

Babytime!

Games, Rhymes, Songs,
and Lullabies for Babies

(0-24 months old)



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Many of the rhymes and songs on these pages have been used in our weekly Babytime sessions for many years. Also included are some new favorites and other rhymes that are perfect to try at home when you want some special “baby-time” of your own.

Enjoy!



The Gift of Rhyme

Share the wonder
Share the time,
Give your child
The gift of rhyme.

Give her words that hold a beat,
Fun to remember, fun to repeat.

Give him words that always flow,
Spoken fast or spoken slow.

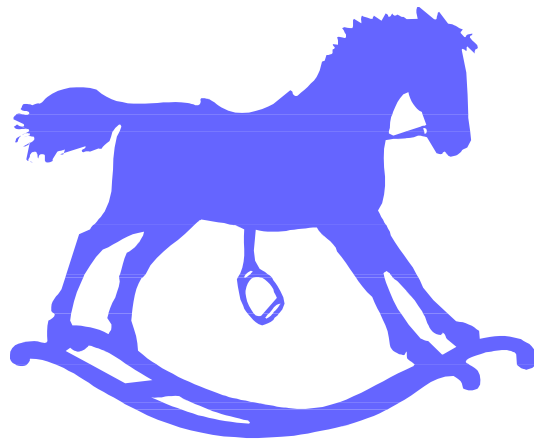
Give her friends that entertain,
Give him words that never change.

Share the wonder
Share the time,
Give your child
The gift of rhyme.

-Jean Warren

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*Substitute child's name for "baby" whenever possible

Eyes, Ears and Nose

These are my eyes

These are my eyes
This is my nose
This is my belly button
These are my toes

An Elephant

An elephant goes like this and that (tap knees)
He's terribly big (hold hands up high)
And terribly fat (hold hands out wide)
He has big ears (wiggle ears)
And he has big toes (wiggle toes)
And goodness gracious!
What a nose! (wiggle nose)

Early in the Morning

This is the way we wash our hands
(rub baby's hands together)
Wash our hands, wash our hands
This is the way we wash our hands
So early in the morning
This is the way we...
Wash our face (rub baby's cheeks)
Brush our hair (rub baby's hair)
Shine our shoes (rub baby's feet)
Give a kiss (kiss baby's cheeks)
— make up your own verses —

These are baby's fingers

These are baby's fingers (wiggle fingers)
And these are baby's toes (wiggle toes)
This is baby's belly button (circle finger on
Round and round it goes baby's tummy)
These are baby's eyes (gently touch eyes)
And this is baby's nose (touch nose)
This is baby's belly button (tickle tummy)
Right where Mommy blows!
(buzz lips on baby's tummy)

Wake Up Toes (follow motions in song)

Wake up toes, wake up toes
Wake up toes and wiggle, wiggle, wiggle
Wake up toes, wake up toes,
Wake and wiggle in the morning
Wake up feet, wake up feet...
Wake up legs, wake up legs...
Wake up arms, wake up arms...
Wake up hands, wake up hands...
Wake up head, wake up head...
Wake up me, all of me...

Head Shoulders Knees & Toes

Head, shoulders, knees and toes
Knees and toes
Head, shoulders, knees and toes
Knees and toes
Eyes, and ears, and mouth, and nose
Head, shoulders, knees and toes
Knees and toes

Mr. Rabbit

Mr. Rabbit has a habit
That is very cute to see
He wrinkles up and crinkles up
His little nose at me
(touch baby's nose)

Knock on the Door

(great at mealtime)
Ring the bell (tug on ear or lock of hair)
Knock on the door (tap forehead)
Peek in (peek in eyes)
Lift up the latch (touch nose)
And walk right in! (offer baby some food)

Touch Game

(suit actions to words)
Touch your nose, touch your chin,
That's the way this game begins.
Touch your eyes, touch your knees,
Now pretend you're going to sneeze.
Touch your hair, touch one ear,
Touch your two red lips right here.
Touch your elbows where they bend,
That's the way this touch game ends.

Bedtime Rhyme (suit actions to words)

A lick of soap for fingers, a spot of soap for toes
A little wipe for neck and ears,
and cheeks and chin and nose
Cuddle in the towel, little sleepy head
Just brush your teeth, and comb your hair
And snuggle into bed

Eye Winker (touch parts named)

Head bumper,
Eye winker
Tom tinker (touch ear)
Nose smeller,
Mouth eater
Chin chopper
Chin chopper
Chin chopper - Chin!

I Uncover My Eyes

**I uncover my eyes, and what can I see?
I can see you and I can see me.
I can see my fingers, and I can see my toes.
I can see my tummy, but I can't see my nose!**

Where are your toes?

What a surprise, here are your eyes

(point to eyes)

And this I suppose is a nose

(point to nose)

And right under here, I've discovered an ear

(tickle ear)

But where oh where are your toes?

(tickle toes)

Baby's Game

Touch your ears, pat your nose

Tickle baby's little toes

Hide your eyes (cover eyes)

Where are you?

Baby's playing peek-a-boo! (uncover eyes)

Clap, clap, clap your hands

Clap, clap, clap your hands

Clap them just like me

Clap, clap, clap your hands

Clap them just like me

- also try-

Tap, tap tap your knees.....

Roll, roll, roll your hands...

Stomp, stomp, stomp your feet...

Wave, wave, wave your arms...

Shake, shake, shake your hands...

Nod, nod, nod, your head...

-make up your own verses!-

Put your finger on your nose

Put your finger on your nose, on your nose

Put your finger on your nose, on your nose

Put your finger on your nose

Put your finger on your nose

Put your finger on your nose, on your nose

-repeat naming other body parts-

Put your hands on your head...

Tap your knees with your hands...

Rub your cheeks with your hands...

Clap you hands with me now...

This is Me

(touch parts named)

Two little eyes to look around

Two little ears to hear each sound

One little nose to smell what's sweet

One little mouth that likes to eat

Shoe a Little Horse

(good for changing time)

Shoe a little horse (tap on bottom of right foot)

Shoe a little mare (tap on bottom of left foot)

But let the little coltie go

Bare, bare, bare!

(tap feet together or pat bottom)

Baby's Face

(touch parts named)

Brow, brow, brinkie

Mouth, mouth, merry

Cheek, cheek, cherry

Chin-chopper, chin-chopper, chin!

Little Red Nose

Where did you get that little red nose?

Jack Frost kissed it I suppose.

He kissed it once.

He kissed it twice.

Poor little nose it's as cold as ice!



The Moon is as Round

The Moon is as round

(running finger around baby's face two times)

As round can be

Two eyes,

(touching baby's eyes)

A nose,

(touching baby's nose)

And a mouth

(touching baby's mouth)

Like me!

(placing your hand on your chest)

That's Me, Complete

I have ten little fingers and ten little toes

(wiggle fingers and toes)

Two little arms and one little nose

(wave arms and touch your nose)

One little mouth and two little ears

(touch your mouth and your ears)

Two little eyes for smiles and tears

(touch your eyes)

One little head and two little feet

(touch your head and wiggle your feet)

One little chin, that's ME, complete!

(touch your chin, and point to self)

Run Away !

Two little eyes to see with,

(touch your eyes)

Two little feet to run,

(touch or wiggle your feet)

Two little hands to wave with,

(wave hands about)

A nose I have but one.

(touch your nose)

Two little ears to hear with,

(touch or wriggle your ears)

And a tongue to say good-day,

(stick out your tongue and say 'Good Day')

And two red cheeks for you to kiss,

(pat your cheeks & give a kiss)

And now I'll run away.

When James is eating Custard by John Foster

When James is eating custard,
He gets it everywhere.
Down his bib, up his nose,
And on his high chair.

He pokes it with his fingers.
He spreads it on his hair.
When James is eating custard,
He gets it everywhere!

Stretch up High

Stretch up high as tall as a house,
Curl up round and small as a mouse.
Now pretend you have a drum
And beat like this – tum, tum, tum.
Shake your hands, stamp your feet,
Close your eyes and go to sleep.

My Hands

On my head my hands I place
(place hands on head)
On my shoulders,
(place hands on shoulder)
On my face,
(place hands on face)
On my hips,
(place hands on hips)
And at my side,
(drop hands to side)
Then behind me they will hide,
(hide hands behind back)
I will hold them up so high,
(raise hands high above head)
Quickly make my fingers fly,
(wiggle fingers)
Hold them out in front of me,
(hands in front of body, arms extended)
Swiftly clap them. One, two, three!
(clap, clap, clap)

Tickle Time

Here's a Fly (walk fingers over baby)

Baby bye, here's a fly
We must watch him you and I
There he goes on his toes
Over baby's little nose! (tickle nose)

Tiny Worm

A tiny, tiny worm (wiggle index finger
Wiggled along like this along the floor)
Without a sound
It came to a tiny hole (make circle w/ thumb
A tiny hole in the ground and index finger)
It wiggled right inside
Without a sound (wiggle finger up baby's arm
and tickle under arm)

Round and Round the Garden

Round and round the garden
Goes the teddy bear
(circle baby's tummy)
One step, two steps
(walk fingers up chest)
Tickle under there!
(tickle baby under chin)
Round and round the garden
Goes the little mouse
(circle baby's tummy)
Up, up, up he creeps
(walk fingers up arm)
Up into his house
(tickle baby under arm)

Davy Dumpling

Davy, Davy, Dumpling
(use your baby's name)
Boil him in the pot (wiggle baby)
Sugar him (or her) (tickle baby lightly)
And butter him (stroke baby lightly)
And eat him while he's hot
(nibble baby's ears, neck, cheeks, tummy...)

Criss Cross Applesauce (updated)

Criss cross (draw an X on baby's back)
Applesauce (tap shoulders 3 times)
Spiders climbing up your back (tickle baby's back)
One here, one there (walk fingers up baby's neck)
Spiders crawling in your hair (ruffle baby's hair)
Cool breeze (blow on back of baby's neck)
Tight squeeze (give baby a hug)
Now you've got the shivers! (tickle all over)

Bumblebee

Bumblebee was in the barn
(circle finger in the air)
Carrying dinner under his arm
(move finger closer to baby)
Bzzzzzzzzzzzz!
(tickle baby)

Make my baby smile

I can make my baby smile
When I tickle his little toes (wiggle toes)
I can make my baby smile
When I tickle his little nose! (wiggle nose)

Slowly, Slowly

Slowly, slowly, very slowly,
Creeps the garden snail
(walk fingers over baby)
Slowly, slowly, very slowly,
Up the wooden rail
Quickly, quickly, very quickly
Runs the little mouse
(run fingers over baby)
Quickly, quickly, very quickly
Round about the house

Where are the Bees?

Here is the beehive (make fist)
But where are the bees? (shrug shoulders)
Hiding inside (point to fist)
Where nobody sees (shake head "no")
Watch them come creeping
Out of their hive
1,2,3,4,5 (open up fist one finger at a time)
Bzzzzzzzz!
(fly pretend bee around and tickle baby)

Caterpillar (crawl fingers on baby's back)
"Who's that tickling my back?"
Said the wall
"Me" said a caterpillar
"I'm learning to crawl."

Tickle Bug

(play this game in bed)
Tickle bug, tickle bug
Hunting feet
Creeping creeping
Over the sheet
One! Two!
Catch 'em like this (catch feet)
Tickle-y Tickle-y (tickle toes)
Tummy kiss! (kiss tummy)

Inchworm

(inch fingers up and down baby's arm)
Inchworm, inchworm, inching along
Inchworm, inchworm, singing a song
Inchworm, inchworm, before the day ends
Inchworm, inchworm, will you be my friend?

Little Mousie

See the little mousie
Creeping up the stair
(creep fingers up baby's arm)
Looking for a warm nest
There! -- Oh There!
(tickle baby under arm & on neck)

Creepy Crawly

(creep fingers up from toes)
Creepy crawly little mouse
From the barn
Up to the house
Watch out little mouse!
Don't fall in that hole!
(tickle belly button, under arm, or under ear)

These are baby's fingers

These are baby's fingers (wiggle fingers)
And these are baby's toes (wiggle toes)
This is baby's belly button (circle finger on baby's tummy)
Round and round it goes
These are baby's eyes (gently touch eyes)
And this is baby's nose (touch nose)
This is baby's belly button (tickle tummy)
Right where Mommy blows!
(buzz lips on baby's tummy)

Rub-a dub-dub

Rub-a-dub-dub (rub noses with baby)
Three men in a tub
And who do you think they be?
The butcher (tickle under left arm)
The baker (tickle under right arm)
The candlestick maker (tickle baby's tummy)
And out they jumped all three (lift baby up)

X marks the spot

X marks the spot
(make an X on baby's chest or back)
With a dot, dot, dot
(tap with finger on belly or back 3 times)
And a dash, and a dash
(draw 2 lines on baby's chest or back)
And a question mark
(draw a question mark with a dot)
Tickle up, tickle down
(tickle baby up to head and down to toes)
Tickle baby all around (tickle all over)

Hickory Dickory Dock

Hickory dickory dock
The mouse ran up the clock
(run fingers up from baby's toes to head)
The clock struck one
(clap hands once)
The mouse ran down
(run fingers down from head to toes)
Hickory dickory dock
- repeat with -
...the clock struck two (clap twice)
the mouse said boo!
...the clock struck three (clap 3 times)
the mouse said whee!
...the clock struck four (clap 4 times)
there is no more

Jeremiah

Jeremiah blow the candles
Puff, puff, puff
First you blow them gently (blow gently on neck)
Then you blow them rough (blow harder)

The Train

The train goes up the hill
Choo, choo, choo, choo (tickle up baby's arm)
Blows the whistle
Toot Toot! (tug gently on ear)
Then the train goes down the hill
Choo, choo, choo, choo (tickle down baby's arm)

The train goes up the hill
Choo, choo, choo, choo (tickle up baby's arm)
Rings the bell
Ding Ding! (tug gently on ear)
Then the train goes down the hill
Choo, choo, choo, choo (tickle down baby's arm)

The Bug

One two three (crawl fingers over baby's arm or leg)
There's a bug on me
Where did it go? (Hold hand out to sides)
I don't know! (shake head "no")

Dig a hole

(circle finger above baby's tummy)
I'm going to dig a hole
And I don't know where
I think I'll dig a hole (make circle smaller)
Right....
There! (tickle baby's belly button)

Creepy Mouse

Creepy mouse, creepy mouse
(creep fingers up baby's arm)
All the way up
To baby's house!
(tickle neck or under arm)

Round the World

(circle finger above baby's tummy)
Round the world, round the world
Catch a big bear
Where will we catch him? (make circle smaller)
Right in there!
(tickle baby's belly button)

Little Flea

(creep fingers over baby starting at toes)
Creeping, creeping, little flea
Up my leg and past my knee
To my tummy, on he goes
Past my chin and to my nose
Now he's creeping down my chin
To my tummy once again
Down my leg and past my knee
To my toe that little flea
GOTCHA! (tickle baby's foot)



...a version from Australia

On My Foot there is a Flea

On my foot there is a flea
(touching their foot)
Now he's climbing up on me
(climbing fingers up their leg)
Past my belly
(continue climbing fingers up)
Past my nose
On my head where my hair grows
(pat their head)
On my head there is a flea
Now he's climbing down on me
(climbing fingers down)
Past my belly
(continue climbing fingers down)
Past my knee
On my foot
(touching their foot)
Take that, you flea
(clapping hands together)

Arabella Miller

Tune: Twinkle, twinkle little star
Little Arabella Miller
Found a fuzzy caterpillar
(tickle palm with two fingers)
First it crawled up on her mother
(walk fingers up left arm)
Then it crawled on her baby brother
(walk fingers up right arm)
Everyone said, "Arabella Miller!
(shake index finger))
Take away that caterpillar!"
(hide hands behind back)

A Knee game

What do I see? Baby's knee!
(circle and Tickle knee)
Tickly, tickly, tic, tac, tee.
(circle and Tickle knee)
One for a penny, two for a pound.
(tickle knees alternately)
Tickly, tickly, round and round.
(tickle body)

Clap Those Hands!

We're Glad You're Here

(clap and sing to

"All around the Mulberry Bush")

Baby (name here) has a red shirt on,

Red shirt on, red shirt on

Baby has a red shirt on

We're glad he's (or she's) here today

- repeat with....blue shoes

green pants

yellow dress

pink bow

Thank You! (suit actions to words)

My hands say thank you

With a clap, clap, clap

My feet say thank you

With a tap, tap, tap

Clap, clap, clap

Tap, tap, tap

I roll my hands

And say Goodbye!

Five Little Ducks

5 little ducks went out to play

(hold up 5 fingers)

Over the fields and far away

(arc hand up and down)

When mother duck said

Quack! Quack! Quack!

(clap hands like a duck's bill)

4 little ducks came waddling back

(wiggle body or four fingers)

- repeat with 4, 3, 2, 1

Sad mother duck went out one day

Over the fields and far away

(arc hand up and down)

When mother duck said

Quack! Quack! Quack!

(clap loudly using whole arm)

5 little ducks came waddling back

(wiggle body or fingers)

Little Turtle

I had a little turtle

Who lived in a box (draw a square in the air)

He swam in the puddles (pretend to swim)

And climbed on the rocks (pretend to climb)

He snapped at a mosquito (pinch with fingers)

He snapped at a flea

He snapped at a minnow

And he snapped at me!

He caught the mosquito (clap hands)

He caught the flea

He caught the minnow

But he didn't catch me! (shake head "no")

Peas Porridge Hot

Peas porridge hot (clap hands 3 times)

Peas porridge cold (tap knees 3 times)

Peas porridge in the pot (clap hands 3 times)

Nine days old (tap knees 3 times)

Some like it hot (clap hands 3 times)

Some like it cold (tap knees 3 times)

Some like it in the pot (clap hands 3 times)

Nine days old (tap knees 3 times)

Good Morning

One day I saw a downy duck

With feathers on her back

I said "Good morning Downy Duck"

(wave hello)

And she said "Quack, Quack, Quack!"

(clap hands with wrists touching

like a duck's beak)

Mingle-dee, Pingle-dee

Mingle-dee, pingle, dee

Clap, clap, clap (clap hands)

How many fingers

Do I hold in my lap?

(have child count your fingers)

Mr. Bullfrog

Here's Mr. Bullfrog (make a fist)

Sitting on a rock (put fist on palm)

Into the water he jumps

KERPLOP! (clap loudly)

Pat -A-Cake

Pat a cake, pat a cake (clap hands)

Baker's man

Bake me a cake

As fast as you can

Roll it (roll hands)

And pat it (tap knees or pat tummy)

And mark it with a "B"

(draw first letter of baby's name on tummy)

Put it * in the oven for baby and me!

(clap hands)

* or throw it (throw hands in air)

Baa Baa Black Sheep

Baa baa black sheep (clap along to song)

Have you any wool?

Yes sir, yes sir, three bags full

One for my master (one big clap)

And one for my dame (another big clap)

And one (another big clap)

For the little boy (or girl)

Who lives down the lane

Clap, clap, clap your hands

Clap, clap, clap your hands
Clap them just like me
Clap, clap, clap your hands
Clap them just like me
- also try-

Tap, tap tap your knees.....
Roll, roll, roll your hands...
Stomp, stomp, stomp your feet...
Wave, wave, wave your arms...
Shake, shake, shake your hands...
Nod, nod, nod, your head...
-make up your own verses!-

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the mouse said boo!
...the clock struck three (clap 3 times)
the mouse said whee!
...the clock struck four (clap 4 times)
there is no more

Five Fat Sausages

Five fat sausages sizzling in the pan
(wiggle 5 fingers palm flat)
All of a sudden one went BAM! (clap loudly)
Four fat sausages sizzling in the pan
(wiggle 4 fingers)
All of a sudden one went BAM! (clap loudly)
Three fat sausages sizzling in the pan
(wiggle 3 fingers)
All of a sudden one went BAM! (clap loudly)
Two fat sausages sizzling in the pan
(wiggle 2 fingers)
All of a sudden one went BAM! (clap loudly)
One fat sausage sizzling in the pan
(wiggle 1 finger)
All of a sudden it went BAM! (clap loudly)
Now there are no more sausages sizzling in the pan!
(shake head no)

Clap Handies (clap hands to rhythm)

Clap, clap handies
Mommy's little one
Clap, clap handies
Daddy's coming home

Hot Cross Buns

Hot cross buns (clap along to rhyme)
Hot cross buns
One a penny (one big clap)
Two a penny (another big clap)
Hot cross buns

Five Green Peas

Five green peas in a peapod pressed
(make 2 fists)
One grew (open fists slowly)
Two grew
And so did all the rest
They grew and they grew (slowly open arms wide)
And they could not stop
Till one day that peapod
Just had to go
POP! (clap loudly)

Bananas

by Lana Krumwiede

One banana, two bananas (clap twice)
In a bunch (clap 3 times)
Three bananas, four bananas (clap twice)
Let's have lunch! (clap 3 times)



Tiny Tim (a good rhyme to 'blow' bubbles to)

There was a little turtle,
(make a "turtle with one fist
with the thumb poking out)
His name was Tiny Tim.
I put him the bathtub to see if he could swim.
(swim arms)
He drank up all the water,
(pretend to drink from a cup)
He ate up all the soap,
(open and close fingers as if they were eating)
And now he is in the bathtub,
With a bubble in his throat. (touch throat)
Bubble, bubble, bubble,
(slowly open arms wider and wider)
Bubble, bubble, bubble,
Bubble, bubble, bubble,
Bubble, bubble, POP! (clap loudly once on POP)

Jack-a-dandy

(clap along to rhyme)
Handy spandy Jack-a-dandy
Loves plum cake and sugar candy
He bought some at the grocer's shop
And out he came hop, hop, hop,
(clap three times loudly
or bounce baby on knees)

Bouncing! Bouncing! Bouncing!

Hippity-Hop

(sing to "Row row your boat")

Hip, hip, hippety hop
(bounce baby on knees or piggyback)
Hippety, hippety, hop
We'll hop around the room today
Until it's time to stop.

The Lost Shoe

Doodley doodley doo (bounce on knees)
The princess lost her shoe
Her highness hopped
The fiddler stopped (stop bouncing)
Not knowing what to do!

Fiddle de dee

Fiddle de dee, fiddle de dee
The fly has married the bumble bee
They went to the church, and married was she
The fly has married the bumble bee!

Dickery dare

Dickery, dickery, dare (bounce baby on knees)
The pig flew up in the air (lift baby up)
The man in brown soon brought him down
Dickery, dickery dare! (bounce baby on knees)

Jump by Kate Greenaway

(good for little jumping beans!)

Jump,jump - jump away
From this town into the next day
Jump,jump - jump over the moon
Jump all the morning, and all the noon
Jump,jump - jump all night
Won't our mothers be in a fright?
Jump,jump - jump over the sea
What wonderful wonders we shall see
Jump,jump - jump far away
And all come home some other day

Higgelty Piggelty

Higgelty piggelty pop!
The dog has eaten the mop
The pig's in a hurry, the cat's in a flurry
Higgelty piggelty pop!

Leg over Leg

Leg over leg (bounce baby on one knee)
As the dog went to Dover
He came to a wall
And Jump! (lift baby on to other knee)
He went over

Bumpety Bump a Mother Goose Rhyme

(on BUMPS and LUMPS, bounce baby on
knees or bounce across floor on bottom)
A farmer went trotting upon his grey mare
BUMPETY, BUMPETY, BUMP!
With his daughter behind him so rosy and fair
LUMPETY, LUMPETY, LUMP!
A raven cried "croak" and they all tumbled down
BUMPETY, BUMPETY, BUMP!
The mare banged her knees and the farmer his crown
LUMPETY, LUMPETY, LUMP!
The mischievous raven flew laughing away
BUMPETY, BUMPETY, BUMP!
And he vowed he would serve them
the same the next day
LUMPETY, LUMPETY, LUMP!

5 Little Monkeys

5 little monkeys jumpin' on the bed
(bounce baby on knees)
One fell off and bumped his (or her) head
(tilt baby to side, tap baby's head)
Mama called the doctor and the doctor said...
(pretend to call on phone)
No more monkeys jumpin' on the bed!
(shake finger "no")
Four little monkeys.....
(repeat above with 3, 2, and 1)

Icky Bicky (bounce baby on knees)

Icky, bicky, soda cracker
Icky, bicky, boo
Icky, bicky, soda cracker
Up goes you! (lift baby up)
Icky, bicky, soda cracker
Icky, bicky, boo
Icky, bicky, soda cracker
I love you! (give a big hug)

Little Green Frog

A little green frog in a pond am I
Hoppity, hoppity, hop (bounce baby)
I sit on a lily leaf high and dry
And watch all the fishes as they swim by
(wiggle hands or baby)
SPLASH! (clap hands)
How I make the water fly (throw hands up)
Hoppity, hoppity, hop! (bounce baby)

Two Little Boats

Two little boats are on the sea (hold baby on lap)
All is calm as calm can be
Gently the wind begins to blow
Two little boats rock to and fro (rock gently)
Loudly the wind begins to shout
Two little boats are tossed about (bounce fast)
Gone is the wind, the storm, the rain (stop rocking)
Two little boats sail on again

Yankee Doodle

(bounce baby on knees)
Yankee Doodle came to town
Riding on a pony
Stuck a feather in his cap
And called it macaroni

Grandpa's Knees

The wind blows down the chimney
The wind blows through the trees
The wind blows baby up and down
Upon her Grandpa's knees
(change to Mommy or Grandma or Daddy...)

Old Grey Mare

(sing to "row row row your boat")
Clip, clip, clipety clop (bounce baby)
Clipety, clipety, clop
The old grey mare goes up and down
(lift baby up and down)
Until it's time to stop

Derry Down Derry

Derry down derry (bounce baby)
And up in the air (lift baby)
Baby shall ride (bounce baby)
Without pony or mare
Clasped in my arms (give a hug)
Like a queen (or King) on a throne
Prettiest (or handsomest) rider (give a kiss)
That ever was known

Jack Be Nimble

Jack be nimble (bounce baby on knees)
Jack be quick
Jack jumped over (lift baby to other knee)
The candlestick!
Jack jumped high (lift baby up)
Jack jumped low (bring baby down)
Jack jumped over (lift baby to other knee)
And burnt his toe (tickle toe)

Bumpin' up and down

Bumpin' up and down (bounce baby on lap)
In my little red wagon
Bumpin' up and down
In my little red wagon
Bumpin' up and down
In my little red wagon
Won't you be my darlin'
One wheel's off (tilt baby to the left)
And the axle's broken
One wheel's off (tilt baby to the right)
And the axle's broken
One wheel's off (tilt baby to the left)
And the axle's broken
Won't you be my darlin' (big hug)

Baby Rides (sing to "Mulberry Bush")

This is the way the baby rides
Baby rides, baby rides
This is the way the baby rides
Bouncy, Bouncy, Bouncy
(gently bounce baby on knees)
--repeat with...
Jockey rides....Gallop (bounce faster)
Showgirl rides....Jumpy (lift baby up and down)

Kangaroo Brown

(gently bounce baby on knees)
(Older babies will like to jump along)
Jump, jump, Kangaroo Brown
Jump, jump, off to town
Jump, jump, up hill and down
Jump, jump, Kangaroo Brown

Moppety-mop and Poppety-pop:

An English Nursery Rhyme
(bounce baby on knees)
Moppety-mop and Poppety-pop
Went on their way with a skip and a hop
One with a skip, and one with a hop
Moppety-mop and Poppety-pop

Rickety Rocking Horse

Rickety rickety rocking horse
(bounce baby on knees)
Over the fields we go (lift baby up)
Rickety rickety rocking horse
(bounce baby on knees)
Giddy - up giddy - up
Wooaaah!
(whinny like a horse and lean backwards)

Christopher Robin: by A.A. Milne

Christopher Robin goes (bounce baby)
Hoppity, hoppity,
Hoppity, hoppity, hop
Whenever I ask him politely to stop (stop)
He says he can't possibly stop (bounce baby)
If he stopped hopping
He couldn't go anywhere
Poor little Christopher Robin
Couldn't go anywhere
That's why he always goes
Hoppity, hoppity,
Hoppity, hoppity, hop!

To Market To Market

(bounce baby gently on knees)
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
To market to market, to buy a plum bun
Home again, home again
Market is done

Uncle John

(bounce baby on knees)
Mother and Father and Uncle John
Went to town one by one
Mother fell off (dip to one side)
Father fell off (dip to other side)
But Uncle John went on and on
(bounce a little faster)
Mother fell off (dip to one side)
Father fell off (dip to other side)
But Uncle John went on and on and on and on... (bounce quickly)

Popcorn

Popcorn, popcorn (bounce gently)
Sittin' in the pot
Shake it, shake it (wiggle baby)
POP! POP! POP! (bounce high 3 times)

I took a walk (bounce baby on knees)

I took a walk to town one day,
and met a cat along the way
What do you think that cat did say?
MEOW, MEOW, MEOW

I took a walk to town one day,
and met a pig along the way
What do you think that pig did say?
OINK, OINK, OINK

-repeat with:

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| cow...MOO | bird...TWEET |
| dog...WOOF | duck...QUACK |
| horse...NEIGH | sheep...BAA |

Flying Man

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| Flying man, flying man | (bounce baby on knees) |
| Up in the sky | (lift baby up) |
| Where are you going to | (bounce baby on knees) |
| Flying so high? | (lift baby up) |
| Over the mountains | (bounce baby on knees) |
| And over the see | (lift baby up) |
| Flying man, flying man | (bounce baby on knees) |
| Can't you take me? | (give big hug) |

Riding Game (baby on knees)

This is the way the farmer rides
A jiggety jog, a jiggety jog (rock side to side)
This is the way the lady rides
A prance, a prance (raise and lower slowly)
This is the way the gentleman rides
Gallop, gallop, gallop! (bounce quickly)

Pop Goes the Weasel

All around the mulberry bush (bounce on knees)
The monkey chased the weasel
In an out and round about
POP! goes the weasel (lift baby up)

All around the cobbler's bench (bounce on knees)
The monkey chased the weasel
That's the way the money goes
POP! goes the weasel (lift baby up)

All around the mulberry bush (bounce on knees)
The monkey chased the weasel
The monkey stopped to scratch his head
POP! goes the weasel (lift baby up)

Rocking Horse

Rock away, rock away (rock baby front and back)
On my horse of brown
Here we go, to and fro
All around the town
-repeat with-

Walk away... (sway side to side)
Trot away.... (bounce slowly)
Gallop away... (bounce quickly)

Banbury Cross: A Mother Goose Rhyme

(bounce baby on knees)

Ride a cock horse to Banbury Cross
To meet a fine lady upon a white horse
With rings on her fingers (wiggle fingers)
And bells on her toes (wiggle toes)
She shall have music wherever she goes
Ride a cock horse to Banbury Cross
To see what poor Tommy can buy
A penny white loaf
And a penny white cake
And a two penny apple pie (tickle tummy)

Humpty Dumpty

Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall
Humpty Dumpty had a great fall (tilt to side)
All the king's horses
And all the king's men
Couldn't put Humpty together again

Froggies High and Low

Five little froggies sitting on a wall (bounce baby)
One looked up and down he fell (tip baby over)
Froggies jumped high (lift baby up)
Froggies jumped low (bring baby down)
Froggies dancing to and fro (wiggle)

Horsie Horsie

Horsie Horsie don't you stop
Just let your feet go clipety clop (stomp feet)
Your tail goes swish (sway bottom)
And the wheels go round (roll hands)
Giddyup, (bounce faster)
We're homeward bound

Trot Trot

Trot trot to Boston
Trot trot to Lynn
Trot trot to Salem
Home home again
Trot trot to Boston
Trot trot to Lynn
Trot trot to Salem
But don't fall in!
(*"drop"* baby between knees)

Wibbleton to Wobbleton

(great to wiggle and bounce to)

From Wibbleton to Wobbleton is fifteen miles
From Wobbleton to Wibbleton is fifteen miles
From Wibbleton to Wobbleton
From Wobbleton to Wibbleton
From Wibbleton to Wobbleton is fifteen miles

A Little Green Froggie

A little green froggie am I, am I
A- Hippity, hippity, hop (bounce baby on knees)
I can jump in the air so high (lift baby)
A- Hippity, hippity, hop (bounce baby on knees)

10 Galloping Horses

10 galloping horses came to town (bounce baby)
Some were white and
Some were brown
5 went up (lift baby up)
5 went down (bring baby back down)
10 galloping horses came to town (bounce baby)

Bookety Boo

This little horse goes (bounce baby)
Bookety Bookety
This little horse goes (bounce baby)
Bookety Bookety
This little horse goes (bounce baby)
Bookety Bookety
Bookety Bookety
BOO! (lift baby up)

Rigadoon

(*cross one leg over the other*)

Rigadoon, rigadoon (bounce baby on knee)
Up you fly (lift baby up)
Slide down to Daddy's foot
(slide baby down to your foot)
Jump up high (raise foot high)

Roll in the Clover

(fun when playing horsie on hands and knees)

A trot, a canter
A gallop and over
Out of the saddle (fall to the ground)
And roll in the clover

Pony Girl (or Boy)

Pony girl, pony girl (bounce baby on knees)
Won't you be my pony girl?
Giddy-up, giddy-up
WHEE! (lift baby up high)
My pony girl (bounce baby on knees)

Jack-a-dandy

(bounce along to rhyme)

Handy spandy Jack-a-dandy
Loves plum cake and sugar candy
He bought some at the grocer's shop
And out he came hop, hop, hop,
(bounce three times on knees)

She'll be Comin' Round the Mountain

(bounce and clap along to the song)

She'll be comin' round the mountain
When she comes,
(When she comes).
She'll be comin' round the mountain
When she comes,
(When she comes).
She'll be comin' round the mountain,
She'll be comin' round the mountain,
She'll be comin' round the mountain,
When she comes,
(When she comes).

Trot, Trot, Trot, Trot

Trot, trot, trot, trot
Go and never stop
Trudge along my little pony
Even where it's rough and stony
Trot, trot, trot, trot
Go and never stop

Come Along My Little Pony

Come along my little pony (bounce slowly)
A-cantering we will go
Trot, trot, tippity-trot
(repeat 3 times)
Trot, trot, WHOA! (lean backwards)
Come along my little pony (bounce faster)
A-galloping we will go
Tap, tap, tappity-tap
(repeat 3 times)
Tap, tap, WHOA! (lean backwards)

Do Not Let Me Fall

Horsie, Horsie ride with me
(bounce baby on knees)
Across the land and
Across the sea,
Horsie, Horsie ride with me
But do not let me
FALL!
(drop baby between knees or lean sideways)

Giddy-up Horsie

Giddy-up Horsie to the fair
What will we buy when we get there?
A penny apple
And a penny pear
Giddy-up Horsie to the fair

Annady Mannady

Annady, mannady
Micady me
Abbady, babbady
Bounce on my knee!

Mrs. Hen

Chook, chook, chook, chook
Good morning Mrs. Hen
How many chickens have you got?
Madam, I've got ten!
Four of them are yellow,
Four of them are brown,
And two of them are speckled red
The nicest in the town!

Jumping Beans

One, two, three four
Beans came jumping through the door
Five, six, seven, eight
Jumping up onto my plate!

Giddy-up

Climb on up
On Daddy's (or Mommy's) knee
Take a horsie ride with me
Giddy-up, giddy-up
Ride to town
Giddy-up, giddy-up
Up and down
Giddy-up fast
Giddy-up slow
Giddy-up, giddy-up, giddy-up,
WHOA! (lean backwards)

Dump Truck

Dump truck dump truck
Bumpin' down the road
Spillin' gravel as you travel
With your heavy load
Bumpety bumpety bump
Dump truck dump truck - Dump! (tip baby over)

To The Rodeo

by Amie Johnson
Bouncing baby on my knee
Ride this horse to Tennessee
Ride it fast and ride it slow
Ride it to the rodeo!

I Had a Little Pony

I had a little pony
That trotted up and down
I bridled him and saddled him
And trotted out of town

See-saw Sacradown (bounce baby on knees)

See saw Sacradown
Which is the way
To London town?
One foot up (march baby's feet)
The other foot down
That is the way
To London town



A Smooth Road

A smooth road, a smooth road,
(with baby on your knees, stroke baby's legs
on each 'a smooth road')
a smooth road, a smooth road
A bumpy road, a bumpy road,
(bounce baby gently on the 'bumpy' road)
a bumpy road, a bumpy road
A rough road, a rough road,
(The road is a little more bumpy)
a rough road, a rough road
A hole!
(Baby 'falls' in the space between your legs)

She Fell Into the Bathtub by Dennis Lee

(Or 'He' depending on your baby)
She fell into the bathtub
(tip baby back as though falling)
She fell into the sink (repeat)
She fell into the raspberry jam (repeat)
And came out pink! (lift baby up)
We put her in the backyard
And left her in the rain
(run fingers over baby like rain)
By half past supertime
It washed her clean again! (finish with a hug)

Cha-Cha Cha-bin

Cha-cha, cha-bin (bounce baby on your knees)
Cha-cha, cha-bin
Look out baby
You might fall in!
(let baby fall gently between your legs)

Robins

A robin and a robin's son
Went to town to buy a bun
(bounce baby slowly)
They couldn't decide on plum or plain
(touch each one of the child's cheeks
on plum and plain)
And so they went back home again
(fast bouncing)

Glump glump went the little Green Frog

Glump glump (bounce baby on "Glump")
Went the little green frog one day
Glump glump
Went the little green frog
Glump glump
Went the little green frog one day
And the frog went, glump , glump , glump

Five Humpty Dumpty's

Five Humpty Dumpty's sitting on a wall
(bounce baby on knees)
Five Humpty Dumpty's sitting on a wall
And if one Humpty Dumpty should accidentally fall
CRACK !
(tip baby to side or between legs)
There'll be four Humpty Dumpty's sitting on the wall

Four Humpty Dumpty's sitting on a wall...
Three Humpty Dumpty's sitting on a wall ...
Two Humpty Dumpty's sitting on a wall ...

One Humpty Dumpty sitting on a wall
One Humpty Dumpty's sitting on a wall
And if one Humpty Dumpty should accidentally fall
CRACK !
There'll be no Humpty Dumpty's sitting on the wall

Moving all of me!

Here's a Ball for Baby

Here's a ball for baby (make ball with hands)
Big and soft and round
Here is baby's hammer (tap fists together)
See how he (or she) can pound
Here is baby's music (clap hands)
Clapping clapping so
Here are baby's soldiers
(hold fingers up straight)

Standing in a row
Here is baby's trumpet, (hold hands to mouth)
Toot, too-toot, too-toot
Here's the way that baby (cover eyes)
Plays at peekaboo!
Here is her (or his) umbrella (hold hands over head)
To keep our baby dry
Here is baby's cradle (pretend to rock baby in arms)
To rock a baby bye

Here is a Box

Here is a box (make a fist)
Put on the lid (cover fist with other hand)
I wonder whatever inside is hid?
(peek under the lid)
Why it's a _____ without any doubt
(name an object)
Open the box and let it come out!
(open the box and
make appropriate noise
and motions for object)

I Touch My Head (suit actions to words)

I touch my head
I touch my toes
I turn around
And touch my nose
I touch my shoulders
I touch my knees
Now sit down please

Little Birdie

I saw a little birdie
Go hop, hop, hop (bounce baby)
I asked the little birdie
Won't you stop, stop, stop? (hold out "stop" hand)
I went to the window
To say how do you do (wave hello)
But he shook his little tail (wiggle bottom)
And away he flew (flap arms)

Once I Saw a Bunny

Once I saw a bunny
(make bunny ears with 2 fingers)
And a green cabbage head
(make baby's fist to be the cabbage)
"I think I'll have some cabbage"
The little bunny said
So he nibbled and he nibbled
(nibble fingers on baby's hand)
And he pricked his ears to say
(make finger bunny ears)
"Now I think it's time
I should be hopping on my way"
(bounce baby on knees)

Winding Wool

Help me wind my ball of wool (pretend to wind)
Hold it gently, do not pull
Wind the wool, and wind the wool
Around, around, around

Number One

(actions follow words)
Number one touch your tongue
Number two, touch your shoe
Number three, touch your knee
Number four, touch the floor
Number five, wiggle and jive
Number six, pick up sticks
Number seven, point to heaven
Number eight, open the gate (open arms wide)
Number nine, bend your spine (bend over)
Number ten, let's do it again! (jump up)

Grandma's Glasses

These are grandma's glasses
(circle eyes with thumb & forefinger)
This is grandma's hat
(touch head)
Here's how grandma folds her hands
And puts them in her lap
These are grandpa's glasses
(circle eyes with thumb & forefinger)
This is grandpa's hat
(touch head)
Here's how grandpa folds his arms
And takes a little nap (close eyes and nod head)

Clocks & Watches

(hold baby under arms and swing gently
side to side - or - have older baby clasp
hands and swing arms like a pendulum)
Grandfather's clock says
Tick, tock, tick, tock.... (swing slowly)
Grandmothers clock says
Tick, tick, tick, tick... (swing fast)
Mama's watch says
Tick-a, tick-a, tick-a, tick-a.... (swing faster)

Yadeem ul Harosh! *Hands on the Head*

a Hebrew children's rhyme
Echud, shtiyeeem, shelosh
one, two, three
Yadeem ul harosh!
hands on the head!

Mary Had a Little Lamb

Mary had a little lamb, (clap hands)
Little lamb, little lamb,
Mary had a little lamb,
Its fleece was white as snow
Hand to knee and stretch out,
(stretch baby's hand to knee, then over head)
Stretch out, stretch out,
Hand to knee and stretch out,
It's fun to play with you! (big hug)

Lazy Katie (suit actions to words)

**sing to "Where oh where is dear little Sally"*
What shall we do with lazy Katie? (fill in baby's name)
What shall we do with lazy Katie?
What shall we do with lazy Katie?
Early in the morning.

Roll her on the bed and tickle all over
Roll her on the bed and tickle all over
Roll her on the bed and tickle all over
Early in the morning.

Heave ho and up she rises
Heave ho and up she rises
Heave ho and up she rises
Early in the morning!

Wiggle Your Fingers and Toes

Show me how you clap your hands
Clap, clap, clap
Show me how you tap your feet
Tap, tap, tap
Clap, clap, clap
Tap, tap, tap
Wiggle your fingers and toes!
Show me how you nod your head
Nod, nod, nod
Show me how you flap your arms
Flap, flap, flap
Nod, nod, nod
Flap, flap, flap
Wiggle your fingers and toes!

Pancakes

Mix a pancake (roll hands)
Stir a pancake
Pop it in a pan (bounce baby once)
Fry the pancake (rock side to side)
Toss the pancake (lift baby up high)
Catch it if you can!

This Little Pig-A-Wig (great at bathtime)

This little pig had a rub-a-dub
(rub baby's leg)
This little pig had a scrub-a-dub
(rub other leg)
This little pig-a-wig ran upstairs
(run fingers up baby's arm)
This little pig-a-wig called out "bears!"
(shout "bears!")
Down came the jar with a loud slam, bam!
(clap hands or slap water)
And this little pig-a-wig ate up all the jam
(rub baby's tummy)

*also say this rhyme wiggling fingers or toes

One Potato

* lie younger baby on back
One potato, two potato
(arms or legs apart & together)
Three potato,
(arms apart)
BOO!
(lift baby up - or - play peekaboo)
Four potato, five potato
(arms or legs apart & together)
I love you (big hug)

Teddy Bear Teddy Bear (our storytime version)

(do actions as rhyme indicates)
Teddy bear teddy bear turn around
Teddy bear teddy bear touch the ground
Teddy bear teddy bear show your shoe
Teddy bear teddy bear I love you
(give a big hug)
Teddy bear teddy bear reach up high
Teddy bear teddy bear wave goodbye!

Teddy Bear (many versions in one)

Teddy bear, teddy bear turn around
Teddy bear, teddy bear touch the ground
Teddy bear, teddy bear show your shoe
Teddy bear, teddy bear I love you

Teddy bear, teddy bear touch you nose
Teddy bear, teddy bear dance on your toes
Teddy bear, teddy bear go upstairs
Teddy bear, teddy bear say your prayers
Teddy bear, teddy bear turn out the light
Teddy bear, teddy bear say good night!
Teddy bear, teddy bear wake up now
Teddy bear, teddy bear take a bow!

Up the Hill

(a Malaysian folk game)
(use baby's arm as the hill)
Here goes a turtle up the hill
- creepy, creepy, creepy, creepy
Here goes a rabbit up the hill
- boing, boing, boing, boing
Here goes an elephant up the hill
- thud, thud, thud, thud
Here goes a snake up the hill
- slither, slither, slither, slither
Here comes a rock down the hill
- boom, boom, boom, boom
(jump your fist down baby's arm)
CRASH! (land fist in baby's open palm)

We Can

(suit actions to words)
We can jump, jump, jump.
We can hop, hop, hop.
We can clap, clap, clap.
We can stomp, stomp, stomp.
We can shake our heads for "yes".
We can shake our heads for "no".
We can bend our knees a little bit,
And sit down slow.

Up I Stretch (actions follow words)

Up I stretch on tippy toe
Down to touch my heels I go
Up again my arms I send
Down again my knees I bend
* sing up and down the scale

Dingle Dangle Scarecrow

When all the cows were sleeping
And the sun had gone to bed
Up jumped the scarecrow (lift baby or jump)
And this is what he said:

I'm a dingle dangle scarecrow
With a floppy floppy hat (shake head)
I can shake my hands like this (shake hands)
And shake my feet like that (wiggle feet)

When all the cows were in the meadow
And the pigeons in the loft
Up jumped the scarecrow (lift baby or jump)
And whispered very soft

I'm a dingle dangle scarecrow...

When all the hens were roosting
And the moon behind a cloud
Up jumped the scarecrow (lift baby or jump)
And shouted very loud

I'm a dingle dangle scarecrow...

I'm a Train

I'm a choo-choo train
(bend baby's arms at sides)
Chugging down the track
(rotate arms in rhythm)
First I go forward
(rotate arms forward)
Then I go back
(rotate arms backward)
Now my bell is ringing
(tug baby's ear)
Hear my whistle blow
(tug baby's other ear & toot like whistle)
What a lot of noise I make
(cover baby's ears with hands)
Everywhere I go! (stretch arms out wide)

Looby Loo

Here we go looby loo (walk into circle)
Here we go looby lie (walk back out)
Here we go looby loo (walk into circle)
All on a Saturday night (walk back out)

I put my right hand in
I put my right hand out
I give my hand a shake, shake, shake
And turn myself around (turn around)

Here we go looby loo (walk into circle)
Here we go looby lie (walk back out)
Here we go looby loo (walk into circle)
All on a Saturday night (walk back out)

-repeat with left hand, right foot, left foot, head,...

Swing Me Over

(swing baby gently between legs and up in
the air for each line)
Swing me over the water
Swing me over the sea
Swing me over the garden wall
And swing me home for tea
(finish with a big hug)

Water Water

(great for bathtime)
Water, water, splosh, splosh, splosh
(pretend to splash)
Lather, lather, wash, wash, wash
(rub palms together)
Bubble, bubble, rub, rub, rub
(rub baby's tummy)
Trickle, trickle, scrub, scrub, scrub
(trickle fingers on cheek)

Reach for the Stars

Bend and stretch, reach for the stars
(bend baby low & stretch arms high)
Here comes Jupiter, there goes Mars
(wiggle left arm, wiggle right arm)
Bend and stretch, reach for the sky
(bend low & stretch high)
Stand on tiptoe, oh so high!
(reach up high)

Three Little Monkeys

Three little monkeys (hold up 3 fingers)
Hanging in a tree
Eating a banana (peel & eat banana)
One had a frown (make a frown)
One had a grin (smile)
And one had banana
All over his chin! (tickle baby's chin)

Autumn Leaves

Leaves are floating softly down (swirl hands down)
They make a carpet on the ground
Then WOOSH! The wind comes whistling by
(swing hands up)
And sends them dancing to the sky
(swirl hands up)

Roly poly

Roll hands round each other,
in direction named)
Roly poly, roly poly, up, up, up,
Roly poly, roly poly, down, down, down;
Roly poly, roly poly, out, out, out,
Roly poly, roly poly, in, in, in,
(give a big hug)

Ring Around a Rosy

(hold baby in arms or hold hands in a circle
using stuffed animals or dolls for extras)

Ring around a rosy (walk in a circle)
A pocket full of posies
Ashes, ashes,
We all fall down! (fall to floor)

Getting Dressed

(act out rhyme)

The shoe goes on the foot
The foot goes in the shoe
We tie the laces in a bow
And then we're ready to go, go, go!

The Kissing Rhyme

(lift baby up and down)

Up, up, up in the sky like this
Down, down, down, for a great big kiss
(give a kiss)
Up like this, down for a kiss,
(give another kiss)
You're a special baby!
(give a big hug)

Blowing Bubbles

Dip your pipe and gently blow
(pretend to dip pipe and blow)
Watch the tiny bubble grow
Big and bigger, (spread hands wide)
Round and fat, (spread hands wider)
Rainbow colored, and then
SPLAT! (clap hands loudly)

Baby Baby (lay baby down)

Baby baby clap your hands (clap baby's hands)
Smile your smile so sweet (touch baby's lips)
Bend your knees (bend baby's knees)
And stretch your legs (stretch baby's legs)
And tickle little feet (tickle baby's feet)

Socks and Shoes

(a fun rhyme for getting dressed)

Socks and shoes, socks and shoes
Stripes and spots, reds and blues
Boots for rain, boots for snow
Slip them on, and off we go!

After My Bath

After my bath I try, try, try
To rub with a towel till I'm dry, dry, dry
(pretend to rub body with towel)
Just think how much less time I'd take
If I were a dog and could shake, shake, shake!
(shake baby gently)

Little Robin Readbreast

Little robin readbreast
Sat upon a rail
Niddle noodle went his head
(nod head side to side)
Wiggle waggle went his tail
(wiggle bottom)

Jelly in the bowl

Jelly in the bowl, jelly in the bowl
(jiggle baby's tummy)
Wiggle, waggle, wiggle, waggle
(rock baby side to side)
Jelly in the bowl
(jiggle baby's tummy)
Biscuits in the tin, biscuits in the tin
Shake them up, shake them up
(bounce baby up and down)
Biscuits in the tin
Sausage in the pan, sausage in the pan
Sizzle, sizzle, sizzle, sizzle
(wiggle or tickle baby)
Sausage in the pan
Candles on the cake, candles on the cake
Blow them out, blow them out
(blow gently)
Candles on the cake

Wheels on the Bus

The wheels on the bus go round and round
(roll baby's hands
-or- do bicycle motion with legs)
Round and round, round and round
The wheels on the bus go round and round
All through the town
-Repeat with...
The wipers on the bus go swish swish swish
(wave arms back and forth)
The horn on the bus goes beep beep beep
(tap baby's nose or poke belly)
The people on the bus go bump bump bump
(lift baby up and down)
The babies on the bus go wah wah wah
(pretend to rub eyes)
The Mommies on the bus go shh shh shh
(put finger to lips)

Wiggly Worm

(wiggle baby gently)
(also a good tickle game)
Where's my wiggly worm?
Here's my wiggly worm
Wiggly and jiggly,
Squiggly and giggly
Here's my wiggly worm!

Row Row Row Your Boat

(hold baby on lap
or- sit on floor and rock back and forth)

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

Row, row, row your boat
Down the jungle stream
If you see a crocodile
Don't forget to scream!

Rub-a dub-dub

Rub-a-dub-dub (rub noses with baby)
Three men in a tub
And who do you think they be?
The butcher (tickle under left arm)
The baker (tickle under right arm)
The candlestick maker (tickle baby's tummy)
And out they jumped all three (lift baby up)

My Bonnie

(lift baby up each time you say Bonnie)

My Bonnie lies over the ocean
My Bonnie lies over the sea
My Bonnie lies over the ocean
Oh bring back my Bonnie to me
Bring back, bring back (rock back and forth)
Oh bring back my Bonnie to me, to me
Bring back, bring back (rock back and forth)
Oh bring back my Bonnie to me

Heave Ho!

(lay baby down, pull baby up very gently by
the arms to a sitting position)

Heave ho, heave ho
Hold me tight
Don't let me go
One two, one two
You love me
And I love you
(give baby a big hug & kiss)

I'm a little teapot

I'm a little teapot, short and stout,
Here is my handle, (put hand on hip)
Here is my spout. (hold other arm out to side)
When I get all steamed up, hear me shout!
Tip me over, and pour me out. (lean to side)

Teeter Totter

(lift baby up and down)

Up and down, and up and down,
High up in the sky
Up and down, and up and down,
On our teeter totter

Jack in the Box

Jack in the box, (curl baby up)
Lying so still.
Won't you come out?
Yes I will! (lift baby up)

Train Song by Mary Radhammer Kiang

(swing arms front and back like train wheels)

Clackety-clack, clackety-clack
The train goes around the railroad track
Clackety-clack, clackety-clack
Engine in front, caboose in the back

The Seesaw

(lift baby up and down)

The seesaw goes up, the seesaw goes down.
Seesaw up, seesaw down.
Seesaw stops, one end on the ground.

1-2 Buckle My Shoe

1-2 buckle my shoe (stamp foot)
3-4 shut the door (pretend to slam door)
5-6 pick up sticks (pretend to pick up sticks)
7-8 lay them straight
(spread out hands on floor)
9-10 a big fat hen!
(jump up and spread arms wide)

The Little Clock

The little clock goes
tick tock, tick tock (swing baby side to side)
The big clock goes
Ding dong, ding dong (swing baby between legs)

The Little Duck

I think it was the best of luck
That I was born a little duck
With yellow feet and yellow shoes (wiggle feet)
Just fit to waddle where I choose (wiggle body)

Helen Hipsway by Alan Benjamin

Helen Hipsway (wiggle slowly)
Did a dance
She wiggled so much (wiggle faster)
She lost her pants!

Up to the heavens

Up to the heavens (swing baby up)
Down to the sea (swing baby down)
How many kisses from you to me? (give kisses)
Up to the heavens (swing baby up)
Down to the sea (swing baby down)
How many fishes can you see?
1,2,3,4,5! (tickle fingers or toes)

Down by the Station

(pretend to be on a train)

Down by the station
Early in the morning
See the little puffer bellies
All in a row
See the engine driver
Pull the little handle
Puff puff! Toot toot! (pretend to pull whistle)
Off we go!

The Royal Duke of York

(follow words moving arms or whole body up and down)

Oh the royal Duke of York
He had ten thousand men
He marched them up to the top of the hill
And marched them down again
And when they're up - they're up
And when they're down - they're down
But when they're only halfway up
They're neither up nor down

- other verses:

They played their pipes to the top of the hill
They beat their drums to the top of the hill...
They waved their flags at the top of the hill...
- Make up your own!

Leaves

The leaves are falling down (flutter fingers down)
Hushhhhh
The leaves are falling down (flutter fingers down)
Hushhhhh
Whisper, whisper, whisper, whisper
(swirl hands in the air)
The leaves are falling down (flutter fingers down)
Hushhhhh

Snow

The snow is falling down (flutter fingers down)
Hushhhhh
The snow is falling down (flutter fingers down)
Hushhhhh
Whisper, whisper, whisper, whisper
(swirl hands in the air)
The snow is falling down (flutter fingers down)
Hushhhhh

Rain

The rain is falling down (flutter fingers down)
SPLASH! (clap loudly)
The rain is falling down (flutter fingers down)
SPLASH! (clap loudly)
Pitter patter, pitter patter
(flutter fingers down)
The rain is falling down (flutter fingers down)
SPLASH! (clap loudly)

Little Blue Whale

(fun for pool-time or bathtime!)

Little blue whale
In a big blue sea
Splish, splash
Swim with me
Dip a little
Dive a little
Dunk a little whale
Come back up (lift baby out of water)
And flip your tail!

Exercises

Reach up high
Bend down low
Reach up high
Bend down low
Reach up, up, up
Bend down, down, down
Up, up, up
Down, down, down
And...
JUMP! JUMP! JUMP!

If You're Happy

If you're happy and you know it
Clap your hands (clap twice)
If you're happy and you know it
Clap your hands (clap twice)
If you're happy and you know it
Then your face will surely show it (touch cheeks)
If you're happy and you know it
Clap your hands (clap twice)

If you're happy and you know it
Stomp your feet ...

If you're happy and you know it
Shout Hooray... HOORAY! (wave hands high)

Rig A Jig Jig

As I was walking down the street (clap hands)
Down the street
Down the street
A happy friend I chanced to met
High Ho! High Ho! High Ho!
A rig a jig jig and away we go (roll hands)
Away we go
Away we go
A rig a jig jig and away we go
High Ho! High Ho! High Ho! (clap hands)

Fally Fally

Fally, fally, fally, fally
(face each other—hold baby's hands, slowly
lean baby backwards)
Up, up, up, again!
(bring baby back up straight)

The Paw Paw Patch

Where oh where is dear little _____ (baby's name)
(clap along to song)
Where oh where is dear little _____ (baby's name)
Where oh where is dear little _____ (baby's name)
Way down yonder in the paw paw patch
Picking up paw paws put 'em in her (or his) pocket
(reach down and touch hip)
Picking up paw paws put 'em in her (or his) pocket
Picking up paw paws put 'em in her (or his) pocket
Way down yonder in the paw paw patch

This Old Man

This old man, he played one (hold up one finger)
He played knick-knack on my thumb;
(hold up your thumb)
With a nick-knack, (tap knees twice)
Paddywhack (clap hands twice)
Give a dog a bone (extend one hand out)
This old man
Came rolling home (Roll hands)

This old man, he played two . (hold up 2 fingers)
He played knick-knack on my shoe (tap shoe)

This old man, he played three (hold up 3 fingers)
He played knick-knack on my knee (tap knee)

This old man, he played four (hold up 4 fingers)
He played knick-knack on the floor (tap floor)

Niddely Noodley

Niddely noodley to and fro (rock side to side)
Tired and sleepy to bed we go
Jump into bed (lift baby up)
Blow out the light (blow on baby's cheek)
Head on the pillow (lay baby's head on your arm)
Shut your eyes tight (rock side to side)

Little Kitty

(stroke fist with other hand)
Soft kitty, warm kitty (form fist with one hand)
Little ball of fur
Pretty kitty, sleepy kitty
Purr, purr, purr

Drip Drop Plop

(tap hands on knees)
The rain goes drip drop
The rain goes drip drop
The rain goes drip drop
Drip drop
PLOP! (clap hands once loudly)

Can You

(suit actions to words)
Can you walk on tiptoe
As softly as a cat?
Can you stamp along the road
Stamp, stamp, just like that?
Can you take some great big strides
Just like a giant can?
Can you walk along slowly
Just like an old old man?

Here We Go Round the Mulberry Bush

(roll hands while singing)
Here we go 'round the mulberry bush,
The mulberry bush,
The mulberry bush.
Here we go 'round the mulberry bush,
So early in the morning.

Wind the Bobbin

Wind the bobbin and wind the bobbin
(roll hands)
And pull, pull, (pretend to pull ends of string)
And tap, tap, tap. (tap fists together 3 times)
Wind the bobbin and wind the bobbin
(roll hands)
And pull, pull, (pretend to pull ends of string)
And tap, tap, tap. (tap fists together 3 times)

Point to the window
Point to the door,
Point to the ceiling
Point to the floor.
Clap your hands together
One two three
Rub your hands together
And tap your knee.

Wind the bobbin and wind the bobbin
(roll hands)
And pull, pull, (pretend to pull ends of string)
And tap, tap, tap. (tap fists together 3 times)
Wind the bobbin and wind the bobbin
(roll hands)
And pull, pull, (pretend to pull ends of string)
And tap, tap, tap. (tap fists together 3 times)

Baby Birds

Up in the sky, baby birds fly (flap arms)
Down in their nest, baby birds rest (cup hands)
With a wing on the left (flap left arm)
And a wing on the right (flap right arm)
Tired baby birds sleep all night
(rock arms like rocking a baby)



Your Little Hands

Take your little hands and go clap, clap, clap
Take your little hands and go clap, clap, clap
Take your little hands and go clap, clap, clap
Clap, clap, clap with your hands

-repeat with-

Take your little toes and go tap, tap, tap
Take your little ears and go wiggle, wiggle, wiggle
Take your little arms and go flap, flap, flap
-make up more of your own! -

Here Come the Ducks

Here comes the daddy with his great big feet
(stomp feet)
Here comes the mommy with her feathers so neat
(brush hands down arms
like smoothing feathers)
Then come the babies all in a row
Waddle, waddle, waddle, waddle
(sway baby side to side)
There they go!

Leap Frog

Leap frog, leap frog, easy as can be
(bounce baby on knees)
I'll leap with you and you leap with me

Wiggle worm, wiggle worm, easy as can be
(wiggle body)
I'll wiggle with you and you wiggle with me

Flap birdie, flap birdie, easy as can be
(flap arms)
I'll flap with you and you flap with me!

*-make up more motions of your own! -
-a great mirror game for older babies and toddlers -*

Five Little Monkeys Swinging in A Tree

Five little monkeys swinging in a tree
(swing arms back and forth)
Teasing Mr. Crocodile... "You Can't Catch Me!"
(shake index finger)
Along came Mr. Crocodile, quiet as can be and....
(palms together, sway arms left and right)
SNAP!
(open and shut arms like big crocodile jaws
clapping once loudly)
...repeat with 4, 3, 2, 1...
Now there are no more monkeys swinging in the tree!
(hold hands out to sides, shake head "no")

See-saw Sacradown

(march baby's feet up and down)
See saw sacradown
Which is the way to London town?
One foot up
The other foot down
This is the way to London town

Here's a Cup

Here's a cup,
(make a fist with your left hand)
And here's a cup,
(make a fist with your right hand)
And here's a pot of tea.
(lift up the thumb of your right hand)
Pour a cup,
(pour your right hand into the
cup of your left hand)
And pour a cup,
(make your left hand a teapot and
pour into your right hand)
And have a drink with me.
(turn your left hand into a saucer
and put your right hand on top,
and 'drink' your cup of tea)

Pat Your Head

Pat your head
And rub your tummy
Tickle your toes
And hug your Mummy

My Garden

This is my garden (hand in front
palm up)
I'll rake it with care (rake with fin-
gers)
And then some flower seeds (sprinkle
seeds)
I'll plant there (pat palm with
fingers)
The sun will shine (make circle
with arms overhead)
And the rain will fall (wiggle fingers
downward)
And my garden will blossom (make fists,
open fingers slowly)
Growing straight and tall (reach hands
high above head)

Zoom, Zoom Zoom

(say while walking around the room
- arms outstretched)
Zoom, zoom, zoom
We're going to the moon
Zoom, zoom, zoom
We're going very soon
If you want to take a trip
Climb aboard my rocket ship
Zoom, zoom, zoom
We're going to the moon
(toddlers crouch down,
adults be ready to lift babies into the air)
5,4,3,2,1
Blast off!! (toddlers jump up, adults lift babies up)

See me Spinning

See me spinning round and round
Making such a merry sound
Dancing lightly on my toes,
Oh, how quickly I can go-o!
But this spinning round so fast,
Makes me dizzy grow at last,
And I fall upon the floor,
Then get up and spin some more.

Marching in our rainboots

(stomp around the room and say this rhyme)

Marching in our rainboots
Tramp, tramp, tramp
Marching in our rainboots
We won't get damp

Splashing in the puddles
In the rain, rain, rain
Splashing through the puddles
And splashing home again

Wiggle Your Fingers and Toes

Wiggle Your Toes

(sing to "row row row your boat")

Wiggle, wiggle, wiggle your toes
Wiggle them up and down
Wiggle them fast, wiggle them slow
Wiggle them all around

One is a Dog

(count on fingers)

One is a dog that says bow-wow!
Two is a cat that says meow!
Three is a crow that says caw caw!
Four is a donkey that says hee-haw!

My Fingers *(sing to "Mulberry Bush")*

This is the way my fingers play
(wiggle fingers)
Fingers play, fingers play
This is the way my fingers play
So early in the morning

Three Little Monkeys

Three little monkeys *(hold up 3 fingers)*
Hanging in a tree
Eating a banana *(peel & eat banana)*
Just like me
One had a frown *(make a frown)*
One had a grin *(smile)*
And one had banana
All over his chin! *(tickle baby's chin)*

Here is the Church

Here is the church
(interlace hands fingers inside)
And here is the steeple
(put index fingers together)
Open the doors *(turn hands over)*
And see all the people! *(wiggle fingers)*

Two Little Blackbirds

Two little blackbirds *(hold both thumbs up)*
Sitting on a hill
One named Jack *(wiggle right thumb)*
And the other named Jill *(wiggle left thumb)*
Fly away Jack *(hide hand behind back)*
Fly away Jill *(hide other hand behind back)*
Come back Jack *(bring thumb back out)*
Come back Jill *(bring other thumb back out)*

...a British version...

Two Little Dickie Birds

Two little dickie birds sitting on the wall
(hold up two fingers, one on each hand)
One named Peter, one named Paul
(show each finger individually on each name)
Fly away Peter, Fly away Paul
(place each finger behind your back, one at a time)
Come back Peter, Come back Paul
(bring each finger back, one at a time)

Two little caterpillars sitting on a branch
(hold up two fingers, one on each hand)
One named Betty, one named Blanche
(show each finger individually on each name)
Crawl away Betty, Crawl Blanche
(‘crawl’ away each finger)
Come back Betty, Come back Blanche
(bring each finger back, one at a time)

Two little fishes swimming in a tank
(use your hands as a ‘fish’)
One named Fred, one named Frank
(show each hand individually on each name)
Swim away Fred, Swim away Frank
(swim the fish away)
Come back Fred, Come back Frank
(swim them both back)

Tommy Thumb

Tommy thumb, Tommy thumb
Where are you
Here I am, here I am, (wiggle baby's thumb)
How do you do?
-repeat with-
Peter Pointer
Toby Tall
Ruby Red
Baby Small

My Little House

This is my little house
(make roof -fingertips together)
This is the door
(put thumbs together)
The windows are shining
(pretend to polish windows)
And so is the floor
(pretend to sweep the floor)
Outside there is a chimney
As tall as can be
(stretch arms up high)
With smoke that goes curling up
(swirl hand upward)
Over the trees

Eeency Meeny

Eeency, meeney, miney, moe
(wiggle baby's toes - starting with little toe)
Catch a tiger by the toe
(grab & wiggle big toe)
If he hollers, let him go (let go of toe)
Eeency, meeney, miney, moe
(wiggle baby's toes - going back to little toe)

This little cow (count on fingers)

This little cow eats grass
This little cow eats hay
This little cow drinks water
This little cow runs away
This little cow does nothing
But just lies down all day (bend pinky over)
So we'll chase her (tickle up baby's arm)
We'll chase her
We'll chase her away

Finger Family (count on fingers)

This is the father short and stout
(start with thumb)
This is the mother with children all about
This is the brother tall you see
This is the sister with dolly on her knee
This is the baby sure to grow
And here is the family all in a row
(wiggle fingers)

Wake Up Toes

(follow motions in song)
Wake up toes, wake up toes
Wake up toes and wiggle, wiggle, wiggle
Wake up toes, wake up toes,
Wake and wiggle in the morning
Wake up feet, wake up feet...
Wake up legs, wake up legs...
Wake up arms, wake up arms...
Wake up hands, wake up hands...
Wake up head, wake up head...
Wake up me, all of me...

Thumbkin, Pointer

Thumbkin, pointer (wiggle each finger)
Middleman, big
Silly man, wee man
Rig a jig jig (roll hands)

Eeency Weency Spider

The eeency weency spider
Crawled up the water spout (crawl fingers up)
Down came the rain (wiggle fingers down)
And washed the spider out (brush hands to sides)
Out came the sun (arms circle over head)
And dried up all the rain
And the eeency weency spider (crawl fingers up)
Went up the spout again

Where is Thumbkin? *sing to "Frere Jacques"*

Where is thumbkin?
(hide hands behind back)
Where is thumbkin?
Here I am! (bring out one thumb and wiggle it)
Here I am! (bring out other thumb and wiggle it)
How are you today sir? (wiggle one thumb)
Very well I thank you (wiggle other thumb)
Run away! (hide one thumb behind back)
Run away! (hide other thumb behind back)

Wiggly Fingers (wiggle fingers as directed)

Fingers like to wiggle, waggle
Wiggle, waggle, wiggle, waggle
Fingers like to wiggle, waggle
Right in front of me
- repeat with:
High above my head
Almost to the floor
Right out to the sides...

Five Little Piggies (count on fingers or toes)

This little pig got into the barn,
This little pig ate all the corn
This little pig said he wan't well,
This little pig said he'd go and tell
And this little pig cried Squeak! Squeak! Squeak!
I can't get over the door sill!

This little piggy

(count on fingers or toes)

This little piggy went to market
This little piggy stayed home
This little piggy had roast beef
This little piggy had none
And this little piggy cried (wiggle little toe)
"Wee! wee! wee!" all the way home
(tickle baby up to chin)

This Little Spider

(count on fingers, thumb first)

This little spider went swimming
This little spider played ball
This little spider was napping
This little spider was tall
And this little spider went
Creepy, creepy, creepy, creepy
(tickle baby's arm)
Up the garden wall

Fe, fi, fo fum

Fe, fi, fo ,fum (clap to words)
See my fingers (wiggle fingers)
See my thumb (wiggle thumb)
Fe, fi, fo fum (clap to words)
Good-bye fingers (one hand behind back)
Good-bye thumb (other hand behind back)

Ten Little Piggies

(count on toes and
sing to "Ten Little Indians")

One little, two little, three little piggies
Four little, five little, six little piggies
Seven little, eight little, nine little piggies
Ten little piggy toes!
Ten little, nine little, eight
...one little piggy toe!

Dance Your Fingers

Dance your fingers up,
Dance your fingers down
Dance your fingers to the side,
Dance them all around
Dance them on your shoulders,
Dance them on your head
Dance them on your tummy,
And put them all to bed
(rest hands on side of face)

Open them shut them

Open them shut them
Open them shut them, give a little clap
Open them shut them
Open them shut them, put them in your lap
Creep them, creep them
Creep them, creep them, right up to your chin
Open up your little mouth, but do not put them in

Open them shut them
Open them shut them, give a little clap
Open them shut them
Open them shut them, put them in your lap
Creep them, creep them
Creep them, creep them right up to your nose
Creep them, creep them
Creep them, creep them right down to your toes

Open them shut them
Open them shut them, give a little clap
Open them shut them
Open them shut them, put them in your lap
Creep them, creep them
Creep them, creep them right up to your cheek
Cover up your little eyes,
And through your fingers peek

Come-A-Look-A-See

Come a look a see
Here's my mama (wiggle thumb)
Come a look a see
Here's my papa (wiggle pointer)
Come a look a see
Brother tall (wiggle middle finger)
Sister, baby (wiggle ring finger & pinkie)
We love them all! (fold hands and kiss thumb)

Ten Little Apples

(count on toes and
sing to "Ten Little Indians")
One little, two little, three little apples
Four little, five little, six little apples
Seven little, eight little, nine little apples
Ten little apples for me!
Ten little, nine little, eight
...one little apple for me!

*can also be sung with snowmen, pumpkins, bunnies...

Here is a Bunny

Here is a bunny (make finger ears)
With ears so funny
And here is his hole in the ground
(make O shape by putting hand on hip)
When a noise he hears, he perks up his ears
(make finger ears jump)
And runs to his hole in the ground
(put hand under arm)

Whoops Johnny

Johnny, Johnny, Johnny, Johnny
(touch tip of pinky, ring finger, middle finger,
index finger with opposite index finger)

Whoops!

(slide index finger down side of other index
finger and up the side of thumb)

Johnny (touch tip of thumb)

Whoops!

(slide index finger down side of thumb
and up the side of other index finger)

Johnny, Johnny, Johnny, Johnny
(touch fingers from index to pinky again)

The Quiet Mouse

Once there lived a quiet mouse
(hold out index finger)

In a quiet little house

(wrap other hand around it)

When all was quiet as can be

OUT popped he!

(pop finger out)

Baby's Nap

This is baby ready for a nap
(parent holds out one index finger)

Lay baby down in a loving lap

(lay your finger on baby's open palm)

Cover baby so he won't peep

(child wraps fingers around parent's finger)

Rock baby till he's fast asleep

(rock hands together back and forth)

Foxy's Hole

(parent makes a fist)

Put your finger in Foxy's hole

(child puts index finger inside parent's fist)

Foxy's not at home (shake head "no")

Foxy's at the back door

Nibbling on a bone

(Open hand and wiggle baby's finger
with opposite hand)

Wee Wiggie

Wee Wiggie (wiggle piggy toe)

Poke Piggie (wiggle second toe)

Tom Whistle (wiggle third toe)

John Gristle (wiggle fourth toe)

And old big Gobble, Gobble Gobble!
(wiggle big toe)

I Caught a Fish

(count on fingers or toes)

One, two, three, four, five –

Once I caught a fish alive.

(catch and wiggle finger)

Six, seven, eight, nine, ten –

Then I let it go again.

(let go of finger)

Why did I let it go?

Because it bit my finger so.

Which finger did it bite?

The little finger on the right.

(wiggle pinky)

Little Miss Ladybug

Little Miss Ladybug sitting on a tree

(lay fist on opposite palm)

She flew down and landed on my knee

(flutter fingers down to knee)

She asked me if I wanted to play

But I said "no", so she flew away!

(flutter fingers away)

Roly Poly Caterpillar

Roly-poly caterpillar into a corner crept

(creep fingers down baby's arm to palm)

Spun himself a blanket

(roll hands)

And for a long time slept

(lay fist in palm)

Roly poly caterpillar wakened by and by

(open fist)

Found himself with pretty wings,

Changed to a butterfly!

(hook thumbs and flutter fingers)



The Family

This is Mommy, kind & dear
(point to baby's thumb)

This is Daddy, standing near
(point to pointer finger)

This is brother, see how tall
(point to middle finger)

This is Sister, not so tall
(point to ring finger)

This is Baby, sweet and small
(point to little finger)

These are the family one and all!
(wiggle all fingers)

Mouse in a Hole

A mouse lived in a little hole,
(hold up fist with thumb tucked inside)
A little hole, a little hole
(circle index finger of other hand around fist)
When all was quiet as quiet can be ...
(put index finger to lips)
Out popped he!
(pop thumb out of fist)

Skinnamarinky Dinky Dink

Skinnamarinky dinky dink
Skinnamarinky doo
I love you
-repeat-
I love you in the morning
And in the afternoon
I love you in the evening
Underneath the moon
Skinnamarinky dinky dink
Skinnamarinky doo
I love you

Favorite Songs

Wake Up Toes

(follow motions in song)
Wake up toes, wake up toes
Wake up toes and wiggle, wiggle, wiggle
Wake up toes, wake up toes,
Wake and wiggle in the morning
Wake up feet, wake up feet...
Wake up legs, wake up legs...
Wake up arms, wake up arms...
Wake up hands, wake up hands...
Wake up head, wake up head..
Wake up me, all of me...

Baa Baa Black Sheep

Baa baa black sheep (clap along to song)
Have you any wool?
Yes sir, yes sir, three bags full
One for my master (one big clap)
And one for my dame (another big clap)
And one (another big clap)
For the little boy (or girl)
Who lives down the lane



You Are My Sunshine

(sing slow or fast and clap along)
You are my sunshine, my only sunshine
You make me happy when skies are gray
You'll never know dear, how much I love you
Please don't take my sunshine away

Glump glump went the little Green Frog

Glump glump
(bounce baby on "Glump")
Went the little green frog one day
Glump glump
Went the little green frog
Glump glump
Went the little green frog one day
And the frog went, glump , glump , glump

Goodbye Song (sing once for each child)

(sing to "Goodnight Ladies")
Goodbye _____ (clap hands)
Goodbye _____
Goodbye _____
We're glad you came today

Row Row Row Your Boat

(hold baby on lap or sit on the floor and rock back and forth)
Row, row, row your boat
Gently down the stream
Merrily, merrily, merrily, merrily
Life is but a dream

Rock, rock, rock your boat
Gently on the tide.
Merrily, merrily, merrily, merrily
To the other side.

Mommy's Little Baby

(sing to "Someone's in the kitchen with Dinah")
Mommy's little baby is _____
Cutest little baby I kno-o-o-ow
Mommy's little baby is _____
And I love you so!
(substitute "Grandma," etc. for "Mommy")

Eeency Weency Spider

The eeency weency spider
Crawled up the water spout (crawl fingers up)
Down came the rain (wiggle fingers down)
And washed the spider out (brush hands to sides)
Out came the sun (arms circle over head)
And dried up all the rain
And the eeency weency spider (crawl fingers up)
Went up the spout again

Row, row, row your boat
Gently down the stream.
But if you see a crocodile
Don't forget to scream!

I see the Moon and the Moon sees Me

(A beautiful lullaby to share with your baby)

I see the moon and the moon sees me
*(hold arms over head in a moon shape
and point to self for 'me')*
Down through the leaves of the old gum tree
*(holding your arms up, wiggle fingers
down like leaves falling)*
I hope the moon that shines on me
*((hold arms over head in a moon shape
and point to self for 'me')*
Shines on the ones I love
(on 'I love', place hand over your heart)

Chorus

*Over the mountain, over the sea
(arch hand to make a mountain and waves)
Back where my heart is longing to be
(place hand on back and then over heart)
Please let the moon that shines on me
(hold arms over head in a moon shape
and point to self for 'me')*
Shine on the ones I love
(on 'I love', place hand over your heart)

2nd Verse

I hear the lark that sings to me
(cup hand to ear)
Singing a song with a memory
Please take the song she sings to me
(reach up and grab song from air)
Back to the ones I love
(place hand on back and then over heart)

- Repeat Chorus

Peek-A-Boo!

Boo! It's Me!

Peekaboo baby
*(hide eyes behind hands or cover
face with a scarf)*
Look and see
One, two, three
Boo! *(uncover face)*
It's me!

Big A Little A

Big A little A *(open hands wide and close small)*
Bouncing B *(bounce baby on knees)*
The Cat's in the cupboard
And can't see me *(cover eyes)*
Peekaboo!

Peek-a-Boo

Peek-a-boo, peek-a-boo
Who's that hiding there
Peek-a-boo, peek-a-boo
_____ 's behind the chair *(use baby's name)*

Where is Baby? *(sing to "Frere Jacques")*

Where is baby, where is baby?
There she is, there she is
I am glad to see you, I am glad to see you
Peekaboo! I see you! *(cover and uncover eyes)*

Baby's Game

Touch your ears, pat your nose
Tickle baby's little toes
Hide your eyes *(cover eyes)*
Where are you?
Baby's playing peek-a-boo! *(uncover eyes)*

This Little Baby *(count on fingers)*

This little baby rocked in the cradle
This little baby jumped in bed
This little baby crawled on the carpet
This little baby bumped her head
This little baby played hide and seek
Where's that little baby? *(cover eyes)*
Oooh-oooh Peek! *(peek a boo!)*

Baby Boo

by Jennifer Groff

Baby, baby, baby *(cover eyes)*
BOO! *(uncover eyes)*
You see me, I see you *(point to self and baby)*
Baby, baby, baby *(cover eyes)*
BOO! *(uncover eyes)*
First you peek, now I do! *(point to baby then self)*

Floppy Hat

by Bob Morrow

Baby's eyes are hiding
So is baby's nose
I can't see Baby's pretty face
But I can see Baby's toes!

(fun to play under a big hat, a scarf, or small blanket)



Playing Peek-a-Boo

Baby's gone,
Where is she?
(hide your face behind your hands)
Peek-a-boo!
(open your hands and go 'peek-a-boo')
Now I see.
Gone again,
(hide your face behind your hands)
Where did she go?
Peek-a-boo!
(open your hands and go 'peek-a-boo')
I found her toe!
(tickle babies toe)

For Quiet Times And Rocking

Rock-a-bye Baby (rock baby)

Rock a bye baby, in the tree tops
When the wind blows, the cradle will rock
When the bough breaks, the cradle will fall
And down will come baby
Cradle and all!

Rock-a-bye Baby, Thy Cradle is Green

(from England

– can be sung to "Rock-a-bye Baby")

Rock -a-bye baby, thy cradle is green
Father's a nobleman, mother's a queen
Betty's a lady and wears a gold ring
And Johnny's a drummer and plays for the king.

I'll Sing You to Sleep (gently rock baby)

(can be sung to "Rock-a-bye Baby")

Hush-a-bye, baby
Daddy's away
Brothers and sisters
Have gone out to play
But here by your cradle
Dear baby, I'll keep
To guard you from danger
And sing you to sleep

Baby on a cloud (gently rock baby)

(can be sung to "Rock-a-bye Baby")

Hush a bye baby
Up in the sky
On a soft cloud
'Tis easy to fly
When the cloud bursts
The raindrops will pour
Down will come baby
To mother once more

Hush-a-bye Baby (gently rock baby)

Hush-a-bye, baby
Pussy's a lady
Mousie has gone to the mill
And if you don't cry
She'll come by and by
So hush-a-bye, baby lie still

Wash the Dishes

Wash the dishes (rub tummy)
Wipe the dishes
Ring the bell for tea (tug nose or ear)
Three good wishes
Three good kisses (give kisses)
I will give to thee

Hush Little Baby

Hush little baby don't say a word
Mama's gonna buy you a mockingbird
If that mockingbird don't sing
Mama's gonna buy you a diamond ring
If that diamond ring turns brass
Mama's gonna buy you a looking glass
...looking glass gets broke...billy goat
...billy goat won't pull...cart and bull
...cart and bull turn over...dog named Rover
...dog named Rover won't bark...horse and cart
...horse and cart fall down
You'll be the sweetest baby in town

Twinkle Twinkle (gently rock baby)

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

Nice Hug

Nice hug, not too snug
Just right, not too tight
One kiss, just like this
Nose rub too
I love you!

Man in the Moon

The man in the moon looked out of the moon
Looked out of the moon and said
" 'Tis time for all the children on earth
To think about going to bed!"

Gifts by Virginia Kroll

What gives us wood?
A leafy green tree
What gives us honey?
A small yellow bee
What gives us fishes?
The wide blue sea
Who gives you kisses?
A Grammy (or mommy) like me!

My Big Blue Boat

*can be sung to "Mary Had a Little Lamb"

I love to sail in my big blue boat (rock side to side)
My big blue boat, my big blue boat
I love to sail in my big blue boat
Far across the sea

My big blue boat has two red sails (sway with arms up)
Two red sails, two red sails
My big blue boat has two red sails
Far across the sea

So come for a sail in my big blue boat (rock side to side)
My big blue boat, my big blue boat
So come for a sail in my big blue boat
Far across the sea

Moon Cradle (Irish ballad)

The moon cradle's rocking and rocking
Where a cloud and a cloud goes by
Silently rocking and rocking
The moon cradle out in the sky

Rocking (gently rock baby)

Hush, hush little baby
The sun's in the west
The lamb in the meadow
Has laid down to rest
The bough rocks the bird now
The flower rocks the bee
The wave rocks the lily
The wind rocks the tree
And I rock the baby
So softly to sleep
She must not awaken
'Till daisy buds peep

A Bushel and A Peck

From "Guys and Dolls"

I love you
A bushel and a peck
A bushel and a peck
And a hug around the neck
A hug around the neck
And a barrel and a heap
A barren and a heap
And I'm talkin' in my sleep
About youuuuu...
'Cause I love you
A bushel and a peck
You bet your pretty neck
I do!

Little Boy Blue

Little Boy Blue
Come blow your horn
The sheep's in the meadow
The cow's in the corn
Where is the boy who looks after the sheep?
He's under the haystack
Fast asleep.

Kissing Boo Boos

Pat it
Kiss it
Stroke it
Bless it
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Three days rain
Little hand
All well again!

Rickety Rackety

by Heidi Roemer

Rickety rackety
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Mama reads
And strokes my hair
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In the rocking chair

Little Bug

by Jill Burgard

Up on your toes
In for a kiss
Up on your toes
And I hug you like this
Up on your toes
In for a hug
Up on your toes
You're my sweet little bug!



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