



## Baby Songs & Rhymes Program

**Early literacy** is the building blocks & skills required for babies to grow to be able to learn the 5 literacy skills: Play Sing Talk Read Write

### What skills do babies need to develop to build the 5 literacy skills?

- attention span
- eye hand coordination
- listening skills
- memory skills
- speech & language skills
- vocabulary
- self-esteem
- positive social interactions with other babies and adults
- love of books & reading

### Credits:

The Early Years Study

Every Child Ready to Read

Language Express

Child Development Centre – Infant & Child Development

### Parent Tips

1. Brain development – serve and return with parent/adult –700 neurons a second
2. Attention span and memory – require information and meaning
3. Bond & attachment – feeling of trust, love and comfort
4. Eye Muscle Control – tracking objects and reaching
5. Speech & language – first initial sounds
6. Fine motor skills-ability to pick up food, flip pages, to putting on cloths etc. Body movements like rowing, bouncing, dancing and clapping help babies develop motor skills.

7. Gross motor skills–core muscle control, balance, body awareness etc.
8. Love of reading and books
  - a. Rhyming board books to start
  - b. point to pictures, allow child to touch, flip, chew
  - c. name the pictures on the page
  - d. give actions and sounds
  - e. Looking at the pictures and talking about them with Baby is teaching turn-taking skills.

#### Author List

Eric Carle

Denise Flemming

Karma Wilson

Sue Williams

Margaret Wise Brown

Sandra Boynton

#### Favourite Titles

Brown Bear by Eric Carle

Barnyard Dance by Sandra Boynton

Where is Baby's Belly Button by Karen Katz

Goodnight Moon by Margaret Wise Brown

Big Red Barn by Felicia Bond

Little Blue Truck by Alice Schertle

#### Best for birth to 2 years:

Board books

Flip the Flap books

Peek a Boo books

## **Songs and Rhymes List**

### **Here We Are Together**

Oh, here we are together, together, together,  
Oh, here we are together all sitting on the floor.  
Cause your friends are my friends,  
And my friends are your friends;  
The more we get together the happier we'll be.  
There's \_\_\_ with \_\_\_, and \_\_\_ with \_\_\_. (repeat as necessary)  
Oh, here we are together all sitting on the floor.

### **If You're Happy and You Know It**

If you're happy and you know it, clap your hands,  
If you're happy and you know it, clap your 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.  
(Repeat with other actions i.e. touch your nose, pull your ears gently,

### **Zoom, Zoom, Zoom**

Zoom, zoom, zoom; we're going to the moon.  
Zoom, zoom, zoom; we're going to the moon.  
If you want to take a trip,  
Climb aboard my rocket ship.  
Zoom, zoom, zoom; we're going to the moon.  
5, 4, 3, 2, 1 ... Blastoff!

### **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.  
Twinkle, twinkle little star.  
How I wonder what you are?

### **Head and Shoulders**

Head and shoulders, knees and toes;  
Knees and toes, knees and toes.  
Head and shoulders, knees and toes;

Eyes, ears, mouth and nose.

**On My Foot There is a Flea**

On my foot there is a flea  
Now he's climbing up on me  
Past my belly  
Past my nose  
On my head where my hair grows.  
On my head there is a flea  
Now he's climbing down on me  
Past my belly  
Past my knee  
On my foot  
Take that, you flea!

**Mr. Sun**

Mr. Sun, Sun,  
Mr. Golden Sun,  
Please shine down on me.  
Mr. Sun, Sun  
Mr. Golden Sun  
Hiding behind the tree.  
These little children are asking you,  
To please come out so they can play with you,  
Oh Mr. Sun, Sun  
Mr. Golden Sun,  
Please shine down on me.

**Here is the Beehive**

Here is the beehive  
Where are the bees?  
Hiding away where nobody sees.  
See them come creeping out of the hive.  
One, two, three, four, five  
Bzzzzzzzz

**Row, Row, Row Your Boat**

Row, row, row your boat,  
Gently down the stream;  
Merrily, merrily, merrily, merrily,  
Life is but a dream.

### 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, a rough road.  
A hole!

### 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 through the town.

(Wipers – swish, horn – peep, lights – on/off, kids – up & down, door – open  
& shut, babies – waa, waa, waa)

### Shake Your Sillies Out

We're gonna shake, shake, shake our sillies out,  
Shake, shake, shake our sillies out,  
Shake, shake, shake our sillies out,  
And wiggle our waggles away.

We're gonna clap, clap, clap, our crazies out,  
Clap, clap, clap our crazies out,  
Clap, clap, clap our crazies out,  
And wiggle our waggles away.

We're Gonna jump, jump, jump our jiggles out,  
Jump, jump, jump our jiggles out,  
Jump, jump, jump our jiggles out,  
And wiggle our waggles away.

We're gonna stretch, stretch, stretch our stretchies out,  
Stretch, stretch, stretch our stretchies out,  
Stretch, stretch, stretch our stretchies out,  
And wiggle our waggles away.

### **Sleeping Bunnies**

See the sleeping bunnies,  
Sleeping till its noon.  
Come along, sing my song,  
Whistle a merry tune.  
Are they ill, their so still.  
Wake up little bunny  
And hop, hop, hop.  
Wake up little bunny  
And hop, hop, hop.  
Wake up little bunny  
And hop and stop and drop.

### **Gallop Trot**

Gallop trot, gallop trot  
Off we go the Blacksmiths Shop  
Up the hill, very slow.  
Through the grass, really fast.  
Pull up to the shop,  
Whoa horsey whoa!

### **Old MacDonald**

Old MacDonald had a farm  
Ee i ee i o  
And on his farm he had some cows  
Ee i ee i oh  
With a moo-moo here  
And a moo-moo there  
Here a moo, there a moo  
Everywhere a moo-moo  
Old MacDonald had a farm  
Ee i ee i o

(horse, sheep, pig, cat, dog etc.)

**Heave Ho**

Heave Ho,  
The waves shall go  
The captain is driving the ship  
The waves are so high  
They touch the sky  
And the boat is about to tip.

**Alphabet Song**

ABCDEFGH  
IJKLMNOP  
QRS  
TUV  
WXYZ  
Now I know my ABC's  
Next time won't you sing with me.

**The Eensy Weensy Spider**

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.  
(Can repeat with "Great big spider")

**Pat Your Head**

Pat your head  
Rub your tummy,  
Tickle your toes,  
And hug your Mommy.

**Slowly, Slowly, Very Slowly Goes the Garden Snail**

Slowly, slowly, very slowly goes the garden snail.

Slowly, slowly, very slowly up the garden rail.  
Quickly, quickly, very quickly goes the little mouse.  
Quickly, quickly, very quickly in his little house.

**The Moon is Round**

The moon is round  
As round can be.  
Two eyes, a nose, and a mouth,  
Like me!

**Open Them, Shut Them**

Open them, shut them;  
Open them, shut them;  
Give a little clap, 1-2-3.

Open them, shut them;  
Open them, shut them;  
Hide them behind your back.

Open them, shut them;  
Open them, shut them.  
Creep them up to your chin,  
But do not let them in.

Open them, shut them;  
Open them, shut them.  
Put them in your lap.

**Pace Goes the Lady**

Pace goes the lady, the lady, the lady  
Pace goes the lady, the lady-Whoa!  
Canter goes the gentleman, the gentleman, the gentleman  
Canter goes the gentleman, the gentleman-Whoa!  
Gallop goes the huntsman, the huntsman, the huntsman  
Gallop goes the huntsman-  
And tumble in the ditch!

**Jelly in the Bowl**

Jelly in the bowl,



Jelly in the bowl.  
Wibble, wobble,  
Wibble, wobble.  
Jelly in the bowl.

### **Round and Round the Garden**

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

### **This Little Piggy Went to Market**

This little piggy went to market,  
This little piggy stayed home,  
This little piggy had roast beef,  
This little piggy had none,  
This little piggy went wee, wee, wee all the way home.

### **Patty Cake**

Patty cake, patty cake, baker's man,  
Bake me a cake as fast as you can;  
Roll it, and pat it, and mark it with a "B",  
Put it in the oven for baby and me.

### **Put Your Shoes On, Lucy**

Put your shoes on, Lucy,  
Don't you know you're in the city?  
Put your shoes on, Lucy,  
It really is a pity;  
That Lucy can't go barefoot,  
Wherever she goes  
'Cause she likes to feel the wiggle of her toes!

### **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.

### **Where is Thumbkin?**

Where is Thumbkin? (Hide hand behind back)  
Where is Thumbkin? (Hide other hand behind back)  
Here I am! (Bring one fist from behind and lift thumb)  
Here I am! (Bring other fist from behind and lift thumb)  
How are you today, sir? (Move one thumb up and down as if bowing)  
Very well, I thank you (Move other thumb up and down as if it was bowing)  
Run and play...(Wiggling thumb, put one fist behind back)  
Run and play...(Wiggling thumb, put the other fist behind back)

Repeat using:

Where is Pointer, where is Pointer?  
Where is Middleman, where is Middleman?  
Where is Ringman, where is Ringman?  
Where is Pinkie, where is Pinkie?

### **Zoom, Zoom, Zoom**

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Zoom, zoom, zoom; we're going to the moon.  
If you want to take a trip,  
Climb aboard my rocket ship.  
Zoom, zoom, zoom; we're going to the moon.  
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### **The Grandfather Clock**

The grandfather clock goes,  
Tick-tock, tick-tock, tick-tock, tick-tock.  
The kitchen clock goes,  
Tick-tock-tick-tock-tick-tock-tick-tock.  
And Mommy's little watch goes,  
Tickatickatickatickatickaticka.

### **She Didn't Dance**

She didn't dance, dance, dance,  
She didn't dance at all today.  
She didn't dance, dance, dance,  
No, nor yesterday.

Chorus:

So dance her up and up and up and up,  
Dance her up to the sky.  
Dance her up and up and up and up  
And she'll be down by and by.

She is like a lady.  
She is like a queen.  
She is like a lady,  
Off to the fair at Lyn.

Repeat Chorus: So dance her up ...

He is like a gentleman,  
He is like a king.  
He is like a gentleman,  
Off to the fair at Lyn.

Chorus: So dance him up.....

### **The Grand Old Duke of York**

The grand old Duke of York,  
He had ten thousand men.  
He marched them up to the top of the hill  
And he marched them down again.

When they were up they were up.  
When they were down they were down.  
When they were only half way up  
They were neither up nor down.

He marched them to the left.  
He marched them to the right.  
He marched them around and around and around  
And he marched them out of sight.

### **Counting Snowmen**

One Little, two little, three little Snowmen  
Four little, five little, six little Snowmen  
Seven little, eight little, nine little Snowmen  
10 little Snowmen on the ground.

### **Dance Like Snowflakes**

Dance like snowflakes  
Dance like snowflakes  
In the air  
In the air  
Whirling, twirling, snowflakes  
Whirling, twirling snowflakes  
Dancing everywhere.

### **Hush, Little Baby**

Hush little baby, don't say a word,  
Mama's gonna buy you a mockingbird.  
And if that mockingbird don't sing,  
Mama's gonna buy you a diamond ring.  
And if that diamond ring turn brass,  
Mama's gonna buy you a looking glass.  
And if that looking glass gets broke,  
Mama's gonna buy you a Billy goat.  
And if that Billy goat don't pull,  
Mama's gonna buy you a cart and bull.  
And if that cart and bull turn over,  
Mama's gonna buy you a dog named Rover.  
And if that dog named Rover won't bark.  
Mama's gonna to buy you a horse and cart.

And if that horse and cart fall down,  
You'll still be the sweetest little baby in town.

**Rock Me Easy, Rock Me Slow**

Rock me easy, rock me slow,  
Rock me where the robins go.  
Rock the branch and rock the bough,  
Rock the baby robins now.  
Rock me up and rock me down,  
Rock me off to sleepy town.  
Rock me gently up the stairs  
To cuddle with my teddy bears.  
Rock me easy, rock me slow,  
Rock me where the robins go.