Make Friends with Mother Goose
16 Favorite Nursery Rhymes to Memorize, Recite and Read

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Note for Parents and Classroom Teachers: Consider binding or stapling this collection of rhymes into a book so families can enjoy reciting them together. See www.nellieedge.com/articles/MakeFriendswithMotherGoose for literacy connections, research and the benefits of memorizing nursery rhymes.
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1, 2, Buckle My Shoe

1, 2, Buckle my shoe;
3, 4, Shut the door;
5, 6, Pick up sticks;
7, 8, Lay them straight;
9, 10, A big fat hen.
Humpty Dumpty

Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall,
Humpty Dumpty had a great fall;
All the King’s horses
and all the King’s men
couldn’t put Humpty together again.
Mary had a little lamb,
Its fleece was white as snow;
And everywhere
That Mary went,
The lamb was sure to go.
Jack and Jill

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.
Hey, Diddle, Diddle

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

Jack be nimble,
Jack be quick,
Jack jump over
The candlestick.
Hickory, Dickory, Dock

Hickory, dickory, dock,
The mouse ran up the clock.
The clock struck one,
The mouse ran down,
Hickory, dickory, dock.
Little Miss Muffet

Little Miss Muffet sat on a tuffet,
Eating her curds whey.
Along came a spider,
Who sat down beside her
And frightened Miss Muffet away.
Yankee Doodle went to town,
Riding on a pony;
He stuck a feather in his hat
And called it macaroni.
Little Jack Horner

Little Jack Horner
Sat in a corner,
Eating a Christmas pie;
He stuck in his thumb,
And pulled out a plum,
And said,
“What a good boy am I!”
Wee Willie Winkie

Wee Willie Winkie runs through the town,
Upstairs and downstairs in his night-gown,
Rapping at the window,
Crying through the lock,
"Are the children in their beds?
Now it's eight o'clock."
Old Mother Hubbard

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

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

Baa, baa, black sheep,
Have you any wool?
Yes sir, yes sir, three bags full;
One for my master,
And one for my dame,
And one for the little boy
Who lives down the lane.
This Little Pig

This little pig went market,

This little pig stayed home,

This little pig had roast beef,

This little pig had none,

And this little pig cried,

“Wee, wee, wee, wee, wee, wee.”

All the way home.
The End

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