

Songs and Rhymes for Babies (PENTICTON PUBLIC LIBRARY)

Hello Song (to the tune of London Bridge) *Parents help baby wave throughout the song*

Hi, hello and how are you?
How are you?
How are you?
Hi, hello and how are you?
How are you today?

Exercises, Exercises *Lift baby's arms gently in the rhythm of the chant*

Exercises, exercises
Let's all do our exercises.
Exercises, exercises,
Let's all do our exercises.

Say, Say, Oh Baby *Hold baby on your lap and do what the song tells you*

Say, say, oh baby
Come here and clap with me
And bring your happy smile
Bounce on my lap so free.

Shake, shake your hands now
Shake, shake your bottom too.
And shake your tootsies ten.
Let's do it again.

Hickety Pickety *Parents help babies clap hands*

Hickety pickety, my black hen.
She lays eggs for gentlemen.
Gentlemen come every day
To see what my black hen doth lay.

To Market, To Market *Ride baby on knees or lap (baby can face parent/caregiver, or out to the circle)*

To market, to market
To buy a fat pig.
Home again, home again,
Jiggity, jig.

To market, to market
To buy a fat hog.
Home again, home again,
Jiggity, jog.

To market, to market
To buy a plum bun
Home again, home again,
Marketing's done.

Rickety, Rickety Rocking Horse *Continue to ride baby on knees, small babies facing you and cradled; older babies facing out to the circle*

Rickety, rickety rocking horse,
Over the hills we go.
Rickety, rickety rocking horse,
Giddy-up, giddy-up, whoa!

Gently rock baby back in lap and hug

Trot, Trot to Boston *For babies under three months, be gentle, soft and slow; for older babies this can be faster and more exciting – insert your baby’s name on “Look out Baby” line*

Trot, trot to Boston,
Trot, trot to Lynne.
Look out, Baby,
You’re going to fall in!

Bounce baby on knees

Lower knees on “in”

Here We Go Up, Up, Up *(to the tune of Here We Go Looby-Loo)*

Here we go up, up, up,
Here we go down, down, down
Here we go up, up, up
Here we go down, down, down.

Lift baby up

Bring baby back to lap

Lift baby up

Bring baby back to lap

The Grand Old Duke of York *Begin by patting the baby’s legs in time, when the up and down comes, you can lift up the whole baby or just his arms. “Out of sight” can be a peek-a-boo.*

Oh, the grand old Duke of York, he had ten thousand men.
He marched them up to the top of the hill,
And marched them down again.
And when they were up they were up.
And when they were down they were down.
And when they were only halfway up, they were neither up nor down.
He marched them to the left.
He marched them to the right.
He marched them round and round and round, and marched them out of sight.

Shoe the Old Horse

Shoe the old horse,
Shoe the old mare,
But let the little pony
Run bare, bare, bare.

Tap one foot

Tap the other foot

*Tap both feet together or pat baby’s bottom
for a change-table rhyme*

Diddle Diddle Dumpling

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.

Bicycle baby’s legs or arms

Tap each foot

Bicycle baby’s legs or arms

Yo Te Amo

Yo te amo, yo te amo,
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...

Peek – a – Boo (to the tune of Frère Jacques)

Peek-a-boo, peek-a-boo	<i>Peek</i>
I see you, I see you.	<i>Point to baby</i>
I your button nose	<i>Touch baby's nose</i>
I see your tiny toes	<i>Touch baby's toes</i>
Peek-a-boo, I see you.	<i>Peek, point to baby</i>

Baa Baa Black Sheep *Rock baby in time with song*

Baa baa black sheep, Have you any wool? Yes sir, yes sir, Three bags full.	Moo, moo, brown cow Have you any milk? Yes miss, three jugs, Smooth as silk.
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One for my master And one for my dame One for the little boy Who lives down the lane.	One for you, And one for me, And one for the little cat Who sits in the tree.
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Baa baa black sheep Have you any wool? Yes, sir, yes sir Three bags full.	Moo, moo, brown cow Have you any milk? Yes miss, three jugs, Smooth as silk.
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Muffin Man *Rock or bounce the baby gently on your lap in time with the song*

Oh, do you know the muffin man,
The muffin man, the muffin man?
Oh, do you know the muffin man,
Who lives on Drury Lane?

Oh, yes I know the muffin man,
The muffin man, the muffin man.
Oh, yes I know the muffin an.
He lives on Drury Lane.

Clap Hands, Clap Hands

Clap hands, clap hands,
Dishes in a battle,
Pots and pans all crash about,
Bang! Rattle! Rattle!

Roly Poly (to the tune of Frere Jacques)

Roly poly, roly poly
Up, up, up
Up, up, up
Roly roly poly
Roly roly poly
Down, down, down
Down, down, down

Roll hands
Lift baby or baby's arms gently

Roll hands
Roll hands
Move baby slowly down, or lower arms

Tommy O'Flynn (to the tune of Here We Go Round the Mulberry Bush)

Tommy O'Flynn and his old gray mare
Went off to see the country fair.
The bridge fell down,
And the bridge fell in
And that was the end of Tommy
O'Flynn, O'Flynn, O'Flynn

Bounce baby on knees

Lower knees

Bounce baby quickly on knees

Rigadoon

Rigadoon, rigadoon,
Gallop up high
Out of the saddle
And rolling on by.

*Ride baby on knees or lap to the rhythm
of the words*

Rigadoon, rigadoon,
Now let you fly,
Sit you on Mother's knee
Jump you up high.

Substitute Daddy's or Granny's knee, etc.
Lift baby on "jump"

Leg over Leg

Leg over leg, the dog went to Dover.
When he came to a stile,
Jump!
He went over.

Lift baby on "jump"

Little Frog

A little frog in a pond am I,
Hippity, hippity hop.
And I can jump in the air so high,
Hippity, hippity, hippity hop.

Bounce baby on lap

Lift baby in the air
Bounce baby on lap

The Moon is Round

The moon is round
As round can be
Two eyes, a nose
And a mouth – like me!

Gently trace outline of baby's face, or yours
Go around again
*Touch appropriate features on yourself or
the baby*

London Bridge

London Bridge is falling down,
Falling down, falling down.
London Bridge is falling down,
My sweet baby.

Come and take a walk around,
Walk around, walk around.
Come and take a walk around,
My sweet baby.

Catch a Wee Mouse

Round about, round about,
Catch a wee mouse.
Up a bit, up a bit,
In a wee house.

Trace a circle on the baby's back, hand or belly
Walk fingers to baby's chin
Tickle baby under chin

Round About

Round about, round about,
Sat a little hare.
The puppies came and chased him,
Right up there!

Circle baby's palm, back or belly with finger
Run fingers up arm, back or belly
Tickle under chin

Rock-a-bye Baby

Rock-a-bye baby,
In 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.

Hush-a-bye, baby,
Up in the sky
On a soft cloud,
'Tis easy to fly;
When the cloud bursts,
The raindrops will pour.
Down will come baby
To mother once more.

Eency Weency Spider

The eency weency spider
Climbed 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 eency weency spider
Climbed up the spout again.

Climb fingers up an imaginary spout
Flutter fingers for rain
Whoosh both hands as the water pour out
Circle arms over head for sun

Climb fingers again

Here is the Church

Here is the church,
And here is the steeple
Open the door, and see all the people.

Lock fingers, knuckle to knuckle
Point pinkies up
Open thumbs, waggle fingers

Baby Dear, Come Out to Play (to the tune of Baa Baa Black Sheep)

Baby dear, come out to play,
The sun is shining bright as day.
Bring your Mummy and Daddy too.
Here are all these babies to play with you.
Baby dear, come out to play,
The sun is shining bright as day.

Fuzzy Wuzzy Caterpillar

Fuzzy wuzzy caterpillar crawling on the ground
Fuzzy wuzzy caterpillar never makes a sound
Soon you will be sleeping, softly lullaby
Then when you awaken you will be a butterfly

Crawl up baby's arm with index finger
Shhh
Lay head down on your hands
Hook thumbs together and make a butterfly

Hey Diddle Diddle

Hey diddle diddle,
The cat and the fiddle,
The cow jumped over the moon.
The little dog laughed to see such fun,
And the dish ran away with the spoon.

This is a good one for rocking or bouncing

Great A, Little a

Great A, little a,
Bouncing B,
The cat's in the cupboard,
But she can't see me!

Hide your eyes and do a peek-a-boo

Riding the Merry-go-Round (to the tune of Here We Go Round the Mulberry Bush)

Take a ride on the merry-go-round
Around and around
Around and around
The horses go up and the horses go down,
Around and around and around.

*Ride baby on your lap or knees or
stand and walk in a circle*

Mother and Father and Uncle John

Mother and Father and Uncle John
Went to town, one by one.
Mother jumped off.
Father jumped off.
But Uncle John went on and on and on.

Bounce baby on knee
Lean to one side
Lean to the other side
Bounce baby on knee

I'm Toast in the Toaster

I'm toast in the toaster; I'm getting very hot
Tick, tock, tick, tock,
Up I pop!

Bounce gently
Sway side to side
Lift or toss baby up in the air

Rooster Crows

One, two, three,
Baby's on my knee.
Rooster crows
And away he goes.

Bounce baby or pat rhythm on tummy, etc.

*Crow like rooster, give a tickle
Lift baby up*

Away up High

Away up high in the apple tree.
I saw a baby smiling at me.
I wiggled the tree just like I should.
Down came the baby.
Mmm, was she/he good!

Lift baby up

*Rock baby gently
Bring baby down for a hug
Give baby a kiss*

Rub a Dub Dub

Rub a dub dub,
Three men in a tub,
And who do you think they be?
The butcher, the baker,
The candlestick maker,
Throw them out,
Knives all three!

Rub baby's back or belly

Clap/pat three times

Lean back with baby and give a hug

Round and Round the Garden

Round and round the garden
Goes the teddy bear.
One step, two step,
Tickle you under there.

Trace circle on belly or back

*Walk fingers up belly or back
Tickle under chin*

Pitty Patty Polt

Pitty patty polt,
Shoe the little colt,
Here a nail,
There a nail,
Pitty patty polt.

Tap baby's feet together

*Tap one foot
Tap the other foot
Tap baby's feet together*

Bye Low, My Baby

Bye low, my baby
Bye low, my baby bye.
Bye low, my baby.
Rock-a-baby bye.

Baby Go Round the Sun (to the tune of Here We Go Looby Loo)

Baby go round the sun,
Baby go round the moon.
Baby go round the circle,
On a sunny afternoon.

*Parents walk around circle holding babies
or set babies on knees and have them
ride to the song*

I See the Moon

I see the moon and the moon sees me.
Down through the leaves of the apple tree.
Please let the moon that shines on me,
Shine on the ones I love.

Over the mountains, over the seas,
Back where my heart is longing to be
Please let the moon that shines on me,
Shine on the ones I love.

I hear the lark and she calls to me.
Singing a song with a memory.
Please send the song she sings to me
Back to the ones I love.

Over the mountains, over the seas,
Back where my heart is longing to be.
Please send the song she sings to me
Back to the ones I love.

Splish Splash Water (to the tune of Frère Jacques)

Splish, splash water, splish, splash water
On your toes! On your toes!
On your little fingers,
On your little tummy,
On your nose! On your nose!

Splish, splash water, splish, splash water
On your hair! On your hair!
On your little face,
On your little arms,
Everywhere! Everywhere!

Pease Porridge Hot

Pease porridge hot,
Pease porridge cold.
Pease porridge in the pot,
Nine days old
Some like it hot, some like it cold.
Some like it in the pot,
Nine days old.

Clap hand to the rhythm of the words

Roly Poly

Roly poly,
Ever so slowly
Roly poly
Faster, faster, faster.

*Roll hands slowly so baby can see or bicycle
baby's legs
Roll hands / bicycle legs faster and faster*

This is the Way the Farmer Rides

This is the way the farmer rides,
a-jiggity jog, a-jiggity jog. (x2)

Rock baby side to side on knees

This is the way the lady rides

A-prance, a-prance. (x2)

Bounce baby gently up and down on knees

This is the way the gentleman rides.

A gallop, gallop, gallop! (x2)

Bounce baby quickly on knees

Come Along and Sing with Me (to the tune of Mary Had a Little Lamb)

Come along and sing with me,

Sing with me, sing with me

Come along and sing with me,

On a sunny Tuesday.

Come along and clap with me...

Come along and stretch with me...

Flying Man

Flying man, flying man,

Up in the sky,

Where are you going to,

Flying so high?

Bounce baby on lap

Lift baby up

Bounce baby on lap

Flying man, flying man,

Over the sea,

Flying man, flying man,

Please take me!

Bounce baby on lap

Lift baby up

Bounce baby on lap

Hug baby

This Little Pig

This little pig went to market,

This little pig stayed home.

This little pig had roast beef.

This little pig had none.

This little pig cried,

“Wee, wee, wee,” all the way home.

Touch baby’s fingers or toes, one by one

Run fingers up baby’s arm or leg

From Wobbleton to Wobbleton

From Wobbleton to Wobbleton is fifteen miles.

From Wobbleton to Wobbleton is fifteen miles.

Wobbleton to Wobbleton, Wobbleton to Wobbleton,

From Wobbleton to Wobbleton is fifteen miles.

Rock baby from side to side or bounce

baby on one knee for Wobbleton line,

and the other for Wobbleton line

Riding on My Pony

Riding on my pony,

My pony, my pony

Riding on my pony

Whoa, whoa, whoa.

Carry baby or ride on knees

Lean back and hug baby

Pat-a-Cake

Pat-a-cake, pat-a-cake,
Baker's man.
Bake me a cake
As fast as you can.

Clap hands in rhythm to the words

Roll it and pat it,
And mark it with B
And put it in the oven
For baby and me!

*Roll hand; pat hands together
Trace B on baby's hand*

Point to baby and self

Wee Wiggy, Poke Piggy

Wee wiggy, poke piggy
Tom whistle, John gristle
And old gray ... gobble, gobble, gobble.

*A game to play on toes or fingers (start with
the baby and work along one by one)
Tickles galore on "gobble, gobble, gobble"*

Lavender's Blue

Lavender's blue, dilly, dilly
Lavender's green.
When I am king, dilly, dilly,
You will be queen.

Who told you so, dilly, dilly,
Who told you so?
'Twas my own heart, dilly, dilly,
That told me so.

Lavender's Blue

Lavender's blue, rosemary's green
When I am king, you will be queen.
Call up your men set them to work
Some to the plough, some to the cart.
Some to make hay, some to thresh corn
While you and I keep ourselves warm.

Rosemary's green, lavender's blue
If you love me, I will love you
Call up your maids, set them to work
Some to make bread, some to the rock.
Let the birds sing and let the lambs play
While you and I stay out of harm's way.

Lavender's blue, rosemary's green
When I am king, you shall be queen.

Let's Take a Walk

Let's take a walk, take a walk, take a walk
To see what we can see...

*Walk around with baby and look at all the
exciting things there are to see 10*

Jack Be Nimble

Jack be nimble,
Jack be quick.
Jack jump over
The candlestick.

Bounce baby on knees

Lift baby on "over"

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, My Little Baby Pie

1, 2, 3, 4, 5,
My little baby pie
A, B, C, D, E, F, G,
Would you like to smile/burp/sleep for me?

*This goes well with tummy rubbing or
patting and is good for walking
around to calm and soothe*

Waltzing with Bears *Walk around and dance with your baby*

1, 2, 3, 1, 2, 3,
Waltzing with bears
1, 2, 3, 1, 2, 3,
Dance round the chairs
1, 2, 3, 1, 2, 3,
That's what we'll do
1, 2, 3, 1, 2, 3,
Waltzing with you

1, 2, 3, 1, 2, 3,
Waltzing with bears
1, 2, 3, 1, 2, 3,
Dance down the stairs
1, 2, 3, 1, 2, 3,
That's where we'll be
1, 2, 3, 1, 2, 3,
Baby and me

Jeremiah

Jeremiah, put out the fire
Puff, puff, puff
First you blow gently
And then you blow rough!

Gently tap baby's tummy

*Kiss fingers/toes/belly gently
Blow raspberry on fingers, toes, or tummy*

Dizzy, Dizzy Lizzie

Dizzy, dizzy Lizzie
All in a tizzy
Drank a soda POP!
And got all fizzy.

Bounce on one knee

*Make a big jump to the other knee
Bounce quickly*

Round and Round the Butter Dish

Round and round the butter dish
1, 2, 3.
A little here, a little there
Tasty as can be.

Rub circles on tummy

*Gently touch or kiss one cheek, then other
Tickle chin*

Pizza, Pizza, Pumpernickel

Pizza, pizza, pumpernickel
My little baby needs a tickle
One for his nose, one for his toes
And one for his tummy where the hot dog goes

*Touch nose, touch toes
Tickle tummy*

Handy Spandy

Handy, spandy, sugardy candy,
French almond rock.
Bread and butter for your supper,
Is all your mama's got.

Bounce baby with the rhythm of the rhyme

Speed up!

Crawly Crawly Crawly

Crawly crawly crawly
Up the wally wally wally
Watch out little fly
Don't you fally fally fally.

Climb fingers up baby or imaginary wall

Climb fingers quickly down baby

I Bought Bubblegum

My mother gave me a nickel,
So I could buy a pickle.
I did not buy a pickle,
I bought bubblegum.
Baloo, baloo, baloo, POP!
Baloo, baloo, baloo, POP!
I bought bubblegum.

*Use hands to make growing bubble
and clap hands on "POP!"*

Dime...lime
Quarter...water – melon
Dollar...call her

Mix and Stir (a body rhyme)

Mix and stir and pat the pan
I'm going to make a gingerbread man
With a nose so neat, and a smile so sweet
And gingerbread shoes on his gingerbread feet

*Stir with baby's hands, pat baby's tummy
Trace outline of baby's head and shoulders
Touch nose, trace mouth
Pat baby's feet*

You Are My Sunshine

You are my sunshine, my only sunshine
You make me happy, when skies are grey.
You'll never know, dear, how much I love you,
So please don't take my sunshine away.

The other night, dear, when I lay sleeping,
I dreamt I held you in my arms.
And when I woke dear you were beside me,
So I held you close and smiled.

You are my sunshine, my only sunshine
You make me happy, when skies are grey.
You'll never know, dear, how much I love you,
So please don't take my sunshine away.

Little Green Frog

1. *Stick out tongue on “=p”.*

Mm=p went the little green frog one day
Mm=p went the little green frog.
Mm=p went the little green frog one day,
And they all went mm mm=p ahh.

But we all know frogs go
(clap) la-di-da-di-da
(clap) la-di-da-di-da
(clap) la-di-da-di-da
We all know frogs go
(clap) la-di-da-di-da.
They don't go mm mm=p ahh

2. *Curl fingers up like claws with grrs.*

Grr, grr, went the little brown bear one day
Grr, grr, went the little brown bear.
Grr, grr, went the little brown bear one day
And they all went grr, grr, grr.

But we all know bears go
(hug self and rock) huggy, huggy hug
(hug self and rock) huggy, huggy, hug
(hug self and rock) huggy, huggy, hug
We all know bears go
(hug self and rock) huggy, huggy, hug.
They don't go grr, grr, grr.

3. *Put palms together and swim hands*

Swish, swish went the little grey fish one day
Swish, swish went the little grey fish
Swish, swish went the little grey fish one day
And they all went swish, swish, swish.

But we all know fish go
(pucker lips and kiss) kissy, kissy kiss...
(pucker lips and kiss) kissy, kissy kiss
(pucker lips and kiss) kissy, kissy kiss
They don't go swish, swish, swish.

All the Pretty Little Horses

Hush-a-bye, don't you cry.
Go to sleepy, little baby.
When you wake, you'll have cake,
And all the pretty little horses.

Blacks and bays, dapples and greys
All the pretty little horses.
Hush-a-bye, don't you cry.
Go to sleepy little baby.

Zoom, Zoom, Zoom

Zoom, zoom, zoom,
We're going to the moon
Zoom, zoom, zoom,
We're going to the moon
If you'd like to take a trip,
Climb on board my rocket ship.
Zoom, zoom, zoom,
We're going to the moon
10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1-BLAST OFF!

Put hands together pointing upwards

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*Crawl fingers of one hand up other forearm,
from elbow to hand like a ladder*

Put hands together pointing upwards

Lift baby up for blast off

Come a Look a See

Come a look a see,
Here's my mama.
Come a look a see,
Here's my papa.
Come a look a see,
My brother tall,
Sister, baby,
I love them all.

Use fingers of baby's hand to be each family member, starting with thumb for mama

Kiss baby's hand, repeat (on other hand)

The Wheels on the Bus

The wheels on the bus go round and round
Round and round, round and round
The wheels on the bus go round and round
All over town.

Roll hands for wheels

You can do all of the following verses, only some, or make up your own

The wipers on the bus go swish, swish, swish...
The people on the bus go up and down...
The babies on the bus go waa, waa, waa...
The parents on the bus say shh, shh, shh...
The money on the bus goes plink, plink, plink...
The driver on the bus says move on back...
The horn on the bus goes beep, beep, beep
The lights on the bus go on and off...
The doors on the bus go open and shut...

Move forearms back and forth

Bounce up and down

Rub eyes with fists

Shh with finger to mouth

Put money in imaginary slot

Point backward with thumb over shoulder

Honk imaginary horn

Hold up hands; open and shut fists.

Hold up flat hands, clap open and shut

Obadiah (rock baby or sing on swings w/toddler)

Swing me just a little bit higher,
Obadiah, do,
Swing me just a little bit higher, I love you.
Swing me over the garden wall,
But swing me gently so I don't fall,
Just a little higher,
Obadiah do!

Canadian Lullaby (Bed is too Small)

Bed is too small for my tired head,
Give me a hilltop with trees
Tuck a cloud up under my chin,
Lord, blow the moon out...please.

Blow softly

Rock me to sleep in a cradle of leaves,
Sing me a lullaby of dreaming,
Tuck a cloud up under my chin,
Lord, blow the moon out...please .

Blow softly

Huna Blentyn (Suo Gan) or Sleep My Baby

Sleep, my baby; rest my loved one.
Softly slumber now with me.
Clasped in mother's arms so tender,
Warm in mother's love for thee.
Naught shall ever come to harm thee
While my loving watch I keep;
Thou my pretty one, shall slumber
While I sing thy lullaby.

Baby's Thumb

Baby's thumb is Mister Gum.
Next comes Peter Point.
Lilly Long, Mrs. Ring,
And Pinky Little One.
Down goes Peter Point,
And silly Lilly Long.
Down goes Mrs. Ring,
And Pinky Little One,
And around goes Mister Gum.

Wiggle each finger as it is named

Fold each finger down as it is named

Hold baby's thumb, make circling motion

Laughing Baby Susan

Laughing baby Susan knows,
How to wiggle all her toes.
Toes she jiggles while she giggles,
As she wiggles all her toes.

*Substitute baby's name for Susan, wiggle all
toes at the same time*

Norwegian Lullaby

Tra la la la, La la la, La la lie,
Tra la la la, La la la, La la lie,

Na skal fingren sove (fingers)
Na skal fingren sove

Tra la la la, La la la, La la lie,
Tra la la la, La la la, La la lie,

Repeat with other body parts:

Na skal fottene sove (feet)
Na skal moonen sove (mouth)
Na skal nesen sove (nose)
Na skal oyene sove (eyes)
Na skal babyen sove (baby)

Brahms' Lullaby (Lullaby and good Night)

Lullaby and good night,
In the soft evening light,
Like a rose in its bed,
Lay down your sweet head.
When morning is near,
I will wake you my dear.
When morning is near,
I will wake you my dear.

The Dog Says, “Bow Wow”

The dog says, “Bow wow.”
The cow says, “Moo moo.”
The lamb says, “Baa, baa.”
The duck says, “Quack, quack.”
And the kitty cat says, “Me-ow.”

*Touch each finger as you name each animal,
end with pinky and wiggle it*

Higglety Pigglety Pop

Higglety pigglety pop.
The dog has eaten the mop.
The pig’s in a hurry
The cat’s in a flurry
Higglety pigglety pop!

Clap hands in rhythm with words

Creepy Mouse

Creepy mouse, creepy mouse,
From the barn to the house,
Through the gully, gully, gully!

*Circle palm gently
Walk fingers up baby’s arm
Tickle gently under baby’s arm*

Creepy Mouse II (Use baby’s own name)

Creepy mouse, creepy mouse,
All the way to baby’s house!

*Circle palm/ tummy, creep fingers up to
tickle under arm/ chin*

Round and Round the Cornfield

Round and round the cornfield
Looking for a hare.
Where can we find one?
Right up there.

*Draw a circle on baby’s palm
Walk fingers up baby’s arm*

Gently stroke baby’s hair

These are Baby’s Fingers

These are baby’s fingers,
These are baby’s toes.
This is baby’s belly button,
Round and round it goes.

Substitute baby’s own name

I’m Gonna Bore a Hole

I’m gonna bore a hole
And I don’t know where.
I think I’ll bore a hole...right...about...
THERE!

*Draw a circle on baby’s tummy gradually
getting smaller and smaller*

Tickle baby’s tummy

A Fat Pig

A fat pig, a short pig,
A long pig, a thin pig
And a pig with a curly tail.

*Touch fingers or toes, beginning with thumb
or big toe
Wiggle baby toe or pinky*

See the Pony Galloping

See the pony galloping, galloping,
Down the country lane.

*Bounce quickly, then repeat, these lines
twice, getting faster each time*

See the pony coming home,
All tired out, all tired out, all tired out.

Bounce slower and slower until you stop

All Through the Night

Sleep, my child, and peace attend thee,
all through the night.
Guardian angels heaven send thee,
all through the night.
Soft the drowsy hours are creeping,
hill and vale in slumber steeping.
I, my loving vigil keeping,
all through the night.

While the moon her watch is keeping,
all through the night.
While the weary world is sleeping,
all through the night.
O'er thy spirit gently stealing,
visions of delight revealing,
Breathes a pure and holy feeling,
all through the night.

Hungry Piggy Snout

Here is hungry Piggy Snout;
He'd better stop eating or his tail will pop out.
Here is busy mother hen;
She likes to scratch for her chickens ten.
Here is patient friendly cow;
She's eating hay from a big hay mow.
Here is Baa-baa, a woolly sheep;
Her wool keeps me warm while I'm asleep.
Here is fuzzy, fuzzy cat;
She likes to chase a mouse or rat.

Snort

Cluck

Moo

Baa

Meow

Run up baby's arm and give a little tickle

Toora, Loora, Loora

Toora, loora, loora,
Oh, toora, loora – lie.
Toora, loora, loora,
Hush now, don't you cry.

Toora, loora, loora,
Oh, toora, loora – lie.
Toora, loora, loora,
That's an Irish lullaby.

The Little Mice Go Creeping

The little mice go creeping,
Creeping, creeping
The little mice go creeping
All through the house.

*With one finger of each hand, walk up the
baby from toes to head*

The big black cat goes stalking,
Stalking, stalking.
The big black cat goes stalking
All through the house.

*With entire hand, walk up the baby from
toes to head*

The little mice go scampering,
Scampering, scampering.
The little mice go scampering
All through the house.

Quickly tickle baby from toes to head

Wee Wiggie II

Itty Bitty Pid,
Piddy Iddie Ood,
Dodie Iddie Hissie,
Hissie Issie Aussie,
Great Big old Hobble.

*Wiggle each finger or toe, beginning with
baby one*

Wee Wiggie III

Little Pig,
Pillimore,
Grimithistle,
Pennywhistle,
Great big Thumbbo, father of them all.

Same as above

Hush Little Baby, Don't Say a Word

Hush little baby, don't say a word,
Papa's gonna buy you a mockingbird.
If that mockingbird don't sing,
Papa's gonna buy you a diamond ring.
If that diamond ring turns brass,
Papa's gonna buy you a looking glass.
If that looking glass gets broke,
Papa's gonna buy you a billy goat.
If that billy goat won't pull,
Papa's gonna buy you a cart and bull.
If that cart and bull turn over,
Papa's gonna buy you a dog named Rover.
If that dog named Rover won't bark,
Papa's gonna buy you a horse and cart.
If that horse and cart fall down,
You'll still be the sweetest baby in town.

One, Two, Buckle My Shoe (*Clap or tap on baby's hands, feet or tummy - or do actions*)

One, two, buckle my shoe.
Three, four, shut the door.
Five, six, pick up sticks.
Seven, eight, lay them straight.
Nine, ten, a big fat hen!
Eleven, twelve, dig and delve.
Thirteen, fourteen, maids a-courting.
Fifteen, sixteen, maids in the kitchen.
Seventeen, eighteen, maids in waiting.
Nineteen, twenty, my plate's empty.

Tap on baby's foot
Put hands together to close door
Wiggle fingers
Hold hands out straight
Give baby a hug
Tickle baby's tummy
Kiss baby's hand
Rub baby's tummy
Rock baby or hold hands and sway
Finish with a kiss

Golden Slumbers

Golden slumbers kiss your eyes,
Smiles awake you when you rise;
Sleep, pretty darling do not cry,
And I will sing a lullaby.
Lullaby, lullaby, lullaby.

Care you know not, therefore sleep
While I o'er you watch do keep;
Sleep pretty darling, do not cry,
And I will sing a lullaby.
Lullaby, lullaby, lullaby.

Tickly Under There

Ten little fingers,
And ten little toes.
Two bright eyes,
And one little nose.
One happy smiley mouth,
And one pink tongue.
Two waving arms, two kicking legs,
And one very tickly tum!

*Touch each body part (except the tongue!)
as it is mentioned*

Tickle away!

Peter Rabbit

Peter Rabbit had a fly upon his nose
Peter Rabbit had a fly upon his nose
Peter Rabbit had a fly upon his nose
And he flipped it and he flopped it
And the fly flew away.

*Flap index and middle fingers for rabbit
ears on "Peter Rabbit", then stroke
nose w/ index finger on "nose" x3
Brush one hand, then other in front of face*

Floppy ears and twirly whiskers
Floppy ears and twirly whiskers
Floppy ears and twirly whiskers
And he flipped it and he flopped it
And the fly flew away.

*Make ears again, then twirl fingers out from
nose for whiskers x3
Brush one hand, then other in front of face
as on previous verse*

This is the Way... (an Irish play rhyme)

This is the way my father
Taught me to play the fiddle
Here and there and everywhere,
Especially in the middle!

*Hold baby's arm out (for fiddle). The side of
your hand is the bow, gently sawing
back and forth
On the word "middle", give a tickle*

Oyrele, Boyrele (a Yiddish rhyme for the face)

Oyrele, Boyrele
Oygele, Boygele
Ekele, Bekele
Tshutshela,
In mol azoy!

*Wiggle or touch each of baby's ears
Touch beside each eye
Gently pat each cheek
Pat under chin
Walk fingers up to baby's mouth*

Or in English...

Earkin-Hearkin

Earkin-Hearkin,
Eyekin-Spykin,
Cheeky-Chucky,
Chin-chin-chin,
And down the hatch!

*Wiggle or touch each of baby's ears
Touch beside each eye
Gently pat each cheek
Pat under chin
Walk fingers up to baby's mouth*

Clap, Clap Hands

Clap, clap hands, one, two, three.
Put your hands upon your knees,
Lift them high to touch the sky,
Clap, clap hands and away they fly.

Handy Dandy (try this one standing up)

Handy dandy, riddley ro
Which will you have,
High or low?

*Bounce in rhythm to words
Lift baby high then swing down between legs*

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!

*Hold baby on raised knees facing you
Slide baby down onto your stomach
Tickle baby all over*

Ten Little Men

Ten little men standing straight
Ten little men open the gate.
Ten little men, all in a ring.
Ten little men bow to the king.
Ten little men dance all day.
Ten little men hide away.

*Hold hands up, palms forward
Move thumbs toward you to "open" gates
Hold hands up, fingers spread making circle
Fingers face forward and bend down
Wiggle fingers to "dance"
Hide hands behind back*

Soft Kitty (great to teach “gentle touches” by example)

Soft kitty, warm kitty
Little ball of fur;
Lazy kitty, pretty kitty,
Purr, purr, purr.

Stroke baby as if stroking a cat (hand, hair)

Two Little Eyes

Two little eyes to look around
Two little ears to hear each sound.
One little nose to smell what’s sweet
One little mouth that likes to eat!
And eat and eat and eat...

*Stroke gently around eyes
Massage around the rim of baby’s ear
Stroke down baby’s nose from top to tip
Trace around baby’s mouth with fingertips
Nuzzle or tickle baby’s tummy*

Criss-Cross Apple Sauce

Criss-cross, apple sauce,
Spiders crawling up your back.
Cool breeze, tight squeeze,
Now you’ve got the shivers!

*Trace cross on baby’s back w/ index finger
Massage or tickle baby’s back
Blow on back of neck, gently squeeze baby
Hug and shiver with baby*

Slowly, Slowly, Very Slowly (begin slowly, then speed up)

Slowly, slowly, very slowly,
Goes the garden snail.
Slowly, slowly, very slowly,
Up the garden trail.
Quickly, quickly, very quickly,
Runs the little mouse.
Quickly, quickly, very quickly,
All around the house.

*Gently stroke baby’s feet with fingertips
Slowly walk fingers up baby’s legs
Slowly walk fingers up to baby’s neck
Gently massage baby’s back
Tickle baby’s feet with fingertips
Quickly run fingers up baby’s legs
Quickly move up to baby’s neck
Tickle all over baby’s back*

Once I Caught a Fish Alive!

One, two, three, four, five
Once I caught a fish alive.
Six, seven, eight, nine, ten
Then I let it go again.
Why did you let it go?
Because it bit my finger so.
Which little finger did it bite?
This little finger on the right.

A game to play on your fingers or the baby’s

A Smooth Road

A smooth road, a smooth road
A smooth road, a smooth road
A bumpy road, a bumpy road
A bumpy road, a bumpy road
A rough, road, a rough road
A rough road, with a HOLE!

Bounce gently

Bounce a bit more

*Bounce wildly, open legs and drop baby
through on “HOLE!”*

Where, Oh Where Are Baby's Fingers?

Where, oh where are baby's fingers?
Where, oh where are baby's toes?
Where is baby's belly button?
Round and round it goes!

Wiggle baby's fingers
Wiggle baby's toes
Touch belly button
Trace circles on belly

This Little Baby

This little baby rocked the cradle.
This little baby jumped in bed.
This little baby crawled on the carpet.
This little baby bumped his head.
This little baby played hide and seek.
Where's the baby?
...Peek!...Peek!

Rock the baby
Lift baby up
Crawl fingers up body for a tickle
Give baby's head a kiss

Do a couple of peek-a-boos

This Is the Way the Ladies Ride

This is the way the ladies ride:
Saddle aside, saddle aside
This is the way the gentlemen ride:
Sitting astride, sitting astride
This is the way the babies ride:
Tucked inside, tucked inside
And this is how they all looked great
As they all jumped over the ten-bar gate!

Bounce baby sitting sideways on lap

Bounce baby straddling your legs

Bounce baby and give a big hug

Bounce baby on one knee, change to other

Icky Bicky

Icky bicky, soda cracker,
Icky bicky boo.
Icky bicky soda cracker,
Up goes you!

Bounce baby

Lift baby high

Dickery Dickery Dare

Dickery dickery dare,
The pig flew up in the air.
The man in brown soon brought him down
Hickery dickery dare.

Dance baby side to side

Lift baby up

Bring baby down

Dance baby side to side

Did You Ever See a Lassie?

Did you ever see a lassie (laddie),
A lassie, a lassie,
Did you ever see a lassie
Go this way and that?

Dance around and sway

Go this way and that way,
And this way and that way.
Did you ever see a lassie
Go this way and that?

This is the Key to the Kingdom

This is the key to the kingdom.
And in the kingdom there is a town.
And in the town, there is a hill.
And on the hill there is a street.
And on the street there is a house.
And in the house, there is a room.
And in the room, there is a bed.
And on the bed, there is a basket.
And in the basket, there is a blanket.
And under the blanket, there is a BABY!

*Thumb is key, spread arms for kingdom
Bring palms closer, about one foot apart
Fingertips together making hill with arms
Arms straight out in front, parallel
Fingertips together make pitched roof
Touch thumbs (floor) and face palms (walls)
One palm is headboard, other arm is bed
Cup hands for basket
One palm fold over the other
Open hands, revealing something precious*

Now do it all backwards...

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

*Fold palms back together
Cup hands
Headboard and frame
Thumbs together, walls up
Pitched roof
Parallel arms
Curved forearms, fingertips touching
Parallel palms, one foot apart
Stretch arms wide
Hold up thumb*

Dance Hands

Dance your hands up,
Dance your hands down
Dance your hands out to the side,
And dance them all around.

Suit actions to words

Dance them on your shoulders,
Dance them on your head.
Dance them on your tummy,
And tuck them into bed.

Good Night (to the tune of Good Night, Ladies)

Good night, baby; good night, baby.
Good night, baby; it's time to go to bed.
Merrily we roll along, roll along, roll along.
Merrily we roll along, as off to bed we go.

Chicken in the Barnyard

Chicken in the Barnyard
Staying out of trouble
Along came a turkey
And...gobble, gobble, gobble!

*Draw a circle on baby's palm
Slowly creep fingers up baby's arm
Tickle inside of elbow, underarm or neck*

Flea on the Toe

On my toe there is a flea.
Now it's climbing past my knee,
Past my tummy, past my nose,
On my head where my hair grows.

Touch toes
Touch knee
Touch tummy
Touch head

On my head there is a flea.
Now it's crawling down on me,
Past my tummy, past my knee,
On my toe – take that you flea!

Touch head
Crawl fingers down body
Touch knee
Touch toe, then slap

Doggy's Got a Flea

1,2,3, doggy got a flea
Doggy got a flea and now it's on me.
1,2,3, doggy got a flea
Doggy got a flea and now it's on me.
It's on my toe. It's on my nose.
It's on my ear. It's over here.
It's on my thumb. It's on my tum.
1,2,3, doggy got a flea.
Doggy got a flea and now it's on me.

Baby Put Your Pants On (getting dressed/undressed to the tune of Shortnin' Bread)

Baby put your pants on, pants on, pants on
Baby put your pants on, 1 2 3.

Baby put your shirt on...
Baby put your socks on...
Baby put your shoes on...
Baby put your hat on...

Now that you're all dressed, all dressed, all dressed,
Now that you're all dressed let's go play!

Then reverse it...

Baby take your hat off, hat off, hat off
Baby take your hat off, 1 2 3.

Now that you're all naked, all naked, all naked,
Let's take a bath!

Sally Go Round the Sun

Sally go round the sun,
Sally go round the moon,
Sally go round the chimney top
Every afternoon. Boom!

Join hands, walk in circle

Fall down on boom

Shoofly

Shoofly, don't bother me,
Shoofly, don't bother me,
Shoofly, don't bother me,
'Cause I belong to somebody.

*Brush fly from left shoulder
Brush fly from right shoulder
Brush fly from left shoulder
Point to self with both thumbs*

I feel, I feel, I feel like a morning star.
I feel, I feel, I feel like a morning star.
I feel, I feel, I feel like a morning star.
I feel, I feel, I feel like a morning star, So...

Palms up, facing away, swaying

Shoofly, don't bother me,
Shoofly, don't bother me,
Shoofly, don't bother me,
'Cause I belong to somebody.

*Brush fly from left shoulder
Brush fly from right shoulder
Brush fly from left shoulder
Point to self with both thumbs*

Babushka Baio (a Russian Lullaby)

Go to sleep my darling baby,
Babushka baio.
See the moon is shining on you,
Babushka baio.

I will tell you many stories,
If you close your eyes.
Go to sleep my darling baby,
Babushka baio.

Mama's Little Baby Loves Dancing Dancing (to the tune of Shortnin' Bread)

Mama's little baby loves dancing, dancing.
Mama's little baby loves turning around
Mama's little baby loves dancing, dancing
Mama's little baby loves to boogie on down.
Lean to the left, lean to the right
Hug that baby nice and tight!
Lean to the left, lean to the right
Hug that baby nice and tight!

Mama's little baby loves dancing, dancing
Mama's little baby loves turning around
Mama's little baby loves dancing, dancing
Mama's little baby loves to boogie on down.

Baby Goes Boom Boom (a song to sing when a baby falls)

Boom, boom, baby goes boom boom,
Baby goes boom boom down.
You might cry, but everybody does it,
Everybody boom booms down.

Ahh, Ahh, Two Little Cats (a Ukrainian rhyme)

Ahh, ahh, two little cats,
One is orange
And one is black.
The little orange cat
Chased a mouse.
“Squeak, squeak!”
The little black cat
Rocked baby to sleep.

*Hold baby's two hands or feet
Wiggle one gently
Wiggle the other*

Run fingers gently up baby's arm or body

Cuddle baby and rock back and forth

Lou, Lou, Lou, Pretty Baby

Lou, lou, lou, pretty baby,
Close your eyes.
Lou, lou, lou, pretty baby
Dream of paradise.
Mama is here by you,
Papa is nearby too,
Lou, lou, lou, pretty baby
Close your eyes.

Good-bye Song (to the tune of London Bridge)

Good-bye, good-bye, we'll see you soon
See you soon, see you soon.
Good-bye, good-bye, we'll see you soon,
On another day.

*Help baby to wave throughout song or blow
kisses*

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