



Favorite Fingerplays and Bouncing Rhymes

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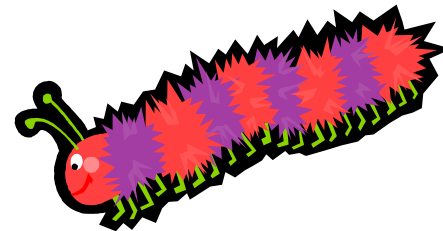


Arabella Miller

Little Arabella Miller had a fuzzy
caterpillar.

First it climbed up on her mother,
Then up on her baby brother.

They said, "Arabella Miller! Put away
your caterpillar!"

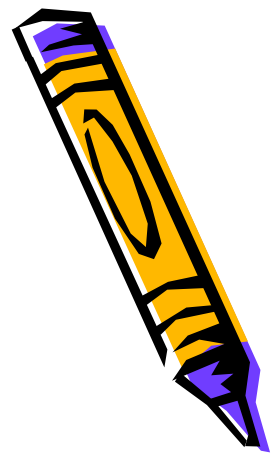


Baby Hop (from *Diaper Gym* by Priscilla Hegner & Rose Grasselli)

Snuggle up together
Baby's in your lap
Snuggle up together
And clap, clap clap (clap Baby's hands together)

Snuggle up together
Don't you nap
Snuggle up together
And tap, tap, tap (tap Baby's feet together)

You're working out together
Baby don't stop
You're working out together
Now hop, hop, hop (pick up Baby and "hop" Baby up and down)



Beehive

Here is the beehive,
where are all the
bees?

Hidden inside where
nobody sees.

Here they come,
creeping out of the
hive

1, 2, 3 4 5! Buzzzzzzzzzz



Clap, Tap, Bend (From *It's Toddler Time* by Carol Hammett & Elaine Bueffel)



I take my little hands and go clap, clap, clap (gently clap Baby's hands)

I take my little hands and go clap, clap, clap

I take my little hands and go clap, clap, clap

Clap, clap, all day long.

I take my little feet and go tap, tap, tap (gently tap Baby's feet)

I take my little feet and go tap, tap, tap

I take my little feet and go tap, tap, tap

Tap, tap, all day long.

I take my little knees and go bend, bend, bend (bend and straighten knees alternately)

I take my little knees and go bend, bend, bend

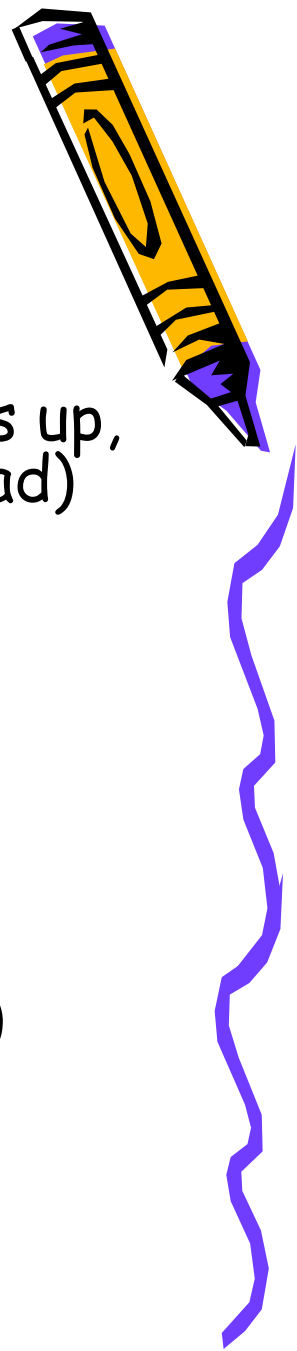
I take my little knees and go bend, bend, bend

Bend, bend all day long.



The Flea (From *Music for Very Little*

People by John Feierabend, p. 38)



On my toe there is a flea,

("climb" fingers up,
tap top of head)

Now he's climbing on my knee,

Past my tummy, 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 tummy, past my knee,

On my toe TAKE THAT YOU FLEA! (tickle foot)



Handy Dandy

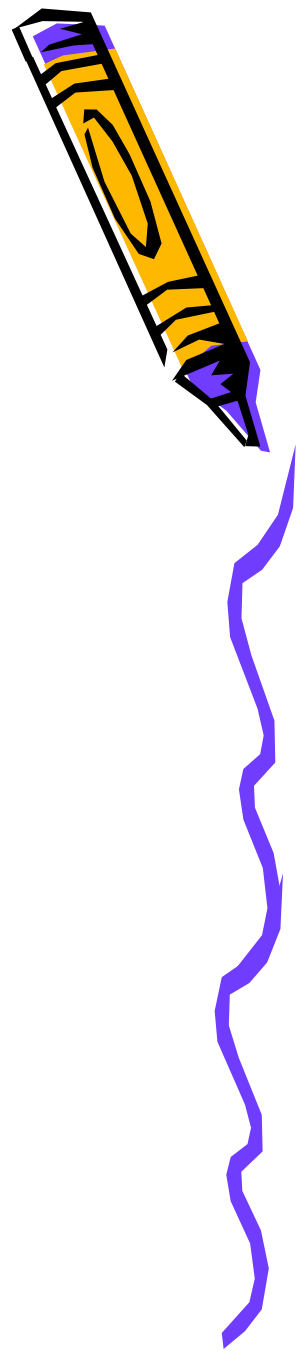
(Hide an object in one hand. Have Baby choose which hand to open to find object.)

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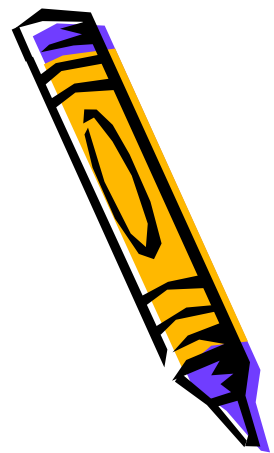
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Which hand will you have?

High, or low?



Moses Supposes (Traditional, England)



Moses supposes his toeses are roses,
(wiggle Baby's toes one by one)

But Moses supposes erroneously;

For nobody's toeses are posies of roses

As Moses supposes his toeses to be.



Rain is Falling Down (*The Baby Record* by Bob McGrath and Katharine Smithrim)



Rain is falling down. (wiggle fingers high, then "rain" down)

Rain is falling down. (repeat)

Pitter, patter, pitter, patter (tap fingers together)

Rain is falling down (wiggle fingers down)

Splash! (hit hands on ground)



Round and Round the Garden



Round and round the garden (tickle a circle on Baby's tummy)

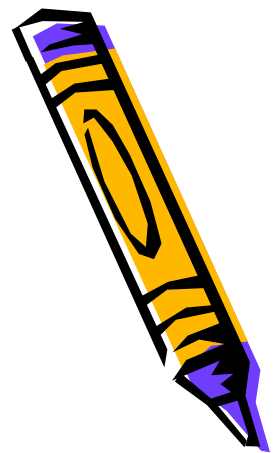
Goes the teddy bear. (keep tracing a circle)

One step, two step (take "steps" with your fingers)

Tickle you under there! (Tickle Baby under her arm)



Round and Round the Haystack (from *Music for Very Little People* by John *Feierabend, p. 25*)



Round and round the haystack (make a circle
on Baby's palm)

Went the little mouse.

One step, two steps, ("walk" your fingers up
Baby's arm)

In his little house. (tap top of Baby's head).



Shoe a Little Horse

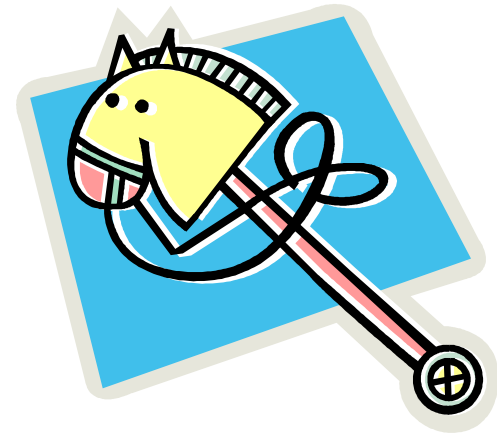
Shoe a little horse (tap lightly on
Baby's feet)

Shoe a little mare.

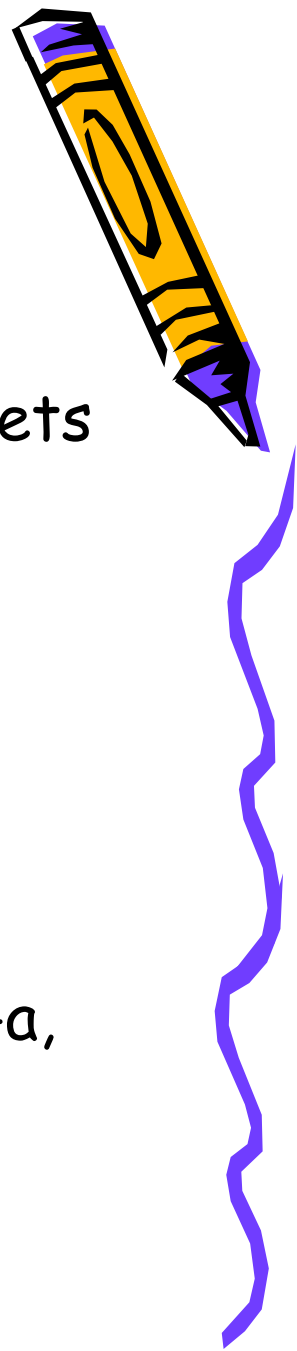
But let the little colt

Go bare, bare, bare!

(As Baby gets older, teach her to
tap the feet of a favorite
stuffed animal, doll, or friend!)



This Is the Way the Ladies Ride



This is the way the ladies ride (This knee ride gets faster and faster. End with a sudden

Nim, nim, nim lift!)

This is the way the gentlemen ride,

Trim, trim, trim

This is the way the farmers ride,

T-rot, t-rot, t-rot,

And this is the way the hunters ride,

Galop-a, galop-a, galop-a, galop-a, galop-a galop-a, galop!



Tommy Thumbs Up (from *Songs and Games for Toddlers* by Bob McGrath)

Tommy Thumbs Up and Tommy Thumbs down,
(thumbs up, thumbs down)

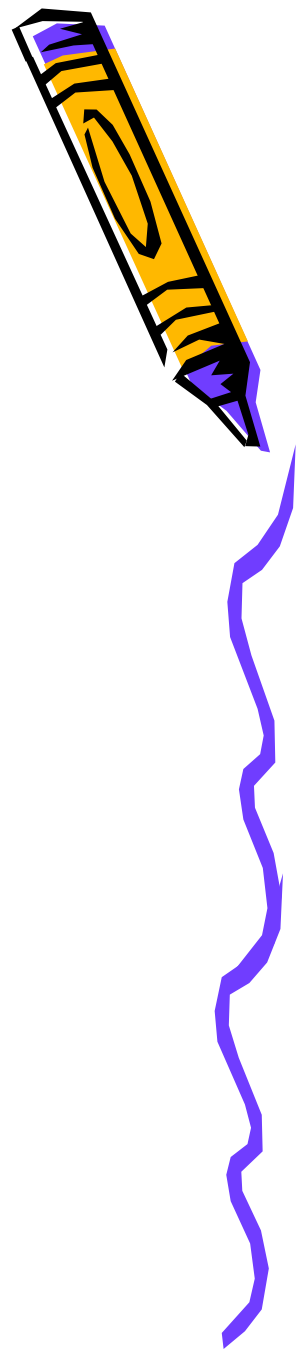
Tommy Thumbs dancing all around the town.
("dance" around Baby)

Dance them on your shoulders (tap shoulders)

Dance them on your head. (tap head)

Dance them on your knees then (tap knees)

Tuck them into bed. (tuck under arms)



When Ducks Get Up In the Morning

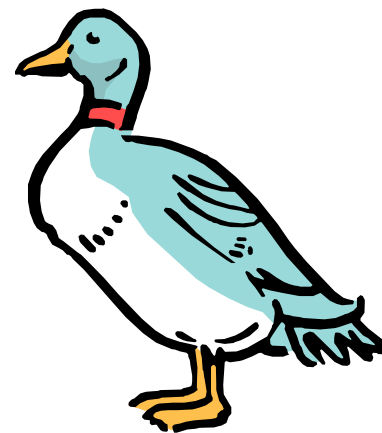
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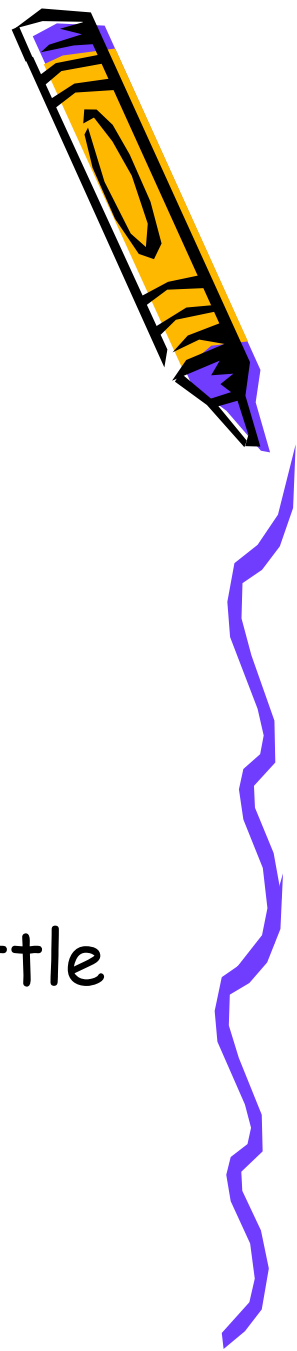
"Quack, quack. Quack, quack."
That is what they say.

"Quack, quack. Quack, quack."
That is what they say.

(Repeat, using different animals.)



Where Is Thumbkin?



Where is Thumbkin, where is Thumbkin?

Here I am, Here I am.

How are you today, sir? Very well I thank
you.

Run away, run away.

Where is Pointer, Long Man, Ring Man, Little
Man? Etc.

