

Baby Rhymetime Songs and Words–Winter 2012

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SONGS

Paw paw patch (welcome song)

Where, oh where is dear little *[insert name]*?
Where, oh where is dear little *[insert name]*?
Where, oh where is dear little *[insert name]*?
Way down yonder in the paw-paw patch.

Pickin' up your paw-paws, put 'em in your pockets, *[pretend to pick up paws-paws from the ground and put them in your pockets]*
Pickin' up your paw-paws, put 'em in your pockets,
Pickin' up your paw-paws, put 'em in your pockets,
Way down yonder in the paw-patch.

[Repeat verse and chorus with other names]

Happy and you know it (welcome song)

If you're happy and you know it, clap your hands *[clap hands]*
If you're happy and you know it, clap your hands *[clap hands]*
If you're happy and you know it and you really want to show it, if you're happy and you know it clap your hands *[clap your hands]*

If you're happy and you know it, shout hooray your hands *[shout hooray w/ arms in air]*
If you're happy and you know it, shout hooray your hands *[shout hooray w/ arms in air]*
If you're happy and you know it and you really want to show it, if you're happy and you know it shout hooray *[shout hooray w/ arms in air]*

If you're happy and you know it, stomp your feet *[stomp feet]*
If you're happy and you know it, stomp your feet *[stomp feet]*
If you're happy and you know it and you really want to show it, if you're happy and you know it stomp your feet *[stomp feet]*

If you're happy and you know it, beep your nose *[squeeze nose and make 'beep' sound]*
If you're happy and you know it, beep your nose *[squeeze nose and make 'beep' sound]*
If you're happy and you know it and you really want to show it, if you're happy and you know it beep your nose *[squeeze nose and make 'beep' sound]*

**this song is very easy to add new verses to depending on what you and your baby like to do – example verses to add include, 'if you're happy and you know it, dance around' or 'if you're happy and you know it, wave hello'*

Animals Say Good Day (welcome song)

When cows get up in the morning
They always say "Good Day!"

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When cows get up in the morning
They always say "Good Day!",
They say: 'Moo! Moo!'
That's how they say "Good Day"
They say, 'Moo! Moo!'
That's how they say "Good Day"

[Repeat with other animals]

When dogs get up in the morning
They always say "Good Day!"
When dogs get up in the morning
They always say "Good Day!",
They say: 'Woof! Woof!'
That's how they say "Good Day"
They say, 'Woof! Woof!'
That's how they say "Good Day"

[this song can also be used with older children ages 2 and up. An idea is to cut out pictures of a variety of animals and mount them on craft sticks – and let the children pick a stick to determine the next verse!]

Now it's time to say good bye (good bye song)

Now, it's time to say good bye, say good bye, say good bye, *[wave good bye as you sing]*
Now, it's time to say good bye, we'll see you all next week

Yo te amo (lullaby)

Yo te amo, yo te amo *[Verse in Spanish]*
All day long I sing this little song to you
Yo te amo, yo te amo
Darling, I love you

Je t'aime, je t'aime *[Verse in French]*
All day long I sing this little song to you
Je t'aime, je t'aime
Darling, I love you

I love you, I love you *[Verse in English]*
All day long I sing this little song to you
I love you, I love you
Darling, I love you

**this song is very easy to add new verses to in different languages*

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Fuzzy wuzzy caterpillar (lullaby)

Fuzzy wuzzy caterpillar [*as you sing crawl your right fingers up your left arm*]

Crawling on the ground

Fuzzy wuzzy caterpillar [*crawl your left fingers up your right arm*]

Doesn't make a sound

Shhhh!!! [*make a 'shhhh!' gesture with your right pointer finger*]

Soon you will be sleeping, [*rock gently back and forth*]

Softly lullaby

When you are awakening, [*stretch arms wide – like you are waking up*]

You'll be a butterfly [*make a butterfly with hands and flap fingers*]

FACE RHYMES

The moon is round (face rhyme)

The moon is round [*circle baby's face with your finger*]

As round as can be

Two little eyes [*point to eyes*]

A nose [*point to nose*]

And a mouth – like me [*circle mouth*]

Eyes, nose, cheeky cheeky chin (face song)

Eyes, nose, cheeky cheeky chin [*point to eyes, nose, cheeks, and then chin*]

Eyes, nose, cheeky cheeky chin [*point to eyes, nose, cheeks, and then chin*]

Eyes, nose, cheeky cheeky chin [*point to eyes, nose, cheeks, and then chin*]

Cheeky cheeky chin, nose, eyes [*reverse - point to cheeks, chin, nose, and then eyes*]

FINGERPLAYS

These are baby's fingers (fingerplay and tickle)

These are [*insert baby's name*] fingers [*point to baby's fingers*]

These are [*insert baby's name*] toes [*point to baby's toes and give a little tickle*]

This is baby's belly button [*point to baby's belly and give a little tickle*]

Round and round it goes [*trace a circle on baby's belly*]

Come-a-look-a-see (fingerplay and song)

**before starting song hold out your right hand with fingers wide*

Come-a-look-a-see – here's my mama [*point to your right thumb*]

Come-a-look-a-see – here's my papa [*point to your right pointer finger*]

Come-a-look-a-see – my brother Tall [*point to your right middle finger*]

Sister [*point to right ring finger*]

Baby [*point to right little finger*]

I love them all [*curl fingers together and blow a kiss*]

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**now hold out left hand with fingers wide*

Come-a-look-a-see – here’s my grandma [*point to your left thumb*]

Come-a-look-a-see – here’s my grandpa [*point to your left pointer finger*]

Come-a-look-a-see – my Uncle Tall [*point to your left middle finger*]

Auntie [*point to left ring finger*]

Cousins [*point to left little finger*]

I love them all [*curl fingers together and blow a kiss*]

Two little bluebirds (fingerplay and song)

Two little bluebirds sitting on a hill [*make a fist with pointer fingers sticking up*]

One named Jack [*wiggle right pointer finger*]

And one named Jill [*wiggle left pointer finger*]

Fly away Jack [*fly away your right hand and tuck it behind your back*]

Fly away Jill [*fly away your left hand and tuck it behind your back*]

Come back Jack [*fly back your right hand w/ right pointer sticking up*]

Come back Jill [*fly back your left hand w/ left pointer sticking up*]

Fly away, fly away all [*fly away both hands at once and tuck behind your back*]

Peek-a-boo (fingerplay and song)

Peek-a-boo [*cover and uncover eyes with your hands*]

Peek-a-boo [*cover and uncover eyes with your hands*]

I see you [*point to your eyes, and then point to baby*]

I see you [*point to your eyes, and then point to baby*]

I see your tiny toes, [*point and give a little tickle to baby’s toes*]

I see your button nose [*point and give a little tickle to baby’s nose*]

Peek-a-boo [*cover and uncover eyes with your hands*]

I see you [*point to your eyes, and then point to baby*]

Roly Poly (fingerplay and song)

Roly Poly [*make continuous circular motion with hands*]

Roly Poly

Up up up [*hands go up-up-up*]

Up up up

Roly roly poly [*make continuous circular motion with hands*]

Roly roly poly

Down down down [*hands go down-down-down*]

Down down down

Roly poly [*make continuous circular motion with hands*]

Roly poly

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Watch it bloom for you! [*spread hands out like a flower blooming*]

Rain is falling down (fingerplay and song/tickle)

Rain is falling down [*make a gesture w/ arms like falling rain or gently tap baby's arm like rain drops falling*]

Splash! [*throw arms like a big splash – or give baby a big tickle*]

Rain is falling [*make a gesture with arms like falling rain or gently tap baby's arm like rain drops falling*]

Splash [*throw arms like a big splash – or give baby a big tickle*]

Sun is peeking out [*either raise arm in a semi-circle like the sun rising, or peek out behind a blanket at baby*]

Sun is peeking out [*either raise arm in a semi-circle like the sun rising, or peek out behind a blanket at baby*]

Open Them, Shut Them (fingerplay and song)

**to start this song hold your hands out wide, palms splayed*

Open them, shut them [*open and shut hands*]

Open them, shut them [*open and shut hands*]

Give a little clap, clap, clap [*clap hands*]

Open them, shut them [*open and shut hands*]

Open them, shut them [*open and shut hands*]

Put them in your lap, lap, lap [*put hands in lap*]

Creep them, crawl them [*creep right hand up left arm*]

Creep them, crawl them [*creep left hand up right arm*]

Right up to your chin, chin, chin [*tap chin with both hands*]

Open your mouth..... [*open mouth and make like you are going to put hands in mouth*]

.....but do not put them in!

BOUNCES

[*For all bounces, get your baby sitting on your knees—either facing you or facing out—with your hands around theirs]

Acka Backa (bounce)

Acka backa soda cracker [*bounce baby*]

Acka backa boo

Acka backa soda cracker

Up goes you [*lift baby in air*]

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Acka backa soda cracker [*bounce baby*]

Acka backa boo

Acka backa soda cracker

I love you [*cuddle baby in a hug*]

Ponies are Walking (bounce)

The ponies are walking, [*gently bounce your baby on your knees*]

They're walking along, walking along, walking along [*continue gentle bouncing*]

The ponies are walking, they're walking along [*continue gentle bouncing*]

Whoa, whoa, whoa [*stop and lean baby back like you were pulling on a horse's reins*]

The ponies are trotting, [*bounce baby faster than first verse*]

They're trotting along, trotting along, trotting along [*continue faster bounce*]

The ponies are trotting, they're trotting along [*continue faster bounce*]

Whoa, whoa, whoa [*stop and lean baby back like you were pulling on a horse's reins*]

The ponies are walking, [*bounce even faster, with a few bumps*]

They're walking along, walking along, walking along [*continue fast, bumpy bounce*]

The ponies are walking, they're walking along [*continue fast, bumpy bounce*]

Whoa, whoa, whoa [*stop and lean baby back like you were pulling on a horse's reins*]

**this song can also be done standing up, with baby in your arms*

Smooth Road (bounce)

We're going down a smooth road, a smooth road, a smooth road, a smooth road [*gently bounce your baby on your knees*]

We're going down a bumpy road, a bumpy road, a bumpy road, a bumpy road [*bounce a little faster, and rougher*]

We're going down a rough road, a rough road, a rough road, a rough road [*bounce even faster, and rougher*]

Then there's a hole in the road [*stop bounce, and while supporting baby, have them gently drop between your knees*]

OTHER ACTION SONGS (including diaper changing songs)

Cobbler (diaper changing song)

[**for this song, sing to your baby as they are on their back, legs in the air getting their diaper changed; for an older child you can use this as a getting dressed song to help them get their shoes on*]

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There is a cobbler on my street
Mending shoes for little feet

With a bang and a bang [*gently bang baby's feet together*]
And a bang bang bang [*gently bang baby's feet together*]

Mending shoes the whole day long
Mending shoes to make them strong

With a bang and a bang [*gently bang baby's feet together*]
And a bang bang bang [*gently bang baby's feet together*]

Mending heels [*point to baby's heels*] and mending toes [*point to baby's toes*]
Mending holes [*make a circle with fingers*] in case it snows

With a bang and a bang [*gently bang baby's feet together*]
And a bang bang bang [*gently bang baby's feet together*]

Zoom zoom (action song)

[**this song takes place standing up with your baby either standing in front of you or with you holding baby in your arms*]

Zoom zoom we're going to the moon [*march in place*]
Zoom zoom we're going very soon [*continue to march in place*]

So if you want to take a trip climb aboard my rocket ship [*pretend like you are going in through a doorway*]

Zoom zoom we're going to the moon [*march in place*]
Zoom zoom we're going very soon [*continue to march in place*]

Upside down and turn around [*either pick up baby and turn her upside and do a turn, or, for older kid, have them spin in place*]

I'll take you where the stars are found [*march in place*]

Zoom zoom we're going to the moon [*march in place*]
Zoom zoom we're going very soon [*continue to march in place*]

5-4-3-2-1 blast off! [*crouch down and count down on your fingers – at 1 pick up baby and swing the in the air at the call of 'blast off!'*]

Go Bananas (action song)

[**this song works very well with older children. The song takes place standing up*]

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Calling all bananas! [*cup your hands around your mouth as you call out*]

1-2-3-4-5

Bananas Unite! [*stretch your arms above your head, with hands clasped – like a banana peel coming together*]

Let's go bananas, go go bananas [*release arms/hands and dance!*]

Let's go bananas, go go bananas

Let's peel bananas, peel peel bananas [*pull arms from side to side - as if you were peeling a banana*]

Let's peel bananas, peel peel bananas

Bananas unite! [*stretch your arms above your head, with hands clasped – like a banana peel coming together*]

STORIES

Keys to the Kingdom (Story)

This is the key to the kingdom. [*stick out your thumb*]

And in the kingdom [*arms out wide*]

there is a town, [*arms a little narrower*]

And in the town there is a hill, [*arms in half circle*]

And on the hill there is a street, [*arms spread out straight and together*]

And on the street there is a house, [*hands together to form a 'A'*]

And in the house there is a room. [*hands down to form a square*]

And in the room there is a bed, [*hands together to form a bed*]

And on the bed there is a basket, [*hands cupped together*]

And in the basket there is a blanket, [*right hand flat*]

And under the blanket there is a BABY! [*left hand curled in a fist, with right hand like a blanket on top*]

[*Then, do the whole thing backwards with hands motions*]

Baby under the blanket,

Blanket in the basket,

Basket on the bed,

Bed in the room,

Room in the house,

House on the street,

Street on the hill,

Hill in the town,

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Town in the kingdom,
And THIS is the key to the kingdom.

Mother Mouse (Story)

[*this story uses modified American sign language. Many of the signs are not exact ASL but instead serve the purpose of storytelling with your voice and hands which engages children and acts as an important early literacy tool. You are encouraged to make up your own signs and additions to the story as well]

One [*hold up your right pointer finger to indicate '1'*]
Day [*make a semi-circle with your right arm, like a sun rising*]
Mother [*touch your thumb to your chin with the rest of the fingers splayed out*]
Mouse [*the sign for mouse is your right pointer finger flicking your nose*]
And her three [*hold up three fingers*]
Children [*make a motion with your hands like walking down the stairs*]
Went for a walk [*'walk' with your pointer and middle fingers*]
They came to a corner [*make a point with your hands touching to indicate a corner*]
And at that corner was a...
Great, Big, Enormous [*stretch your hands out, out, out to indicate great size and girth*]
CAT! [*sign for cat is three quickly whisked across your face like whiskers*]
Mother Mouse [*sign for mother mouse*]
Was scared [*scared is your hands lightly brushing against your collarbone*]
Her children [*sign for children*]
Were scared [*sign for scared*]
But.....
Mother Mouse [*sign for mother mouse*]
Was brave [*sign for brave is your hands curled into two fists like a boxer*]
Mother Mouse [*sign for mother mouse*]
Had an idea [*touch finger to forehead and then into air, like a light bulb going on*]
She said to her 3 [*three fingers*]
Children [*sign for children*]
'Children, get behind me' and all together they went.....
'WOOF! WOOF! WOOF!' [*say VERY loudly, and snap your arms together like big jaws*]
And the Great, Big, Enormous [*sign for great, big, enormous*]
CAT [*sign for cat*]
Ran away [*throw your arm to the side, as if banishing something away*]
Mother Mouse [*sign for mother mouse*]
Turned to her children [*sign for children*]
And said, "children [*sign for children*]
Never [*wag pointer finger back and forth like the gesture for 'no'*]
Underestimate the power of a second [*make the sign for 2 – two fingers*]
Language" [*touch thumbs together with palms down and hands splayed and then move hands apart with fingers wiggling like water in a stream*]