A Colorful Time with Rhythm and Rhyme

Kindergarten Unit 1

**Poetry**

**Poems (Read Aloud)**

**Half way Down**



Halfway down the stairs

is a stair

where I sit.

there isn’t any

other stair

quite like

it.

i’m not at the bottom

i’m not at the top;

so this is the stair

where

I always

stop.

Halfway up the stairs

Isn’t up

And it isn’t down.

It isn’t in the nursery,

It isn’t in town.

And all sorts of funny thoughts

Run round by head.

It isn’t really

Anywhere!

It’s somewhere else

Instead!

* A.A. Milne

**Singing Time**

I wake in the morning early

And always, the very first thing,

I poke out my head and I sit up in bed

And I sing and I sing and I sing!

* Rose Fyleman

**Time to Rise**

A birdie with a yellow bill

Hopped upon my window sill,

Cocked his shining eye and said:

“Ain’t you ‘shamed, you sleepy-head!”

-Robert Louis Stevenson

**Mary Had a Little Lamb**

Mary had a little lamb,

Little lamb, little lamb

Mary had a little lamb,

Its fleece was white a snow

And everywhere that Mary went

Mary went, Mary went,

Everywhere that Mary went

The lamb was sure to go

It followed her to school one day

School one day, school one day

It followed her to school one day

Which was against the rules

It made the children laugh and play,

Laugh and play, laugh and play,

It made the children laugh and play

To see a lamb at school

And so the teacher turned it out,

Turned it out, turned it out,

And so the teacher turned it out,

But still it lingered near

And waited patiently about,

Patiently about, patiently about,

And waited patiently about

Till Mary did appear

“Why does the lamb love Mary so?”

Love Mary so? Love Mary so?

“Why does the lamb love Mary so?”

The eager children cry

“Why, Mary loves the lamb, you know.”

Loves the lamb, you know, loves the lamb, you know

“Why, Mary loves the lamb, you know.”

The teacher did reply

* Sarah Josepha Hale

**Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star**

Twinkle, twinkle, little star,

How I wonder what you are!

Up above the world so high,

Like a diamond in the sky.

When the blazing sun is gone,

When he nothing shines upon,

Then you show your little light,

Twinkle, twinkle, all the night.

Then the traveler in the dark

Thanks you for your tiny spark,

How could he see where to go,

If you did not twinkle so?

In the dark blue sky you keep,

Often through my curtains peep

For you never shut your eye,

Till the sun is in the sky.

As your bright and tiny spark

Lights the traveler in the dark,

Through I know not what you are,

Twinkle, twinkle, little star.

* Jane Taylor

**Nursery Rhymes (Read Along)**

**Diddle, Diddle, Dumpling, My Son John**

Diddle, diddle, dumpling, my son John,

Went to bed with his trousers on;

One shoe off, and one shoe on,

Diddle, diddle, dumpling, my son John.

**Early to Bed**

Early to bed

Early to rise

Makes a man

Healthy

Wealthy

and Wise

**Georgie Porgie**

Georgie, Porgied, Puddin’ and Pie

Kissed the girls and made them cry.

When the boys came out to play

Georgie Porgie ran away.

**Hey Diddle Diddle**

Hey diddle diddle,

The cat and the fiddle,

The cow jumped over the moon.

The little dog laughed,

To see such sport,

And the dish ran away with the spoon.

**Humpty Dumpty**

Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall,

Humpty Dumpty had a great fall;

All the king’s horses and all the king’s men

Couldn’t put Humpty together again.

**Jack and Jill**

Jack and Jill went up the hill

To fetch a pail of water.

Jack fell down and broke his crown,

And Jill came tumbling after.

**Jack Be Nimble**

Jack be nimble,

Jack be quick,

Jack jump over the candlestick

Jack jumped high,

Jack jumped low,

Jack jumped over

And burned his toe.

**Little Bo Peep**

Little Bo-Peep has lost her sheep,

And can’t tell where to find them;

Leave them alone, and they’ll come home,

Bringing their tails behind them.

**Little Boy Blue**

Little boy blue,

Come blow your horn,

The sheep’s in the meadow,

The cow’s in the corn.

But where is the boy

Who looks after the sheep?

He’s under a haystack,

Fast asleep.

**Little Jack Horner**

Little Jack Horner

Sat in the corner,

Eating a Christmas pie;

He put in his thumb,

And pulled out a plum,

And said, “What a good boy am I!”

**Little Miss Muffet**

Little Miss Muffet

Sat on a tuffet,

Eating her curds and whey;

Along came a spider,

Who sat down beside her,

And frightened Miss Muffet away.

**Old Mother Hubbard**

Old Mother Hubbard

Went to the cupboard

To get her poor dog a bone;

But when she came there

The cupboard was bare,

And so the poor dog had none.

**Pat-a-Cake**

Pat-a-cake, pat-a-cake, baker’s man.

Bake me a cake just as fast as you can.

Pat it and roll it and mark it with a “B.”

And put it in the over for Baby and me.

**Ring Around the Rosy**

Ring around the rosy

Pocket full of posies

Ashes, ashes,

We all fall down

**Rock-a-Bye, Baby**

Rock a bye baby, on the tree top,

When the wind blows the cradle will rock.

When the bough breaks the cradle will fall,

And down will come baby, cradle and all.

**Roses are Red**

Roses are red,

Violets are blue,

Sugar is sweet,

And so are you.

**Simple Simon**

Simple Simon met a pieman,

Going to the fair;

Says Simple Simon to the pieman,

Let me taste your ware.

Says the pieman to Simple Simon,

Show me first your penny,

Says Simple Simon to the pieman,

Indeed I have not any.

Simple Simon went a-fishing,

For to catch a whale;

All the water he had got,

Was in his mother’s pail.

Simple Simon went to look

If plums grew on a thistle;

He pricked his fingers very much,

Which made poor Simon whistle.

**Star Light, Star Bright**

Star light, star bright,

First star I see tonight,

I wish I may, I wish I might,

Have this wish I wish tonight.