

Lyrics for Animal Songs

6 Little Ducks

Traditional

From the album More Singable Songs

Six little ducks that I once knew
Fast ones, skinny ones, fair ones too.
But the one little duck with the feather on his back
He led the others with his quack, quack, quack.
Quack, quack, quack-quack, quack, quack
He led the others with his quack, quack, quack.

Down to the river they would go.
Wibble wobble, wibble wobble to and fro.
But the one little duck with the feather on his back
He led the others with a quack, quack, quack.
Quack, quack, quack-quack, quack, quack
He led the others with his quack, quack, quack.

Home from the river they would come.
Wibble wobble, wibble wobble, ho-hum-hum.
But the one little duck with the feather on his back
He led the others with a quack, quack, quack.
Quack, quack, quack-quack, quack, quack
He led the others with his quack, quack, quack.

Six little ducks that I once knew
Fat ones, skinny ones, fair ones too.
But the one little duck with the feather on his back
He led the others with his quack, quack, quack.
Quack, quack, quack-quack, quack, quack
He led the others with his quack, quack, quack.

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Down By the Bay

Traditional

From the album Singable Songs for the Very Young

Down by the bay, where the watermelons grow,
Back to my home, I dare not go.
For if I do, my mother will say:

Did you ever see a goose kissing a moose...
Did you ever see a whale with a polka-dot tail...
Did you ever see a fly, wearing a tie...
Did you ever see a bear combing his hair...
Did you ever see llamas, eating their pyjamas....
Did you ever have a time, when you couldn't make a rhyme...

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Goin' to the Zoo

Words and music Tom Paxton

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From the album Singable Songs for the Very Young

Mummy's taking us to the zoo tomorrow,
Zoo tomorrow, zoo tomorrow,
Mummy's taking us to the zoo tomorrow
And we can stay all day.

Chorus:

We're going to the zoo, zoo, zoo
How about you, you, you?
You can come too, too, too
We're going to the zoo, zoo, zoo.

Look at all the monkeys swinging in the trees,
Swinging in the trees, swinging in the trees,
Look at all the monkeys swinging in the trees,
We can stay all day.

(chorus)

Look at all the crocodiles swimming in the water,
Swimming in the water, swimming in the water,
Look at all the crocodiles swimming in the water
We can stay all day.

(chorus)

Yes, Mummy's taking us to the zoo tomorrow,
Zoo tomorrow, zoo tomorrow,
Mummy's taking us to the zoo tomorrow
And we can stay all day.

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Here Sits a Monkey

Traditional, circle game

From the album Corner Grocery Store

Here sits a monkey in the chair, chair, chair
He lost all the true loves he had last year, so
Rise upon your feet, and greet the first you meet
The happiest one I know

Here lies a monkey under the chair, chair, chair...

Here plays a monkey by the chair, chair, chair...

(In this circle game, the first "monkey" sits on a chair in the center of the circle. All sing the song and during the words "rise upon your feet and greet the first you meet" the "monkey" chooses a new person who then becomes the new "monkey". Add your own verses and keep the game going.)

5 Little Ducks

Traditional

From the album Rise and Shine

Five little ducks went out one day
Over the hills and far away
Mother duck said, "Quack, quack, quack, quack."
But only four little ducks came back.

Four little ducks went out one day...
But only three little ducks came back

Three little ducks went out one day...
But only two little ducks came back

Two little ducks went out one day...
But only one little duck came back.

One little duck went out one day...
But none of the five ducks came back.

Sad mother duck went out one day...
And all of the five little ducks came back.

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Eensy Weensy Spider

Traditional; new verse by Raffi, Michael Creber

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From the album Let's Play

The eensy weensy spider
went up the water spout
Down came the rain and
washed the spider out
Out came the sun and
dried up all the rain
And the eensy weensy spider
went up the spout again

Then the little spider
began to weave her thread
Of gossamer and silk
she spun herself a bed
Round and round she went
till all her work was done
And soon a magic web lay
gleaming in the sun

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Over in The Meadow

Music traditional, lyrics by Lee Hays & Doris Kaplan

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From the album Baby Beluga

Over in the meadow in a pond in the sun
Lived an old mother duck and her little duck one
_____ said the mother, _____ said the one
And they quacked and were happy in their pond
In the sun

Over in the meadow in a stream so blue
Lived an old mother fish and her little fish two
____ said the mother, _____ said the two
And they swam and were happy in the stream so blue

Over in the meadow in a nest in the tree
Lived an old mother bird and her birdies three
____ said the mother, _____ said the three
And they sang and were happy in their nest in the tree

Over in the meadow in a rock by the shore
Lived an old mother frog and her little frogs four
____ said the mother, _____ said the four
And they croaked and were happy on the rock by the shore

Over in the meadow in a big bee hive
Lived an old mother bee and her little bees five
____ said the mother, _____ said the five
And they buzzed and were happy in the big bee hive

Over in the meadow in the noon-day sun
There was a pretty mother and her baby one
"Listen", said the mother, "To the ducks and the bees,
To the frogs and the fish and birds in the trees."
____ said the five
____ said the four
____ said the three
____ said the two
____ said the one
And the little baby laughed just to hear such fun!

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Who Built the Ark?

Traditional

From the album More Singable Songs

Chorus:

Who built the ark? Noah, Noah,
Who built the ark? Brother Noah built the ark.

Now didn't old Noah build the ark?
He built it out of hickory bark.

He built it long, both wide and tall,
Plenty of room for the large and small.

(chorus)

Now in came the animals two by two,
Hippopotamus and kangaroo.

Now in came the animals three by three,
Two big cats and a bumble bee.

Now in came the animals four by four,
Two through the window and two through the door.

Now in came the animals five by five,
Five little sparrows, doin' the jive.

Now in came the animals six by six,
The elephant laughed at the monkey's tricks.

Now in came the animals seven by seven,
Four from home and the rest from heaven.

Now in came the animals eight by eight,
Some were on time and the others were late.

Now in came the animals nine by nine,
Some were shoutin' and some were cryin'.

Now in came the animals ten by ten,
Five black roosters and five black hens.

Now Noah says, "Go and shut that door,
The rain's started dropping and we can't take more!"

(chorus)

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Tingalayo

Traditional

From the album One Light One Sun

Chorus:

Tingalayo

Come little donkey, come

Tingalayo

Come little donkey, come

Me donkey fast, me donkey slow

Me donkey come and me donkey go...

Me donkey hee, me donkey haw

Me donkey sleep in a bed of straw...

Me donkey dance, me donkey sing

Me donkey wearin' a diamond ring...

Me donkey swim, me donkey ski

Me donkey dress elegantly...

Lyrics for Animal Songs

Baby Beluga

Words and music by Raffi and D. Pike

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From the album Baby Beluga

Baby beluga in the deep blue sea
Swim so wild and you swim so free
Heaven above and the sea below
And a little white whale on the go

Baby beluga, baby beluga
Is the water warm, is your mama home
With you so happy

Way down under where the dolphins play
Where you dive and splash all day
Waves roll in and the waves roll out
See the water squirtin' out of your spout

Baby beluga, baby beluga
Sing your little song, sing for all your friends
We like to hear you

When it's dark, you're home and fed
Curl up snug in your water bed
Moon is shining and the stars are out
Good night, little whale, good night

Baby beluga, baby beluga
With tomorrow's sun, another day's begun
You'll soon be waking

Baby beluga in the deep blue sea
Swim so wild and you swim so free
Heaven above and the sea below
And a little white whale on the go
You're just a little white whale on the go.

Lyrics for Animal Songs

Octopus's Garden

Words and music by Richard Starkey

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From the album One Light One Sun

I'd like to be under the sea
In an octopus's garden in the shade
He'd let us in, knows where we've been
In his octopus's garden in the shade
 I'd ask my friends to come and see
 An octopus's garden with me
I'd like to be under the sea
In an octopus's garden in the shade

We would be warm, below the storm
In our little hideaway beneath the waves
Resting our heads on the sea bed
In an octopus's garden near a cave
 We would sing and dance around
 Because we know we can't be found
I'd like to be under the sea
In an octopus's garden in the shade

Lyrics for Animal Songs

Anansi

Words by Bert Simpson, music by Raffi

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From the album Corner Grocery Store

Chorus:

Anansi – he is a spider, Anansi – he is a man

Anansi – he is a lazy one, do little as he can

Yeah, do little as he can

Anansi has a mango tree, he loves the fruit so ripe

He cannot reach the mangos but he longs to have a bite

(chorus)

So – Anansi tells his friend the crow, "You're beautiful to me."

Old crow calls her friends so they can hear his flattery

The crows fly to the mango tree, they bend the
branches down

Anansi watch them swing and sway and mango hit
the ground

Anansi – he is a spider, Anansi – he is a man

Anansi – he is a clever one, he always have a plan

(chorus)

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Baa Baa Black Sheep

Traditional

From the album Singable Songs for the Very Young

Baa baa black sheep have you any wool?
Yes sir, yes sir, three bags full.
One for my master, one for my dame,
One for the little boy who lives down the lane,
Baa baa black sheep have you any wool?
Yes sir, yes sir, three bags full.

Baa baa black sheep have you any wool?
Yes sir, yes sir, three bags full.
One for my master, one for my dame,
One for the little boy who lives down the lane,
Baa baa black sheep have you any wool?
Yes sir, yes sir, three bags full.

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Good Night Irene

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From the album Corner Grocery Store

Foxes sleep in the forest
Lions sleep in the dens
Goats sleep on the mountainside
And piggies sleep in pens

Chorus:

Irene goodnight, Irene goodnight
Goodnight Irene, goodnight Irene
I'll see you in my dream

Whales sleep in the ocean
Zebras sleep on land
Hippos sleep by the riverside
And camels sleep on sand

(chorus)

Coyote sleeps in the canyon
A birdie sleeps in a tree
And when it's time for me to rest
My bed's the place for me

(chorus)