

# Toddler Story Time Rhymes, Songs & Fingerplays

Roly poly, roly poly, up up up

*(roll hands round each other moving upwards)*

Roly poly, roly poly, down down down

*(roll hands moving downwards)*

Roly poly, roly poly, out out out

*(roll hands away from you)*

Roly poly, roly poly, in in in

*(roll hands towards you)*

Roly poly ever so slowly ... ever ... so ... slow ... ly

Roly poly *faster, faster, faster, FASTER*

*(repeat slow & fast roly-polies several times)*

Stretching, stretching, stretching

Now I'm very tall.

Shrinking, shrinking, shrinking

Now I'm very small.

Now tall.

Now small.

Now I'm a little ball.

I had a little turtle,

His name was Tiny Tim

I put him in the bathtub,

To see if he could swim.

He drank up all the water,

He ate up all the soap,

Now he's home, sick in bed,

With bubbles in his throat!

Bubbles, bubbles, bubbles,

Bubbles, bubbles, bubbles,

Bubbles, bubbles, bubbles,

Bubbles, bubbles, POP!!!

I am a little teapot

Short & stouts

Here's my handle

Here's my spout

When I get all steamed up

I just shout

Tip me over & pour me out

## The Wheels on the Bus

The Wheels on the Bus Go

Round and Round . . .

All through the town

The People on the Bus Go

Up and down . . .

All through the town

The Babies on the Bus Go

Waa Waa Waa . . .

All through the town

If you're happy and you know it,

Clap your hands (clap, clap).

If you're happy and you know it,

Clap your hands (clap, clap).

If you're happy and you know it,

Then your face will surely show it.

If you're happy and you know,

Clap your hands (clap, clap).

Other Verses:

Stomp your feet (stomp, stomp).

Shout hurray! (hurray!).



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Itsy bitsy spider  
climbed up the water spout  
*(climb your hands upward)*

Down came the rain and  
washed the spider out  
*(spread hands out)*

Out came the sun  
and dried up all the rain  
*(pretend to make the sun)*

And the itsy bitsy spider  
climbed up the spout again  
*(have the spider climb up the spout again)*

## Twinkle, Twinkle Traffic Light

*Tune: Twinkle Twinkle Little Star*

Twinkle, twinkle traffic light,  
Round the corner shining bright.  
Red means stop,  
Green means go,  
Yellow very, very slow.  
Twinkle, twinkle traffic light,  
Round the corner shining bright.

Five fingers on this hand. *hold up one hand*

Five fingers on that: *hold up the other hand*

A dear little nose. *point to nose*

A mouth like a rose. *point to mouth*

Two cheeks so tiny and fat. *point to each cheek*

Two eyes, two ears *point to each*

And ten little toes; *point to toes*

That's the way the baby grows.

This is big big big  
*(hold arms out to side)*

This is small small small  
*(cup hands together)*

This is short short short  
*(hold hands with palms  
facing each other)*

This is tall tall tall  
*(reach one hand above head)*

This is fast fast fast  
*(circle fists quickly)*

This is slow slow slow  
*(circle fists slowly)*

This is yes yes yes  
*(nod)*

This is no no no  
*(shake head)*

'Round and 'round the garden,  
goes the Teddy Bear.

One step, two steps,  
ticky under there.

Slowly, slowly, very slowly  
Goes the garden snail.

Slowly, slowly, very slowly  
Up the garden trail.

*(slowly walk fingers up child's arm)*

Quickly, quickly, quickly  
Runs the little mouse.

Quickly, quickly, quickly  
All around the house.

*(tickle child all over)*



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## **Jumping Beans**

*(Jump up and down or  
bounce on lap to words)*

One, two, three, four,  
Beans came jumping  
Through the door.  
Five, six, seven, eight,  
Jumping up  
Onto my plate.

## **We Can Jump**

We can jump, jump, jump  
We can hop, hop, hop  
We can clap, clap, clap,  
We can stop, stop, stop,  
We can stretch up both our arms,  
We can reach and touch our toes,  
We can bend our knees a little bit,  
And sit down slow.

## **A is for alligator**

Chomp, chomp, chomp.  
*(snap mouth with arms)*

## **B is for ball**

Bounce, bounce, bounce.  
*(bounce ball)*

## **C is for circle**

Turn round and round.  
*(turn in circle)*

## **D is for dizzy**

And we all sit down!  
*(sit down)*

## **Bouncin' Up & Down In My Little Red Wagon**

*(Bounce child on lap as you say the rhyme)*

Bouncin' up and down in  
My little red wagon.

Bouncin' up and down in  
My little red wagon.

Bouncin' up and down in  
My little red wagon,  
Won't you be my friend.

Where are the baby mice?  
Squeak, squeak, squeak!  
I cannot see them.  
Peek, peek, peek!

Here they come from a hole in the wall.  
One, two, three, four, five,  
That's all!

## **Pat-a-Cake**

Pat-a-cake, pat-a-cake,  
Baker's man.  
*(clap hands or bounce baby)*

Bake me a cake  
As fast as you can.

Roll it and roll it  
*(roll hands around each other)*

And mark it with a B.  
*(draw a B on baby's back)*

Put it in the oven  
For baby and me!  
*(point to baby and self)*



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Big A,

*(open child's arms)*

Little a,

*(Bring baby's hands together)*

Bouncing B,

*(Bounce child on knee)*

The cat's in the cupboard,

And he can't see!

Peek-a-boo!

*(Cover child's eyes)*

I see you.

*(Take hands away)*

## Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear

Teddy bear, teddy bear turn around.

Teddy bear, teddy bear touch the ground.

Teddy bear, teddy bear reach up high.

Teddy bear, teddy bear touch the sky.

Teddy bear, teddy bear touch your toes.

Teddy bear, teddy bear touch your nose.

Teddy bear, teddy bear touch your head.

Teddy bear, teddy bear time for bed.

## **Tune: *Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star***

Flutter, flutter butterfly

Raise your wings

so you can fly!

See him floating in the air

Floating, flying everywhere.

Flutter, flutter butterfly

Raise your wings

so you can fly!

## **Sing to *London Bridge Is Falling Down:***

Make your hands go

Clap, clap, clap,

Clap, clap, clap,

Clap, clap, clap.

Make your hands go

Clap, clap, clap,

Just like me.

Make your head go

Side to side,

Side to side,

Side to side.

Make your head go

Side to side,

Just like me.

Make your feet go

Stomp, stomp, stomp,

Stomp, stomp, stomp,

Stomp, stomp, stomp.

Make your feet go

Stomp, stomp, stomp,

Just like me.

## **Toast in the Toaster**

I'm toast in the toaster

I'm getting very hot

Tick tock, Tick tock,

Up I pop!

Head, shoulders, knees and toes, knees and toes

Head, shoulders, knees and toes, knees and toes

and eyes and ears and mouth and nose,

Head, shoulders, knees and toes, knees and toes.



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## Kangaroo Brown

Jump! Jump! Kangaroo Brown  
Jump! Jump! Off to town  
Jump! Jump! Up and down  
Jump! Jump! Kangaroo Brown

2nd Verse: Spin! Spin! Kangaroo Brown

3rd Verse: Clap! Clap! Kangaroo Brown

## **Sing to *Frere Jacques***

Walking, walking,  
Walking, walking.  
Hop, hop, hop!  
Hop, hop, hop!  
Running, running, running,  
Running, running, running,  
Now we stop.  
Now we stop.

## **Hey Diddle, Diddle**

Hey diddle, diddle,  
The cat and the fiddle.  
*(pretend to play violin)*  
The cow jumped over the moon.  
*(jump)*  
The little dog laughed,  
*(make laughing noise & gesture)*  
To see such sport.  
And the dish ran away with the spoon.  
*(run in place)*

Row, row, row your boat

Gently down the stream

Merrily, merrily, merrily, merrily

Life is but a dream.

Bounce, bounce, bounce your boat

Gently down the stream

Merrily, merrily, merrily, merrily

Life is but a dream.

Sway, sway, sway your boat

Gently down the stream

Merrily, merrily, merrily, merrily

Life is but a dream.

Tickle, tickle, tickle your boat

Gently down the stream

Merrily, merrily, merrily, merrily

Life is but a dream.

*Pretend to get into a box.*

*Turn the handle to your box.*

Jack in the box

Sitting so still...

Won't you come out?

Yes, I will!

