



POEMS AND SONGS FOR YOUNG CHILDREN



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Sun Chant

The sun is in;
The sun is out.
When you see the sun
Give a shout.
Hooray!

I'LL PLANT a Little seed

(Tune: I'm a Little Teapot)

I'll plant a little seed in the dark, dark ground.
Out come the yellow sun, big and round.
Down comes the cool rain, soft and slow.
Up comes the little seed; grow, tree, grow!

Ten Little APPLES

One little, two little, three little apples,
Four little, five little, six little apples,
Seven little, eight little, nine little apples,
Ten little apple friends.

weather song

(Tune: Bingo)

There was a time when
we got wet and rainy
was the weather.
R-A-I-N-Y, R-A-I-N-Y,
R-A-I-N-Y, and rainy
was the weather.

(Can adapt to "sunny," "snowy," etc.)

FOUR RED APPLES

(Tune: This Old Man)

Four red apples on the tree,
Two for you and two for me.
So-o shake that tree and watch
them fall.
One, two, three, four - that is all.

A PUMPKIN

I am a pumpkin, big and round.
Once upon a time I grew on the ground.
Now I have a mouth, two eyes and a nose.
What are they for, do you suppose?
When I have a candle, inside, shining bright.
I'll be a jack-o-lantern on Halloween night!



Rags

My little puppy's
name is Rags.
He eats so much
that his tummy sags.
His ears flip flop,
when his tail wig wags.
And when he walks,
he zigs and zags,
Flip flop wig wag zig zag.
Flip flop wig wag zig zag.

The Funny Caterpillar

(Tune: The Eensy, Weensy Spider)

The funny caterpillar
curled up upon a leaf,
spun her little chrysalis
and then fell fast asleep.
While she was sleeping,
she dreamed that she could fly.
And later when she woke up,
she was a butterfly.

I Like Me

(Tune: London Bridge)

I am special, yes I am,
Yes I am, yes, I am.
I am special, yes I am.
I am very special.

No one else has hair like mine,
just like mine, just like mine.
No one else has hair like mine.
I'm very special.

(continue verses substituting other words
for "hair" - "nose," "eyes," "ears," "belly
button," "hands," "feet," "toes" etc.)



Animal Song

(Tune: Wheels on the Bus)

The cows in the barn go moo, moo, moo.
moo, moo, moo,
moo, moo, moo.

The cows in the barn go moo, moo, moo
all around the farm.

The pigs in the pen go oink, oink, oink, etc.

The sheep on the hill go baa, baa, baa, etc.

The ducks in the pond go quack, quack, quack, etc.

The houses in the field go neigh, neigh, neigh, etc.

The chickens in the coop go cluck, cluck, cluck, etc.

(continue as interest lasts, ending with this quiet verse.)

The bunnies in the hutch go (wiggle nose)

All around the farm!!

The Silly Song

(Tune: If You're Happy and You Know It)

If the sky is very high, wave goodbye.
If the sky is very high, wave goodbye.
If the sky is very high
Wink your eye and wave goodbye,
If the sky is very high, wave goodbye.

If your toes are down below, say "hello."
If your toes are down below, say "hello."
If your toes are down below,
Say "hello, hello, hello."
If your toes are down below, say "hello."

If the trees never sneeze,
bend your knees.
If the trees never sneeze, bend your knees.
If the trees never sneeze,
Blow a breeze and bend your knees.
If the trees never sneeze,
bend your knees.

If you think this song is silly, well it is!
If you think this song is silly, well it is!
If you think this song is silly,
Move your shoulders willy-nilly.
If you think this song is silly, well it is!