Good Songs and Chants for Sounds in Words

**Apples and Bananas**

I like to eat eat eat apples and bananas.
I like to eat eat eat apples and bananas.

I like to ate ate ate aypuls and baynaynays.
I like to ate ate ate aypuls and baynaynays.

I like to eet eet eet eeples and beeeneeens.
I like to eet eet eet eeples and beeeneeens.

**Willoughby Wallaby Woo**

Willoughby Wallaby Woo.
An elephant sat on you.

Willoughby Wallaby Wee.
An elephant sat on me.

Willoughby Wallaby Waria,
An elephant sat on Maria (etc.)

**Teddy Bear Song**

Teddy bear, Teddy bear, turn around.
Teddy bear, Teddy bear, touch the ground.
Teddy bear, Teddy bear, show your shoe.
Teddy bear, Teddy bear, that will do.

Teddy bear, Teddy bear, brush your hair.
Teddy bear, Teddy bear, climb the stair.
Teddy bear, Teddy bear, reach for the sky.
Teddy bear, Teddy bear, wave goodbye.

**Miss Mary Mack**

Miss Mary Mack, Mack, Mack
All dressed in black, black, black
With silver buttons, buttons, buttons
All down her back, back, back.
She asked her mother, mother, mother
For 15 cents, cents, cents
To see the elephants, elephants, elephants
Jump over the fence, fence, fence.

They jumped so high, high, high
They touched the sky, sky, sky
And didn’t come back, back, back
‘Til the 4th of July, ly, ly.
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**Jump or Jiggle**  
By Evelyn Beyer

Frogs jump  
Caterpillars hump  
Worms wiggle  
Bugs jiggle  
Rabbits hop  
Horses clop  
Snakes slide  
Seagulls glide  
Mice creep  
Deer leap  
Puppies bounce  
Kittens pounce  
Lions stalk –  
But –  
I walk!

**Little Pippa**  
By Spike Milligan

Pip Pip Pippity Pip  
Slid on the lino  
Slippety Slip  
Fell downstairs  
Trippity Trip  
Tore her knickers  
Rippety Rip  
Started to cry  
Drippity Drip  
Poor little Pippa  
Pippety Pip.

**Sassafras and Ginger Beer**

Oh my goodness, Oh my dear,  
Sassafras and ginger beer,  
Chocolate cake and apple punch  
I’m too full to eat my lunch.

**The Folk Who Live in Backward Town**  
By Mary Ann Hoberman

The fold who live in Backward Town  
Are inside out and upside down  
They wear their hats inside their heads  
And go to sleep beneath their beds.  
They only eat the apple peelings  
And take their walks across the ceiling.

**Dilly Dilly Piccalilli**

Dilly Dilly Piccalilli  
Tell me something very silly:  
There was a chap his name was Bert  
He ate the buttons off his shirt.

**Engine Engine Number Nine**

Engine engine number nine  
Going down Chicago line.  
If the train goes off the track,  
Do you want your money back?  
Yes or No?

**Oodles of Noodles**  
By Lucia and James L. Hymes Jr.

I love noodles. Give me oodles.  
Make a mound up to the sun.  
Noodles are my favorite foodles.  
I eat noodles by the ton.

**The Purple Cow**  
By Gelett Burgess

I never saw a purple cow,  
I never hope to see one;  
But I can tell you, anyhow,  
I’d rather see than be one.
**Batty**

The baby bat
Screamed out in fright,
"Turn on the dark,
I’m afraid of the light."

**Toaster Time**

_by Eve Merriam_

Tick tick tick tick tick tick tick
Toast up a sandwich quick quick quick
Hamwich
Jamwich
Lick lick lick!

Tick tick tick tick tick tick – stop!
POP!

**Clickbeetle**

_by Mary Ann Hoberman_

Click beetle
Clack beetle
Snapjack black beetle
Glint glitter glare beetle
Pin it in your hair beetle
Tack it to your shawl beetle
Wear it at the ball beetle
Shine shimmer spark beetle
Glisten in the dark beetle
Listen to it crack beetle
Click beetle
Clack beetle

**Jeremiah Obediah**

Jeremiah Obediah
Puffs, puffs puffs.
When he gets his messages
He snuffs, snuffs, snuffs.
When he goes to school by day
He roars, roars, roars.
When he goes to bed at night
He snores, snores, snores.

**Please Porridge**

Please porridge hot,
Please porridge cold.
Please porridge in the pot,

Nine days old.
Some like it hot,
Some like it cold,
Some like it in the pot,
Nine days old.

**One Two, Buckle My Shoe**

1
2
Buckle my shoe.

3
4
Shut the door.

5
6
Pick up sticks.

7
8
Lay then straight.

9
10
A big fat hen.

One, Two, Three, Four
Buckle my shoe and shut the door.

Five, Six, Seven Eight
Pick up sticks and lay them straight

Nine, Ten
A big fat hen.

**One Potato, Two Potato**

One potato
Two potato
Three potato
Four!

Five potato
Six potato
Seven potato
More!!
Crackers and Crumbs

Crackers and crumbs
Crackers and crumbs
These are my fingers,
These are my thumbs.
These are my eyes,
These are my ears.
They’ll all grow big
In the next ten years.