

# Songs and Rhymes

## To help develop phonemic awareness

### Down by the Bay



Down by the bay. Where the watermelons grow.  
Back to my home, I dare not go! For if I do,  
my mother will say:

Did you ever see a whale, with a polka dot tail?  
Down by the bay!

(Repeat refrain after each silly rhyme)

Did you ever see a fly, wearing a tie?

Did you ever see a bear, combing his hair?

Did you ever see a goat riding in a boat?

Did you ever see a moose with a loose front tooth?

Did you ever see a fish do a hula in a dish?

Did you ever see a duck in a pickup truck?

Did you ever see a bee, with a sunburnt knee?

Did you ever see a snake baking a cake?

Did you ever see a mouse, building a house?

Scan here for video of Raffi performing this song.



### Willoughby Wallaby Woo

Willoughby Wallaby Woo.

An elephant sat on you.

Willoughby Wallaby Wee.

An elephant sat on me.



Willoughby Wallaby Willy,

An elephant sat on Billy.

Willoughby Wallaby Wally

An elephant sat on Sally.

(Continue song with other names...)

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### Teddy Bear Song



Teddy bear, Teddy bear, turn around.

Teddy bear, Teddy bear, touch the ground.

Teddy bear, Teddy bear, show your shoe.

Teddy bear, Teddy bear, that will do.

Teddy bear, Teddy bear, brush your hair.

Teddy bear, Teddy bear, climb the stair.

Teddy bear, Teddy bear, reach for the sky.

Teddy bear, Teddy bear, wave goodbye.

### Big Red Barn

Tune: "Where, Oh, Where Has My Little Dog Gone?"

I wonder what's in the big red barn.

I wonder what's in it for me.

It starts with /k/,

and it rhymes with now.

Oh, what do you think it could be?

It starts with /ch/,

and it rhymes with lick.

Oh, what do you think it could be?

It starts with /p/,

and it rhymes with wig.

Oh, what do you think it could be?



NOTE: Add additional verses by replacing the phonemes (sounds) and words!

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