The fine lady is upon what color horse?

White black          green          pink

2. The fine lady has rings on her what?

Fingers          hair          ears          nose

3. The fine lady has bells on her what?

Toes          ears          ribbons          basket

4. The lady will have what wherever she goes?

Music          lemonade          skates          toothbrush

5. What sound is at the beginning of “she” and “shall”?

SH      CL      ND      UT

[V 52]

*Little Miss Muffet*

*Sat on a tuffet,*

*Eating some curds and whey.*

*Along came a spider,*

*And sat down beside her,*

*And frightened Miss Muffet away.*

1. What did Miss Muffet do on a tuffet?

Sat   whistle        tumble        leapfrog

2. What sat down beside Miss Muffet?

Spider        goose        dancer        doctor

3. Miss Muffet went away because she felt what?

Frightened    sleepy        angry        happy

4. Miss Muffet did what with curds and whey?

Ate    lost    burned        hid

5. What sound is in the middle of “muffet” and “tuffet”?

F        G        R        S

[V 53]

*Three wise men of Gotham*

*Went to sea in a bowl,*

*And if the bowl had been stronger*

*My song had been longer.*

1. The rhyme says the men were what?

Wise                silly                clumsy                tiny

2. There were how many men?

3      5      7      9

3. They went to sea in a what?

Bowl              cobweb              shoe              cake

4. What word rhymes with stronger?

Longer              climb              alive              clumsy

5. What sound is at the beginning of “went” and “wise”?

W      B      P      G

6. What sound is at the end of “stronger” and “longer”?

ER      CH      SK      BL

[V 54 A]

*There were two birds sat upon a stone,*

*Fal de ral-al de ral-laddy.*

*One flew away and then there was one,*

*Fal de ral-al de ral-laddy.*

*The other flew after and then there was none,*

*Fal de ral-al de ral-laddy.*

*So the poor stone was left all alone,*

*Fal de ral-al de ral-laddy.*

1. At the beginning, how many birds sat?

2      4      6      8

2. The birds sat on a what?

Stone              chair              frog              puddle

3. In the rhyme, what number rhymes with none?

1              3              5              7



4. What silly word comes after Fal de ral-al de ral---

Laddy          dickery          jiggety          hickety

5. What sound is at the beginning of “laddy” and in the middle of “flaw” and “alone” and the end of “all”?

L      P      X      M

[V 54 B]

*One of these little birds back again flew,*

*Fal de ral-al de ral-laddy.*

*The other came after and then there were two,*

*Fal de ral-al de ral-laddy.*

*Says one to the other: “Tell me, how do you do?”*

*Fal de ral-al de ral-laddy.*

*“Very well, thank you, and how are you?”*

*Fal de ral-al de ral-laddy.*

1. What number rhymes with flew?

2      4      5      7

2. The rhyme says the birds were what?

Little          big      fat      skinny

3. When all the birds flew back there were how many?

2      4      6      8

4. One bird asks another, how do you what?

Do      fly      sing      jump

5. The rhyme says one what flew back?

Bird      Flying Fish      Flying Squirrel      Bat

6. What sound is at the end of “flew” and “two” and “do” and “you”?

U M Z B

[V 55]

*Bye, Baby Bunting,*

*Father’s gone a-hunting,*

*Mother’s gone a-milking,*

*Sister’s gone a-silking,*

*And Brother’s gone for a rabbit skin*

*To wrap little Baby Bunting in.*

1. Who has gone a-hunting?

Fatherjudge          piper          king

2. Who has gone a-milking?

Mother          fisherman          queen          lion

3. Brother’s gone for what kind of skin?

Rabbitfrog          sheep          turtle

4. Who has gone a-silking?

Sister          pieman          laundress          cook

5. What sounds come in the middle of “milking” and “silking”?

ILK    THA    BRO    DWE

[V 56]

*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.*

1. Little Polly warmed her pretty little what?

Toes      flower      cat      ribbons

2. Who came and caught Little Polly among the cinders?

Mother      father      calf      doctor

3. Sitting in the cinders spoiled little Polly's new what?

Clothes      earmuffs      lock      doll

4. Who whipped Polly?

Mother      father      king      queen

5. What sound comes at the beginning of "sat" and "cinder"?

S      M      L      V

[V 57]

*Tom, Tom, the piper's son,*

*Stole a pig, and away did run;*

*The pig was eat,*

*And Tom was beat,*

*And Tom ran crying down the street.*

1. Tom was the son of a what?

Piper            doctor fisherman    cook

2. What did Tom steal?

Pig    moneycake            fiddlestick

3. After he stole, the rhyme says Tom was what?

Beat            rich            sick            bored

4. What was Tom doing when he ran down the street?

Crying            whispering            whistling            hiccupping

5. What sounds come at the end of “beat” and “street”?

ET    OM    AR    UV

[V 58]

*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.*

1. Jack and Jill went up the what?

Hill    chimney    elephant    barn

2. They went to fetch a pail of what?

Water            nails            robins flowers

3. Before Jack broke his crown he did what?

Fell    sang            fibbed    burped

4. After Jack broke his crown, Jill came what?

Tumbling    skipping    dancing    sailing

5. What sounds come at the end of “crown” and “down”?

OWN    BRI    SLE    TWI

[V 59]

*A dillar, a dollar,*

*A ten o'clock scholar;*

*What makes you come so soon?*

*You used to come at ten o'clock,*

*But now you come at noon!*

1. What silly word comes before dollar?

Dillar          jiggety    hickety          laddy

2. The scholar used to come at what number o'clock?

10    4          6          8

3. Now the scholar comes at when?

Noon            Christmas            midnight          sunset

5. The rhyme asks why does the scholar come so---" what?

Soon            quietly            slowly            sweetly

5. What sound comes in the middle of "dillar" and "dollar" and "scholar"?

L          M          F          G

6. What sound comes in the middle of "noon" and "soon"?

U          F          Z          Q

7. What sound is at the beginning of "come" and "clock" and in the middle of "scholar"?

K          V          N          W

[V 60]

*Kitty cat, kitty cat, where have you been?*

*I've been to London to visit the Queen.*

*Kitty cat, kitty cat, what did you do there?*

*I frightened a little mouse under her chair.*

1. The kitty cat says she's been to visit the what?  
Queen      farmerrobber      judge
2. The kitty cat says she frightened a little what?  
Mouse frog      horse      spider
3. The frightened little creature was under a what?  
Chair      wheelbarrow      basket      boat
4. The kitty cat says she's been to what city?  
London      Gotham      St. Ives      Norridge
5. What sounds come at the end of "there" and "chair"?  
AR    IL    UN    OV

[V 61]

*Pat a cake, pat a cake, Baker's man;*

*Bake me a cake as fast as you can.*

*Pit it and pat it and mark it with B,*

*And put it in the oven for Baby and me.*

1. The rhyme says to pat a what?  
Cake      pig      spoon      strawberry
2. The rhyme says to put it in the what?  
Oven      pumpkin      puddle      well
3. The rhyme says it's for me and who else?  
Baby      dancer      hen      rabbit
4. The rhyme says to mark it with what letter?

B W K R

5. What sound is in the middle of “pat” and “man”?

A O U E

[V 62]

*Little Boy Blue, come blow your horn,*

*The sheep’s in the meadow, the cow’s in the corn.*

*Where is the boy who minds the sheep?*

*Under the haystack fast asleep.*

*Will you wake him? No, not I,*

*For if I do he’s sure to cry.*

1. The little boy is described as what color?

Blue green red yellow

2. The little boy is asked to blow a what?

Horn balloon cobweb ribbon

3. What animal is in the meadow?

Sheep lion frog elephant

4. What animal is in the corn?

Cow rabbit squirrel spider

5. What sounds are at the beginning of “blue” and “blow” ?

BL ST GR WH

[V 63]

*There was an old woman got tossed in a blanket*

*Seventeen times as high as the moon;*

*But where she was going no person could tell,*

*For under her arm she carried a broom.*

*“Old woman, old woman, old woman,” said I,*

*“Where in the world are you flying so high?”*

*“To sweep the cobwebs from the sky,*

*And I’ll be with you by and by.*

1. The old woman was tossed in a what?

Blanket      puddle      well      fireplace

2. She was tossed seventeen times as high as the what?

Moon      chimney      tree      haystack

3. Under her arm the old woman carried a what?

Broomcat      bowl      fiddlestick

4. The old woman said she wanted to clean what from the sky?

Cobwebs      robins      trees      balloons

5. What sound is in the middle of “moon” and “broom”?

U      E      A      I

[V 64]

*Cold and raw the north winds blow*

*Bleak in the morning early,*

*All the hills are covered with snow,*

*And winter’s now come fairly.*



1. All the what are covered?

Hills beds nails candlesticks

2. They are all covered with what?

Snow cobwebs cranberries haystacks

3. The north winds blow raw and what?

Cold hot stinky sweetly

4. What has now come fairly?

Wintersummer Easter Thanksgiving

5. What sounds come at the end of “early” and “fairly”?

LY OW AN UT

[V 65]

*The man in the moon came down too soon*

*To inquire the way to Norridge;*

*The man in the south, he burnt his mouth*

*With eating cold plum porridge.*

1. The man in the what came down?

Moon tree window barn

2. The man in the south burnt his what?

Mouthhat table broom

3. The man ate what kind of cold porridge?

Plum apple lemon pumpkin

4. What word rhymes with porridge?

Norridge cold inquire burnt

5. What sounds come at the end of “moon” and “soon”?

OON EEL ADD ISH

[V 66]

*Four-and-twenty tailors*

*Went to kill a snail;*

*The best man among them*

*Dared not touch her tail;*

*She put out her horns*

*Like an angry little cow.*

*Run, tailors, run, or*

*She'll kill you all just now.*

1. There were how many tailors?

4 + 20      3 + 6      5 + 10      100

2. They dared not touch the snail's what?

Tail      dish      clock      eggs

3. The snail put out her horns like an angry what?

Cow      queen      elephant      piper

4. At the end the rhyme tells the tailors to do what?

Run   sing   play   sleep

5. What sounds come at the end of "cow" and "now"?

OW   IF   ER   UL

[V 67]

*Lucy Locket lost her pocket,*

*Kitty Fisher found it;*

*There was not a penny in it,*

*But a ribbon round it.*

1. The girl who found it is named for what animal?

Kitty          bunny          mouse          squirrel

2. The rhyme says what wasn't found in the pocket?

Penny          spider          clock          cup

3. What was round the pocket?

Ribbon          flowers          cobwebs          fire

4. The first name of the girl who lost her pocket is what?

Lucy          Sally          LatoyaSumitra

5. What sound comes at the beginning of "Lucy" and "locket" and "lost"?

L          G          J          F

[V 68]

*Little Tom Tucker*

*Sings for his supper.*

*What shall he eat?*

*White bread and butter.*

*How will he cut it*

*Without any a knife?*

*How will he marry*

*Without any wife?*

1. The little boy's first name is what?  
Tom Will Michael Jaden
2. The little boy sings for his what?  
Supper hummingbird birthday toys
3. What color bread does the boy eat?  
White brown black red
4. What does the boy eat with the bread?  
Buttercheesesyrup bacon
5. What sound comes in the middle of "knife" and "wife"?  
I O U A

[V 69]

*"To bed, to bed," says Sleepy-Head;*

*"Let's stay awhile," says Slow;*

*"Put on the pot," says Hungry Ned,*

*"We'll eat before we go."*

1. The rhyme begins by saying to go where?  
Bed forest bridge oven
2. The first person is what kind of head?  
Sleepy angry happy afraid
3. What word rhymes with go?  
Slow pearl cap sat
4. The rhyme says Ned is what?  
Hungry poor rich short
5. What sound comes in the middle of "bed" and "head"?

E O I U

[V 70]

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

1. The man's son is named what?

John            Clarence            MiguelSunil

2. Where did he go with his trousers on?

Bed            puddle            haystack            fireplace

3. He had how many stockings on?

1      2      4      7

4. What word comes after diddle, diddle?

Dumpling    burp            baa-baa            giggle

5. The words "off" and "stocking" both have what sound?

O      P      R      B

6. What sound comes at the beginning of "diddle" and "dumpling"?

D      K      S      R

[V 71]

*High 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.*

1. The cow jumped over the what?

Moon          candlestick          fire          cradle

2. What little animal laughed?

Dog          turtle          spider          mouse

3. The dish ran away with the what?

Spoon          cushion          nail          bread

4. What animal has the fiddle?

Cat    goat    frog    duck

5. What sounds come at the end of “diddle” and fiddle”?

DL    FR    NG    ST

[V 72]

*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.*

1. How many kits were with their mother?

2      4      7      9

2. What color were the kits?

Gray            brown            yellow            orange

3. What did they go over that broke down?

Bridge            cobweb            table            wheelbarrow

4. What name rhymes with the words -- fell in?

Bolin            Etticoat            Tittlemouse            Latoya

5. What sounds come at the end of "mother" and "over" and "together"?

ER      OW      UL      AK

[V 73]

*Robin and Richard*

*Were two lazy men;*

*They stayed in bed*

*Till the clock struck ten.*

*Then up jumps Robin*

*And looks at the sky:*

*"Oh, brother Richard,*

*The sun's very high.*

*You walk first*

*With the bottle and bag,*

*And I'll ride later*

*On the gray horse nag."*

1. The first man was named for what bird?

Robin            duck            goose            hen

2. Where did the two men stay till ten?

Bed            tent            mountain    haystack

3. The man says what is very high?

Sun            fiddlestick            tree            window

4. The man says he will ride on a horse nag that is what color?

Gray            black            green            red

5. What sound comes in the middle of “bag” and “nag”

A      E      O      U

[V 74]

*Is the blacksmith inside?—Yes, that he is.*

*Can he set a shoe? Yes, he can set two.*

*Here a nail and there a nail,*

*Tick—tack—too.*

1. The rhyme says the man can set how many shoes?

2      4      6      8

2. The rhyme says here-a-what and there-a-what?

Nail    cup    clock    pipe

3. What number rhymes with shoe?

2      3      5      7

4. The rhyme asks if what person is inside?

Blacksmith            astronaut    elf    piper

5. What sound comes at the beginning of “smith” and “set”?

S      N      P      G

[V 75]

*I had a little hen, the prettiest ever seen,*



*She washed me the dishes and kept the house clean.*

*She went to the garden to fetch me a flower,*

*And always got home in less than an hour.*

*She baked me my bread, she brewed me my tea,*

*She sat by the fire and sang sweet songs to me.*

1. The rhyme is about what kind of little animal?

Hen            fish            squirrel        turtle

2. She went to the garden to fetch a what?

Flowerstone        pumpkin        frog

3. She baked what?

Bread            pie            cobwebs        eggs

4. She sat by the what when she sang?

Fire            table            cradle            window

5. What sound comes at the end of “flour” and “hour”?

OUR    ING    EER    ELD

[V 76 A]

*When I was a little boy I lived by myself,*

*And all the bread and cheese I got I put upon a shelf;*

*The rats and the mice, they made such a strife,*

*I was forced to go to London to buy me a wife.*

1. The little boy put cheese and what on a shelf?

Bread            apples            bones            eggs

2. The rats and the what made such a strife?

Mice            ducks            goats            spiders

3. The man saying the rhyme went to buy himself a what?

Wife            goat            table            pipe

4. The man saying the rhyme was forced to go where?

London        Mars            India    Mexico

5. What sound comes at the end of “myself” and “shelf”?

ELF    DUL    ING    SON

[V 76 B]

*The streets were so broad and the lanes were so narrow,*

*I was forced to ride my wife home in a wheelbarrow;*

*The wheelbarrow broke and my wife had a fall,*

*And down came the wheelbarrow, wife and all.*

1. Who was riding home and had a fall?

Wife            clown            munchkin            fairy

2. What broke in the street?

Wheelbarrow        chair            fiddlestick        pipe

3. What word rhymes with all?

Fall            snort            pretty            vet

4. The rhyme says the lanes were narrow and the streets were what?

Broad            crooked            busy            empty

5. What word starts with the same letter sound as “broke” and “broad” and “boy”?

Bread            wife            town            mice

[V 77 A]

*‘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.*

1. Jenny was what kind of bird?

Wren          parrot          owl          pelican

2. Jenny's gallant friend was what kind of bird?

Robin          duck          goose          hen

3. The gallant bird doffed his what to Jenny?

Hat          nail          horn          balloon

4. Jenny did what prettily?

Sing          burp          tumble          climb

5. What sound comes at the beginning of "Robin" and "Redbreast"?

R          S          J          V

[V 77 B]

*"O, dearest Jenny Wren, if you will but be mine,  
You shall feed on cherry pie and drink new apple wine,  
I'll dress you like a goldfinch or any peacock gay,  
So, dearest Jen, if you'll be mine let us decide today."*

1. Her friend says Jenny will drink what kind of wine?

Apple          plum          carrot          lemon

2. Her friend says Jenny will eat cherry what?

Pie          bread          cake          trees

3. Her friend says he'll dress her like a goldfinch or any gay what?

Peacock          dolphin          hummingbird          grasshopper

4. Her friend asks her to decide on what day?

Today          Christmas          birthday          tomorrow

5. What sound comes at the beginning of “dearest” and “dress” and “decide”?

D      L      F      H

6. Three of the words have the same vowel sound in the middle, but which word has a DIFFERENT vowel sound in the middle?

Hat          pie          time          wife

[V 77 C]

*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 apple wine,*

*But I must wear my plain brown gown and never go too fine.”*

1. What name does Jenny call her dearest friend?

Bob          Luis          Khalid          Sunil

2. Jenny says she will wear a plain gown of what color?

Brown          red          white          blue

3. Jenny blushed behind her what?

Fan          drum          diaper          book

4. What sound comes in the middle of “blush” and “thus” and “love”?

U      O      I      E

5. What sound comes in the middle of “blush” and “thus” and “love”?

U      O      I      E

6. What word rhymes with mind?

Kind          lassie          slipper          short

[V 78]

*How many days has my baby to play?*

*Saturday, Sunday, Monday,  
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday,  
Saturday, Sunday, Monday.*

1. Who has many days to play?

Baby          farmerqueen          robber

2. What is the first day to play?

Saturday      Tuesday      Wednesday      Friday

3. What is the last day spoken in the rhyme?

Monday      Thursday      Wednesday      Tuesday

4. What day follows Saturday?

Sunday      Tuesday      Wednesday          Friday

5. What sound comes at the end of “play” and “day”?

A      I      O      U

6. What sound comes at the beginning of “Sunday” and “Saturday”?

S      Q      X      M

7. What sound comes right before “day” in the words “Tuesday” and Wednesday” and “Thursday?”

Z      P      O      F

[V 79]

*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 Dumpty together again.*

1. Humpty Dumpty sat on a what?

Wall strawberry clock puddle

2. Humpty Dumpty had a great what?

Fall dance song nap

3. All the horses and men belonged to whom?

King judge cook pieman

4. They couldn't put what together again?

Humpty Dumpty airplane merry-go-round piano

5. What sounds come in the middle of "Humpty" and "Dumpty"?

UMP ELF OUR ING

[V 80]

*Little King Boggen he built a fine hall,*

*Pie-crust and pancakes, those made the wall;*

*The windows were made of brown chocolate and white,*

*The trimmings were icing,—you never saw the like!*

1. Little Boggen was a what?

King fisherman hunter piper

2. Little Boggen built a fine what?

Hall spaceship submarine robot

3. is wall was made partly of what kind of crust?

Pie egg pumpkin bread

4. What was made of brown chocolate and white?

Windows bridge flowers cobweb

5. What sounds come at the end of "hall" and "wall"?

AL OW ER OT

[V 81]

*As I went to Bonner*

*I met a pig*

*Without a wig,*

*Upon my word and honor*

1. The person saying the rhyme was going to where?

Bonner      zoo      pool      London

2. The person saying the rhyme met what animal?

Pig      elephant      squirrel      duck

3. The animal was not wearing a what?

Wig      bowl      mitten      hat

4. The person says 'Upon my word and' what?

Honor      nose      sandalstool

5. What sounds come at the end of "pig" and "wig"?

IG      ER      OW      ET

6. What sound comes at the beginning of "went" and "without" and "word"?

W      B      L      Z

[V 82]

*Little Jack Horner*

*Sat in a corner*

*Eating a Christmas pie;*

*He put in his thumb,*

*And pulled out a plum,*

*And said: "What a good boy am I!"*

1. What did the little boy do in a corner?

Sat    sang    danced        slept

2. The little boy put his thumb in a what?

Pie    balloon        cobweb        fire

3. The little boy pulled out a what?

Plum    egg    fish                squirrel

4. The little boy was named what?

Jack                Luis                Simon                Ahmad

5. What sounds come at the end of "thumb" and "plum"?

UM    OT    GR    AK

[V 83]

*Miss Jane had a bag and a mouse was in it;*

*She opened the bag, he was out in a minute.*

*The cat saw him jump and run under the table,*

*And the dog said: "Catch him, Cat— Soon as you're able!"*

1. What was in the girl's bag?

Mouse                frog                penny                spoon

2. Who saw something run under the table?

Cat    laundress    dancer                turtle

3. Who said, "Catch him, Cat---" ?

Dog    lion    boy    pieman

4. The girl is named Miss what?



Jane            Maria            Lily            Lajuana

5. What sound is in the middle of “cat” and “bag”?

A      I      O      U

[V 84 A]

*The Queen of Hearts,*

*She made some tarts*

*All on a summer’s day;*

*The Knave of Hearts,*

*He stole those tarts,*

*And took them clean away.*

1. The person who made the tarts was the what?

Queen            judge            doctor            laundress

2. Who stole the tarts?

Knave            gremlin            mermaid            pixie

3. The queen was the queen of what?

Hearts            flowers            ice

4. She made the tarts all on what kind of day?

Summer            snowy            icy            rainy

5. What sound is at the end of “day” and “away”?

A      I      O      U

[V 84 B]

*The King of Hearts*

*Called for the tarts,*

*And beat the Knave full sore;*

*The Knave of Hearts*

*Brought back the tarts,*

*And promised he'd steal no more.*

1. Who called for the tarts?

King          robber          fisherman          farmer

2. The knave promised he'd do what no more?

Steal          joke          lie          fight

3. Who beat the knave full sore?

King          queen          goose          frog

4. What word rhymes with sore?

More          knave          drum          piano

5. What sounds are at the end of "sore" and "more"?

OR    ET    IL    ST

[V 85]

*Goosey, goosey, gander, where do you 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 his hind legs and threw him downstairs.*

1. The bird that wanders is called goosey, goosey what?

Gander          robin          hen          duck

2. The bird wanders in the lady's what?

Chamber          bathtub          zoo          dollhouse

3. The old man was taken by his hind what?

Legs          hair          thumbs          ribbons

4. What word rhymes with downstairs?

Prayers      dolphin      giggle      naughty

5. What sound is at the beginning of “goosey” and “gander”?

G      L      M      V

[V 86]

*See saw, Margery Daw,*

*Jacky shall have a new master:*

*Jacky will earn just a penny a day*

*Because he will work no faster.*

1. What little boy will have a new master?

Jacky      Tom      MiguelLebron

2. The little boy will earn just how much a day?

Penny      pie      fish      nail

3. The boy won't do what any faster?

Work      fib      whistle      swim

4. What rhymes with see-saw?

Daw      stink      burped      jewel

5. The words “see” and “saw” begin with what sound?

S      Q      D      V

6. What sound is at the end of “saw” and “Daw”?

AW      OR      ER      NG

[V 87]

*Daffy-down-dilly is now come to town*

*With a green petticoat and bright yellow gown.*

1. Daffy-down-dilly is now come to what?

Town      circus      beach      airport

2. What color was her petticoat?

Green          pink          brown          grey

3. Her gown was what bright color?

Yellow          red          blue          white

4. What word rhymes with gown?

Town          bicycle          flippers          parrot

5. What sound is at the beginning of “daffy” and “down” and “dilly”?

D          V          Z          P

[V 88]

*“Cock, cock, cock, cock,*

*I’ve laid an egg,*

*Am I to go 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.”*

1. Someone in the rhyme laid a what?

Egg          diaper          cradle          tiger

2. Who asks the cock, Am I to go bare-foot?

Hen          lion          queen          dancer

3. The cock says he cannot find a what?

Shoe          pipe          puddle          wheelbarrow

4. What word rhymes with down?

Town          fairy          earmuffs      pretty

5. What sound comes at the beginning of “cock” and the end of “cock”?

K      M      R      F

[V 89]

*The lion and the unicorn*

*Were fighting for the crown.*

*The lion beat the unicorn*

*All up-side-down.*

*Some gave them white bread,*

*And some gave them brown;*

*Some gave them plum-cake,*

*And sent them out of town.*

1. The unicorn fought with the what?

Lion          judge          elephant      fish

2. Some gave them white what?

Bread          eggs          crayons      ribbons

3. Some gave them what kind of cake?

Plum          egg          turtle          cranberry

4. They were sent out of the what?

Town          spaceship          see-saw      pool

5. What sound is at the very end of “lion” and “unicorn” and “crown”?

N      E      V      G

[V 90]

*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.*

1. Old King Cole was what kind of an old soul?

Merry      sad      angry      sleepy

2. Old King Cole first called for his what?

Pipe   elephant   mitten   wig

3. The second thing Old King Cole called for was his what?

Bowl   fire   frog   blanket

4. Old King Cole called for how many fiddlers?

3      6      9      12

5. What sound is at the beginning of “King” and “Cole” and “called”?

K      M      H      P

[V 91]

*Mistress Mary, quite contrary,*

*How does your garden grow?*

*With silver bells and cockle shells*

*And pretty maids all in a row.*

1. What is the name of the girl called mistress?

Mary          Joan          SunitaLee

2. She is asked how her what grows?

Garden          fish          puddle          fire

3. What color are the bells?

Silver          blue          red          green

4. The rhyme says the girl is quite what?

Contrary          sleepy          sad          tall

5. What sound comes at the end of “grow” and “row”?

O          A          E          I

[V 92]

*Bonny lass, pretty lass,*

*Will you be mine?*

*You shalt not wash dishes*

*Nor yet serve the swine.*

*You shall sit on a cushion*

*And sew a fine seam,*

*And you shall eat strawberries,*

*Sugar and cream.*

1. The rhyme says the lass shall not wash what?

Dishes          blankets          mice          ribbons

2. The rhyme says the lass shall eat what?

Strawberries          fish          carrots          apples

3. The rhyme says the lass shall sit on a what?

Cushion      stone      broom      wheelbarrow

4. What word rhymes with mine?

Swine      boat      spoon      well

5. What sounds come at the end of “seam” and “cream”?

EM    IG    UR    AL

[V 93]

*Handy-spandy, Jacky dandy,*

*Loves plum cake and sugar candy.*

*He bought some at a grocer’s shop,*

*And pleased ran away going hop, hop, hop.*

1. The dandy boy is named what?

Jacky      Tom      Pablo      Kumar

2. The boy loves what kind of cake?

Plum      apple      fish      lemon

3. What word rhymes with dandy?

Candy      lizard      pocketweather

4. He bought cake and candy at what shop?

Grocer’s    Toy    book    flower

5. The boy loves sugar what?

Candy      Bread      Water      Ice

6. What sounds come at the beginning of “plum” and “pleased”?

PL    AW    OR    SK

7. The words “handy” and “he” and “has” all begin with what sound?



H     Z     F     N

[V 94]

*Ding—dong—bell, Kitty's in the well.*

*Who put her in? Little Johnny Green.*

*Who pulled her out? Little Johnny Stout.*

*What a naughty boy was that*

*To try to drown poor kitty cat*

*Who never did him any harm,*

*And killed the mice in his father's barn.*

1. Kitty was put in the what?

Well            cradle            window            puddle

2. The boy who put her in was called Little Johnny what color?

Green            white            black            brown

3. What did kitty kill?

Mice            spider            frog            lion

4. Kitty killed them in the father's what?

Barn            wheelbarrow            window            fireplace

5. What sound comes at the beginning of "the" and "that"?

TH     ER     NG     BR

[V 95]

*This little piggy went to market,*

*This little piggy stayed home;*

*This little piggy had roast beef,*

*This little piggy had none;*

*This little piggy said,*

*“Wee, wee wee! I want some!”*

1. The first little piggy went where?

Market      see-saw                  potty                  beach

2. The second little piggy stayed where?

Home                  circus                  tunnel                  cradle

3. The third little piggy had roast what?

Beef                  dolphin                  hummingbird                  mosquitoes

4. The last little piggy said, I want what?

Some                  giraffes                  worms                  hair

5. The rhyme is about what kind of little animals?

Pigs   mice   birds   spiders

6. The words “went” and “want” and “wee” all begin with what sound?

W      K      C      V

7. What sound is in the middle of “this” and “little” and “pig”?

I      O      U      A

[V 96]

*Two little blackbirds sitting on a hill,*

*One named Jack and the other named Jill.*

*Fly away, Jack! Fly away, Jill!*

*Come again, Jack! Come again, Jill!*

1. There were how many birds?

2      4      7      9

2. The birds were what color?

Black          white          red          yellow

3. A girl bird was named what?

Jill          Lajuana          Maria          Aisha

4. A boy bird was named what?

Jack          Tom          Sunil          Lebron

5. What sound is at the beginning of “away” and “again”?

A      O      U      P

6. What sound is at the beginning and middle of “blackbird”?

B      O      Z      M

[V 97]

*Cross patch, pull the latch,*

*Sit by the fire and spin;*

*Take a cup and drink it up,*

*Then call your neighbors in.*

1. The rhymes says the person should take a what to drink up?

Cup   bowl   well   puddle

2. The person should sit by the what?

Fire   goat   horn   duck

3. The person should sit and do what?

Spin          nap          giggle          burp

4. What word rhymes with patch?

Latch          dillar          pearl          wife

5. What sound comes at the end of “patch” and “hatch”?

CH      FR      PL      TH

6. What sound is at the beginning of “patch” and “pull” and end of “up” and “cup”?

P H F G  
[V 98]

*Old Mother Hubbard*

*Went to the cupboard*

*To get her poor dog a bone;*

*But when she went there*

*The cupboard was bare,*

*And so the poor dog had none.*

1. Old Mother Hubbard went to the cupboard to get a what?

Bone            nail            basketpenny

2. When she went there the cupboard was what?

Bare            whispering            burnt            broken

3. What poor animal had none?

Dog            turtle            calf            duck

4. What word rhymes with Hubbard?

Cupboard    annoy            fairy    library

5. What sound is in the middle of "Hubbard" and "cupboard"?

B    L    S    K

[V 99]

*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.*

*Spell me that in four letters:*

*I will: T H A T.*

1. The porridge is in the what?

Pot            tent            window        well

2. Some like the porridge how many days old?

9      3      2      5

3. The rhyme says spell **that** in how many letters?

4      1      10      20

4. What kind of porridge is it?

Pease            fly            elf            dolphin

5. What sound is at the end of “pease” and “days” and “letters”

Z      M      V      W

[V 100]

*Polly, put the kettle on,*

*Polly, put the kettle on,*

*Polly, put the kettle on,*

*We'll all have tea.*

*Sukey, take it off again,*

*Sukey, take it off again,*

*Sukey, take it off again,*

*They're all gone away.*

1. The rhyme says who should put the kettle on?

Polly            Serena            Lajuana            Grandmother

2. Who should take it off again?

Sukey            Aisha            Lily            Margery

3. They put the kettle on to have what to drink?

Tea            coffee            lemonade            cocoa

4. The rhyme says they're all gone where?

Away            circus            beach            playground

5. What sound is at the beginning of "take" and the middle of "kettle"?

T      J      W      F

6. What sound is at the beginning of "Polly" and "put"?

P      L      M      G

7. What sound is at the beginning of "kettle" and middle of "Sukey" and end of "take"?

K      N      D      P

[V 101 A]

*The sow came in with the saddle,*

*The little pig rocked the cradle,*

*The dish jumped up on the table*

*To see the pot swallow the ladle.*

1. What came in with the saddle?

Sow            robin            goat            lion

2. The little pig rocked the what?

Cradle            basket            rabbit            frog

3. What swallowed the ladle?

Pot            horse            fireplace            squirrel

4. The dish jumped up on the what?

Table            goose            bridge            clock

5. What sounds are in the end of "saddle" and "cradle"?

DL CH UM NG  
[V 101 B]

*The spit that stood behind the door  
Threw the pudding-stick on the floor.  
“Gracious!” said the gridiron,  
“Can’t you agree?  
I’m the boss policeman,  
Bring them to me!”*

1. The spit stood behind the what?  
Door fan helmet spaceship
2. The spit threw the pudding-stick on the what?  
Floor girl pixie robot
3. What word rhymes with agree?  
Me work stool joke
4. The gridiron said he was the boss what?  
Policeman clown elf blacksmith
5. What sound is at the beginning of “gridiron” and I the middle of “agree”?  
G O F M

[V 102 A]

*Little Robin Redbreast sat upon a tree,  
Up went the Kitty-Cat, and down went he,  
Down came Kitty-Cat, away Robin ran;  
Says little Robin Redbreast: “Catch me if you can!”*

1. The rhyme is about what kind of red-breasted bird?

Robin          goose          hen          duck

2. The little bird sat upon a what?

Tree          clock          lion          barn

3. What animal chases the bird?

Kitty-cat      horse          mouse      fish

4. What word rhymes with can?

Ran          jumped      chirped      flew

5. What sound is in the middle of “sat” and “ran”?

A      U      O      P

[V 102 A]

*Little Robin Redbreast jumped upon a spade,*

*Kitty-Cat jumped after him, and then he was afraid.*

*Little Robin chirped and sang, and what did Kitty say?*

*Kitty-Cat said: “Meow, meow, meow,” and Robin flew away.*

1. Little Robin jumped upon a what?

Spade          helmet          pelican          bubble

2. Who jumped after Robin and made him afraid?

Kitty-cat      spider          frog          calf

3. Robin chirped and what?

Sang          burned          fibbed          burped

4. When Kitty-cat said meow, how did Robin go away?

Flew          dance          slide          jump

5. What sound is at the end of “say” and “away”?

A      E      U      O



[V 103]

*A farmer went trotting upon his gray mare,*

*Bumpety, bumpety, bump,*

*With his daughter behind him, so rosy and fair,*

*Lumpety, lumpety, lump.*

*A blackbird 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 blackbird flew laughing away,*

*Bumpety, bumpety, bump,*

*And promised to do just the same next day!*

*Lumpety, lumpety, lump.*

1. The farmer rode on a mare horse what color?

Gray            brown            red            white

2. Riding behind the farmer was his what?

Daughter    son            wife            doctor

3. What color bird cried "Croak" and flew away?

Black            red            yellow            blue

4. What word rhymes with "lump" and "bump"?

Stump            walk            dragon            sandal

5. What sound is at the beginning of "bumpety" and "bump" and "blackbird"?

B            T            L            H

[V 104]

*There was an old woman*

*Sold puddings and pies;*

*She went to the hill,*

*And dust flew in her eyes.*

*While all through the streets,*

*To all that she meets*

*She always cries:*

*“Hot Pies—Hot Pies.”*

1. The old woman sold puddings and what?

Pies            eggs            carrots            mice

2. The old woman went to the what?

Hill            puddle            barn            bridge

3. Dust flew in the old woman’s what?

Eyes            mouth            nose            hair

4. What word rhymes with meets?

Streets            doll            bicycle            wren

5. What sounds are at the end of “dust” and beginning of “street”?

ST    UM    NG    FL

[V 105]

*“Old woman, old woman, shall we go a-shearing?”*

*“Speak a little louder, sir, I’m very hard of hearing.”*

*“Old woman, old woman, shall I kiss you dearly?”*

*“Thank you, quite kindly sir, I hear very clearly.”*

1. The woman says speak a little **what** sir?  
Louder      faster      quieter      slower
2. The woman says she’s hard of what?  
Hearing      hiccupping      whistling      skipping
3. The man asks if he should do what to her dearly?  
Kiss      sing      lie      whisper
4. What word rhymes with shearing?  
Hearing      crocodile      dollhouse      owl
5. What sounds are at the beginning of “shall” and “shear”?  
SH      AN      EM      PL

[V 106]

*My little old man and I had a spat;*

*Sit and I’ll tell you all about that:*

*I had money and he had none,*

*And that’s the way the noise begun.*

1. The woman had a spat with her little old what?  
Man      pig      spider      mouse
2. The old woman had what and he had none?  
Money      sandwiches      cobwebs      mittens
3. She says that’s the way the what begun?  
Noise      dancing      swimming      skating
4. What word rhymes with begun?  
None      slipper      diaper      aunt

5. What sound is at the beginning of “out” and in the middle of “about”?

OU ER NG PL

[V 107]

*Jack Sprat would eat no fat,*

*His wife would eat no lean;*

*And so between the two of them*

*They licked the platter clean.*

1. What was the first name of the man named Sprat?

Jack            Lebron            Alonso            Clarence

2. The man would eat no what?

Fat            dolphin            seaweed            berries

3. His what would eat no lean?

Wife            daughter            son            cat

4. The two of them did what to get the platter clean?

Licked            burned            jumped            burped

5. What sound is at the beginning of “them” and “the”?

TH PL AW ER

[V 108]

*There was an old woman, and what do you think?*

*She lived upon nothing but foods and drink;*

*Food and drink made up most of her diet,*

*And yet this old woman could never be quiet.*

1. The rhyme says the woman is what?

Old    young            rich    poor

2. She lived upon nothing but foods and what?

Drink          mittens          stones          ribbons

3. What word rhymes with think?

Drink          mountain          boat          tongue

4. This woman could never be what?

Quiet          busy          skinny          wise

5. What sound is in the middle of “diet” and “quiet”?

I          A          O          U

[V 109]

*What’s the news of the day,*

*Good neighbor, please say?*

*They said the balloon*

*Has gone up to the moon.*

1. The good neighbor is asked about the news of the what?

Day          submarine          circus          dragon

2. They said what has gone up?

Balloon          spider          duck          basket

3. They said it has gone up to the what?

Moon          chimney          tree          window

4. What word rhymes with day?

Say          wormstoothbrush          reindeer

5. What sound is at the end of “say” and “day” and “pray”?

A          I          O          U

[V 110]

*There was a crooked man,*

*And he walked a crooked mile,*

*He found a crooked sixpence*

*Against a crooked tile;*

*He bought a crooked cat*

*Which caught a crooked mouse,*

*And they all lived together*

*In a little crooked house.*

1. The man bought what animal?

Cat            hog            elephant    goat

2. The man's animal caught what smaller animal?

Mouse        spider        turtle        rabbit

3. They all lived together in a little what?

House        barn        tree        haystack

4. Most of the things in the rhyme are what?

Crooked      sunny        whistling    quick

5. What sound is at the beginning of "there" and "they"?

TH    PL    IG    UM

[V 111]

*There was a piper had a cow,  
And he had nothing to give her;  
He pulled out his pipe and played her a tune,  
And asked the cow to consider.  
The cow considered very well,  
And gave the piper a penny,  
And asked him to play another tune,  
That is, if he knew any.*

1. The man in the rhyme was a what?

Piper          fisherman          hunter          king

2. The man had what kind of animal?

Cow          squirrel          goose          elephant

3. The animal gave the man a what?

Penny          flower          candlestick          banana

4. The animal asked the man to play another what?

Tune          game          joke          trick

5. What sound is at the beginning of “had” and “he” and “her”?

H      S      P      T

[V 112]

*The man in the wilderness  
Asked me*

*How many strawberries*

*Grew in the sea.*

*I answered him*

*As I thought good,*

*Just as many as red herrings*

*Grew in the wood.*

1. The man at the beginning was in the what?

Wilderness          helmet          rocket          library

2. The man asked how many what grew in the sea?

Strawberries          flowers          eggs          pumpkins

3. The herring fish in the rhyme are what color?

Red          blue          green          yellow

4. The man answers, just as many as herrings grew in the what?

Wood          spoon          window          fireplace

5. What sound is at the beginning of “wilderness” and “wood”?

W      F      J      T

[V 113]

*Hark! Hark!*

*The dogs do bark,*

*The beggars are coming to town;*

*Some in rags,*

*Some in tags,*

*And one in a velvet gown.*

1. What animals make noise at the beginning of the rhyme?



Dogs          pigs          spiders          mice

2. Who are coming to town?

Beggars          clowns          fairies          dragons

3. Some of the people coming wear what?

Rags          tubs          skates          pancakes

4. One coming to town wears a gown made of what?

Velvet          wormssandals          seaweed

5. What sound is in the middle of “beggars” and the beginning of “gown”?

G          F          D          L

[V 114]

*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?*

1. The person speaking the rhyme was going where?

St. Ives          London          Norridge          market

2. The man had how many wives?

7          2          4          12

3. Every what had seven kits?

Cat          judge          puddle          wheelbarrow

4. Every wife had seven what?

Sacks          giraffes          berries          alligators

5. What sound is at the beginning of “cat” and “kit”?

K      L      M      R

[V 115]

*I had a little husband no bigger than my thumb,*

*I put him in a little pot, and had him play a drum;*

*I bought a little handkerchief to wipe his little nose,*

*And a pair of little garters to tie his little hose.*

1. The little husband was no bigger than a what?

Thumb          penny          flower          clock

2. The wife put her husband in a little what?

Pot          balloon          egg          mitten

3. She bought a little handkerchief to wipe his little what?

Nose          ears          eyes          mouth

4. The wife had her little husband play a what?

Drum          trick          joke          game

5. What sound is at the beginning of “husband” and “handkerchief” and “hose”?

H      P      J      L

[V 116]

*Big A, little a,*

*Bouncing B;*

*The cat's in the cupboard,*

*But me she didn't C.*

1. The first letter is a big what?

A     D     F     H

2. The bouncing letter is a what?

B     G     J     S

3. What is in the cupboard?

Cat   elephant   cranberries   queen

4. The second letter is a little what?

a     e     k     m

5. What sound is at the beginning of “cat” and “cupboard”?

K     N     F     M

[V 117]

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.

1. In the rhyme somebody speaks to what animal?

Bat            dragon            crocodile            pelican

2. Someone says to the animal, come under my what?

Hat            cup            blanket            spoon

3. Someone offers to give the animal a what?

Cake            fish            ribbon            clock

4. What word rhymes with mistaken?

Bacon            diaper            snort            spear

5. What sound is at the end of “bake” and “cake” and in the middle of “mistaken”?

AK TH PL UM

[V 118]

*As I was going up Primrose Hill,*

*Primrose Hill was dirty;*

*There I met a pretty girl,*

*And she gave me a curtsy.*

*Little girl, pretty girl,*

*Blessings be upon you;*

*If I had half-a-dollar a day,*

*I'd spend it all on you.*

1. Primrose is the name of a what?

Hill            bridge            elephant            bone

2. The place called Primrose was what?

Dirty            empty            cold            crooked

3. The little girl gave a what?

Curtsey            kiss            hug            burp

4. The person promises to spend how much a day on the girl?

Half-a-dollar            penny            jewel            button

5. What sound comes at the end of "as" and "was" and "Primrose"?

Z            G            N            B

[V 119]

*There was a little boy went into a barn*

*And lay down on some hay;  
A calf came out and smelled about,  
And the little boy ran away.*

1. The little boy went into a what?

Barn          window          garden          forest

2. The little boy lay down on some what?

Hay          cobwebs          strawberries          mice

3. What came out and smelled about?

Calf          lion          spider          fish

4. At the end the little boy did what?

Ran          swim          flew          whisper

5. What sound is in the middle of “down” and “about”?

OU    TH    GR    ST

[V 120]

*When good King Arthur ruled his land*

*He was a goodly king;*

*He stole three sacks of barley meal*

*To make a bag-pudding.*

*A bag-pudding the king did make,*

*And stuffed it well with plums,*

*And in it put great lumps of fat*

*As big as my two thumbs.*

*The king and queen ate less than half,*

*Not much more, though they tried,*

*And what they could not eat that night*

*The queen next morning fried.*

1. Arthur was a goodly what?

King            pieman            piper            fisherman

2. He stole how many bags of barleymeal?

3      5      7      9

3. He stuffed the bag-pudding well with what?

Plums            fish            stones            bananas

4. The next morning who fried what they could not eat that night?

Queen            hunter            baby            goose

5. What sound is at the beginning of “when” and “what”?

WH    NG    AK    DL

[V 121]

*“Jacky, come give me your fiddle,*

*And you shall have pennies five.”*

*“No, I’ll not give my fiddle*

*To any man alive.*

*“If I should give my fiddle*

*They’ll think I’ve lost my mind,*

*For whenever I play my fiddle,*

*I leave all my troubles behind.”*

1. What boy has the fiddle?

Jacky            Luis            Khalid            Lavel

2. Someone would trade how many pennies for the fiddle?

5      3      9      12

3. When the boy plays his fiddle he leaves behind all his what?

Troubles    reindeer    clothes    grocers

4. What word rhymes with behind?

Mind            prayers            short            diaper

5. What sound is at the beginning of “think” and “thrive”?

TH    OT    UN    IL

[V 122]

*One, two, three, four, five,*

*I caught a rabbit alive;*

*Six, seven, eight, nine, ten,*

*I let him go again.*

1. What word rhymes with alive?

5      1      3      4

2. Someone caught what animal?

Rabbitlion            turtle            fish

3. What word rhymes with again?

10    6      8      2

4. Someone let the animal do what again?

Go            work            snort            burp

5. What sound is in the middle of “five” and “alive”?

I      O      U      G

[V 123]

*The north wind does blow,  
And we shall have snow,  
And what will poor robin do then?  
Poor thing!  
He'll sit in the barn  
And keep himself warm,  
And hide his head under his wing.*

*Poor thing!*

1. The north wind will blow and bring what kind of weather?  
Snowy      sunny      rainy      cloudy
2. The rhyme is about what kind of bird?  
Robin      hen      goose      duck
3. The bird will sit where to keep himself warm?  
Barn      haystack      bush      garden
4. The poor bird will hide his head under his what?  
Wing      helmet      blanket      nest
5. What sound is at the beginning of "wind" and "we" and "warm"?  
W      J      P      H

[V 124]

*"You owe me five onions,"*

*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.*

*“Orchards and garden,”*

*Say the bells of St. Martin’s.*

*“Kettles and pans,”*

*Say the bells of St. Ann’s.*

*“Shingles and tiles,”*

*Say the bells of St. Giles.*

*“Old shoes and slippers,”*

*Say the bells of St. Peter’s.*

*“Sleepy-time yawns,”*

*Say the bells of St. John’s.*

1. The bells of St. Helen’s say you owe five what that rhymes with Helen’s?

Onions      prayers      skates      secrets

2. The bells of Whitechapel ring two sticks and a what that rhymes with chapel?

Apple      goat      mitten      sandwich

3. The bells of St. Ann’s say kettles and what that rhymes with Ann’s?

Pans      boots      berries      alligators

4. The bells of St. John’s say sleepy-time what that rhymes with John’s?

Yawns      burp      snort      fib

5. What sound is at the beginning of “shillings” and “shoes” and “Shoreditch”?

SH NG PL OU

6. What sound is at the end of say and pay?

O I A U

7. What sound comes at the end of “me” and “be” and in the middle and end of “sleepy”?

E A U O

8. What sound comes at the beginning of “old” and the end of “Bow” and “know”?

O E A I

[V 125] *There was a man in our town,*

*And he was wondrous wise,*

*He jumped into a bramble-bush,*

*And scratched out both his eyes;*

*And when he saw his eyes were out,*

*With all his might and main*

*He jumped into another bush*

*And scratched them in again.*

1. The man in the town was wondrous what?

Wise slow tall old

2. The man jumped into a bramble-what?

Bush haystack sandwich flower

3. The man scratched out both his what?

Eyes ears thumbs mittens

4. To scratch them back in he jumped into a what?

Bush      egg      puddle      cradle

5. What sound comes at the end of "both" and "with"?

TH   PL   AW   OR

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