

CKA Choral Reading Book

The Squirrel

Girls

Whisky, frisky
Hippity hop

Boys

Up he goes
to the tree top!

Girls

Whirly, twirly,
Round and round

Boys

Down he scampers
to the ground.

Clouds

All

White sheep, white sheep,
On a blue hill.

Girls

When the wind stops
You all stand still.

Boys

When the wind blows,
You walk away slow.

All

White sheep, white sheep,
Where do you go?

Summer

Boys

Tall grass ...

Girls

Itchy nose ...

Boys

Baby ants

Girls

Tickle my toes

Boys

Jump rope ...

Climb trees ...

Girls

Prickly bushes

Boys

Scratch my knees.

Girls

Smelly zoo ...

Boys

Monkeys stare

Girls

Sweet breezes

Boys

Blow my hair.

Girls

Ice cream ...

Boys

Soda pop ...

Girls

Watermelon

Boys

Seeds to plop.

Girls

Laughing lake ...

Boys

Seeds to plop

Girls

Laughing lake ...

Boys

Hot sand ...

Girls

Soft waves

All

Splash my hand.

Doing Dishes

Boys

Now just when I'm ready to play,

Girls

"Dry dishes," my mother will say

Boys

If I had my wishes

Girls

We wouldn't wash dishes...

All

Just use them and throw them away.

The Wise Owl
(Solo 1)

Solo 1

A wise old owl
Sat in an oak.

Girls

The more he saw

Boys

The less he spoke

Girls

The less he spoke

Boys

The more he heard

All

Why can't WE be
Like that wise bird?

Once I Saw a Little Bird

Girls

Once I saw a little bird
Come hop, hop, hop.

Boys

So I cried, "Little bird,
Will you stop, stop, stop?"

Girls

I was going to the window
To say, "How do you do?"

Boys

But he shook his little tail
And away he flew.

Mix a Pancake

Boys

Mix a pancake,

Girls

Stir a pancake,

Boys

Pop it in the pan,

Girls

Fry the pancake,

Boys

Toss the pancake

All

Catch it if you can.

Mud

Girls

Mud is very nice to feel
All squishy-squash between the toes!

Boys

I'd rather wade in wiggly mud
Than smell a yellow rose.

All

Nobody else but the rosebush knows
How nice mud feels
Between the toes.

The Flying Squirrel
(Solo 1)

All

A flying squirrel is the strangest thing!

Girls

He hasn't a feather. He hasn't a wing.

Solo 1

He doesn't fly. He parachutes.

Tails
(Solo 1)

Boys

The kangaroo has a heavy tail
She sits on for a chair.

Girls

There's scarcely any tail at all
Upon the polar bear.

Boys

But the monkey has the nicest tail
Of any living thing,

Solo 1

For he can hook it to a branch

All

And use it for a swing.

Jump or Jiggle

Boys

Frog jump

Girls

Caterpillars hump

Boys

Worms wiggle

Girls

Bugs jiggle

Boys

Rabbits hop

Girls

Horses clop

Boys

Snakes slide

Girls

Seagulls glide

Boys

Mice creep

Girls

Deer leap

Boys

Puppies bounce

Girls

Kittens pounce

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Boys

Lions stalk -

All

But -

All

I walk!

The Dark House

Girls

In a dark, dark wood,

Boys

There was a dark, dark house.

Girls

And in that dark, dark house,

Boys

There was a dark, dark room,

Girls

And in that dark, dark room,

Boys

There was a dark, dark cupboard,

Girls

And in that dark, dark cupboard

Boys

There was a dark, dark shelf,

Girls

And in that dark, dark shelf,

Boys

There was a dark, dark box,

Girls

An in that dark, dark box,

All

There was a GHOST!

The Giant's Shoes

All

There once was a giant who needed new shoes,

Girls

Left!

Boys

Right!

All

Tie them up tight!

Boys

Said he, "I'll go to the shoe store and choose

Girls

Left!

Boys

Right!

All

Tie them up tight!

Girls

"High ones and low ones and black ones and brown."

Girls

Left!

Boys

Right!

All

Tie them up tight!

Boys

"Give me the biggest you have in town.

Girls

Left!

Boys

Right!

All

Tie them up tight!

Girls

The shoeman said, "These are the biggest I've got."

Girls

Left!

Boys

Right!

All

Tie them up tight!

Boys

"Take them and try them and keep them or not."

Girls

Left!

Boys

Right!

All

Tie them up tight!

(continued)

Girls

“They fit,” said the Giant, “and squeak, I’ll buy them.”

Girls

Left!

Boys

Right!

All

Tie them up tight!

Boys

He wore them all year ‘cause he couldn’t untie them.

Girls

Untie them!

Boys

Untie them!

All

He wore them all year ‘cause he couldn’t untie them!

An Indignant Male
(Solo 1, Solo 2)

Solo 1

The way they scrub
Me in the tub,

Girls

I think there's Hardly any doubt

All

Sometime they'll rub
And rub and rub

Boys

Until they simply

Solo 2

Rub me out.

Whistles

Girls

I want to learn to whistle.
I've always wanted to.

Boys

I fix my mouth to do it
But the whistle won't come through.

Girls

I think perhaps it is stuck
And so I try it once again.

Boys

Can people swallow whistles?

All

Where is my whistle then?

The Wind

Girls

I love the wind.
It makes me run.

Boys

I think that it
Is lots of fun.

Girls

It pushes me
Right down the street
As if I had skates
On my feet.

Boys

It blows my hat
Right off my head
And makes my cheeks
And nose get red.

Girls

It teases me
And says "Whoo-oo."

All

I think the wind
Is fun, don't you?

Little Flower

Boys

A little seed
For me to sow ---

Girls

A little earth
To make it grow---

Boys

A little hole,
A little pat ---

Girls

A little wish,
And that is that.

Boys

A little sun,
A little shower---

Girls

A little while
And then - a Flower!

Piggy

Girls

Piggy on the railway,
Picking up the stones.

Boys

Up came an engine,
And broke Piggy's bones.

Girls

"Oh," said Piggy,
"That's not fair."

Boys

"Oh," said the driver,
"I don't care."

So Many Monkeys

Boys

Monkey Monkey Moo!

Girls

Shall we buy a few?

Boys

Yellow monkeys,

Girls

Purple monkeys,

Boys

Monkeys red and blue.

Girls

Be a monkey do!

Boys

Who's a monkey who?

Girls

He's a monkey,

Boys

She's a monkey,

All

You're a monkey too!

Wishing
(Solo 1)

Boys

A little boy,

Girls

A little brook.

Boys

A little pole.

Girls

A little hook.

Boys

A little worm.

Girls

A little wish.

Solo1

A little time.

All

A little fish.

Jonathan Gee

Girls

Jonathan Gee
Went out with his cow.

Boys

He climbed up a tree
And sat on a bough.

Girls

He sat on a bough
And it broke in half

Boys

And John's old cow
Did nothing but laugh

Snowman

Girls

Smile, little snowman
Round and fat

Boys

With your coal black eyes
And your funny little hat.

Girls

Smile little snowman
Watch for the sun,

Boys

And then, little snowman
Run, run, run.

Joe, Joe
(Solo 1)

Girls

Joe, Joe hurt his toe,

Boys

Riding on a buffalo

Solo 1

On the way he hurt his back

All

Sliding on the railroad track.

The Elephant

Boys

The elephant is so big and fat.

Girls

He walks like this,
He walks like that.

Boys

He has no fingers,
Has no toes.

All

But, oh, my goodness
What a nose!

Safety

Girls

Stop, look and listen
Before you cross the street.

Boys

Use your eyes.
Use your ears.

All

And then use your feet.

New Shoes

Boys

I have new shoes in the fall time,

Girls

And new shoes in the spring.

Boys

Whenever I wear my new shoes

All

I always have to sing.

Mr. Rabbit

Boys

Mr. Rabbit has a habit
That is very cute to see.

Girls

He wrinkles up and crinkles up
His little nose at me.

Boys

I like my little rabbit,
And I like his little brother,

All

And we have a lot of fun
Making faces at each other.

Ferry Boats

Girls

Over the river,
Over the bay,

Boys

Ferry boats travel
Every day.

Girls

Most of the people
Crowd to the side

Boys

Just to enjoy
Their ferry boat ride.

Girls

Watching the seagulls
Laughing with friends,

Boys

I'm always sorry
When the ride ends.

Cat

Girls

The black cat yawns,

Boys

Opens her jaws,

Girls

Stretches her legs,

Boys

And shows her claws.

Girls

Then she gets up
And stands on four
Long stiff legs,

All

And yawns some more.

Boys

She shows her sharp teeth.

Girls

She stretches her lip.

All

Her slice of a tongue
Turns up at the tip.

Girls

Lifting herself
On her delicate toes,

(continued)

Boys

She arches her back
As high as it goes.

Girls

She lets herself down
With particular care.

All

And pads away
With her tail in the air.

If You Ever

Girls

If you ever ever ever ever ever

Boys

If you ever ever ever meet a whale

Girls

You must never never never never never

Boys

You must never never never touch its tail.

Girls

For if you ever ever ever ever ever

Boys

If you ever ever ever touch its tail,

Girls

You will never never never never never

Boys

You will never never never meet another whale.

Washing

Boys

I don't see why boys
Always have to scrub.

Girls

As soon as I come in from play

Boys

Ma puts me in the tub.

Girls

It's wash when I get up

Boys

And wash when I go to bed.

Girls

And every little while
She makes me wash my head.

Boys

When I get to be a man

Girls

And have children nice and dear,

Boys

I wont have them wash at all

All

Except. . . maybe once a year.

Holding Hands

Girls

Elephants waling
Along the trails

Boys

Are holding hands
By holding tails.

Girls

Trunks and tails
Are handy things

Boys

When elephants walk
In circus rings.

Girls

Elephants work
And elephants play

Boys

And elephants walk
And feel so gay.

Girls

And when they walk
It never fails

Boys

They're holding hands
By holding tails.

The Chicken
(Solo 1, 2, 3, 4, 5)

Girls

Said the first little chicken,
With a queer little squirm,

Solo 1

"I wish I could find
A fat little worm."

Boys

Said the next little chicken,
With an odd little shrug,

Solo 2

"I wish I could find
A fat little bug."

Girls

Said a third little chicken,
With a small sigh of grief:

Solo 3

"I wish I could find
A green little leaf."

Boys

Said the fourth little chicken, With a faint little moan:

Solo 4

"I wish I could find
A wee gravel stone."

Solo 5

"Now see here!" said the mother,
From the green garden patch,

(continued)

Solo 5

“If you want any breakfast,

All

Just come here and scratch!”

Hippity Hop to Bed

All

O it's hippity hop to bed!

Girls

I'd rather sit up instead

Boys

But when father says "must,"

All

There's nothing but just,
Go hippity hop to bed.

Flies

Girls

Flies walk on ceilings

Boys

And straight up the walls

Girls

(Not even the littlest fly ever falls.)

Boys

And I am quite certain if I were a fly

Girls

I'd leave my home to go walk on the sky.

Sprinkling
(Solo 1)

All

Sometimes in the summer
When the day is hot

Boys

Daddy takes the garden hose

Girls

And finds a shady spot.

Boys

Then he calls me over,

Girls

And looks at my bare toes

Solo 1

He says, "Why, you need sprinkling,
You thirsty little rose!"

Crickets
(Sole 1, 2, 3)

Solo 1

What makes the crickets “crick” all night

All

And never stop to rest?

Girls

They must take naps in daytime

Boys

So at night they’ll “crick” their best,

Solo 2

I wonder if they just take turns
And try to make it rhyme;

Sole 3

Or do a million crickets

All

Keep “cricking” all the time?

Guess What!

Boys

I have a simply marvelous pet,

Girls

And no one else has thought of him yet!

Boys

He isn't a toad,

Girls

And he isn't a snail

Boys

He can't be a mouse

Girls

(He hasn't a tail.)

Boys

He isn't a cricket,
A crab or a mole,

Girls

(Although he can dig
A very nice hole.)

Boys

He isn't a puppy or kitten or fish.

Girls

(He's never learned how
To eat from a dish.)

Boys

But he fits in my pocket.

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Girls

He lives in a jar.

Boys

(And he likes to take rides
In my hot wheel car.)

Girls

He squiggles and wiggles and
Tickles me, too

Boys

He gives me a laugh on days when I'm blue.

Girls

His name is Paul Anthony Jonathan Squirm.

Boys

You finally guessed it.

All

Yes! . . . He is a worm!

Sunset

Boys

You never hear it talked about,

Girls

You never hear it said,

Boys

But who could mix up all that paint

Girls

To paint the sunset red?

The Cupboard

Boys

I know a little cupboard,

Girls

With a teeny tiny key.

Boys

And there's a jar of lollipops

All

For me, me, me.

Girls

It has a little shelf, up high,

Boys

As dark as dark can be.

All

And there's a dish of Banbury Cakes

All

For me, me, me.

Boys

I have a small fat grandmother,

Girls

With a very slippery knee,

Boys

And she's keeper of the cupboard,

All

With the key, key, key.

(continued)

Girls

And when I'm very good, you know,

Boys

As good as good can be,

Girls

There's Banbury Cakes, and lollipops

All

For me, me, me.

Fuzzy Wuzzy Creepy Crawly
(Solo 1, 2)

Girls

Fuzzy wuzzy,

Boys

creepy crawly

All

Caterpillar funny,

Solo 1

You will be a butterfly

All

When the days are sunny.

Boys

Winging flinging,

Girls

dancing, springing

Solo 2

Butterfly so yellow

All

You were once a caterpillar,
Wiggly wiggly fellow.

The Kitty

All

Once there was a little kitty

Girls

Whiter than snow.

Boys

In a barn she used to frolic,

All

Long time ago.

Boys

In the barn a little mousie
Ran to and fro;
For she heard the kitty coming,
Long time ago.

Girls

Two yes had little kitty,
Black as a sloe;
And they spied the little mousie,
Long time ago.

All

Four paws had little kitty,

Girls

Paws soft as dough

Boys

And they caught the little mousie,

All

Long time ago.

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Girls

Nine teeth had little kitty,

All

All in a row;

Boys

And they bit the little mousie,

Girls

Long time ago.

Boys

When the teeth bit little mousie,

Girls

Little muse cried "Oh!"

Boys

But she got away from kitty,

All

Long time ago.

The Monkey

Boys

A monkey who lived in a zoo

Girls

Kept watching the crowds that came through.

Boys

When the people outside laughed
And pointed, he cried,

All

“I’m not nearly as funny as you!”

Mice
(Solo 1)

Solo 1

I think mice
Are rather nice.

Girls

Their tails are long,

Boys

Their faces small,

Girls

They haven't any
Chins at all.

Boys

Their ears are pink

Girls

Their teeth are white,

Boys

They run about
The house at night.

Girls

They nibble things
They shouldn't touch,

Boys

And no one seems
To like them much.

All

But I think mice
Are nice.

Way Down Deep

Girls

Underneath the water

Boys

Way down deep

Girls

In sand and stones and seaweed

Boys

Starfish creep.

Girls

Snails inch slowly

Boys

Oysters sleep

Girls

Underneath the water

Boys

Way down deep.

Two Little Mice

Boys

Two little mice stay on the ice
To see if they would freeze

Girls

One began to look around
And one began to sneeze

All

KERCHOO.

Boys

They jumped and ran into the barn
And hid behind the hay.

Girls

And said, "I guess we'd better wait
Until a warmer day."

Sky Blanket

Girls

Sometimes when it is late at night,
I look up at the sky

Boys

And wonder just what causes stars
To sparkle way up high.

Girls

It seems an old worn blanket
Has been stretched out very tight

Boys

With little holes poked through it
To let out bits of light.

Thunder
(Solo 1, 2)

Solo 1

What is thunder?
I wonder.

Girls

Elephants snoring?

Boys

Giants roaring?

Girls

Horses stomping?

Boys

Alligators romping?

Girls

Oil wells pumping?

Boys

Dark clouds bumping?

Solo 2

What is thunder?
I wonder.

Fluffy Cloud

Boys

I wonder if a fluffy cloud

Girls

Could ever, ever be allowed

Boys

To tell himself which way he goes

Girls

Or must he travel where he blows?

Boys

If he were made of sticky stuff

Girls

A lot like cotton candy fluff,

Boys

Then, if he wandered very far,

All

Would he get stuck upon a star?

Elelephony

Girls

Once there was an elephant

Boys

Who tried to use the telephant.

Girls

NO! NO! I mean an elephone

Boys

Who tried to use the telephone.

Girls

Dear me! I am not certain quite

Boys

That even now I've got it right.

Girls

However it was, he got his trunk

Boys

Entangled in the telephant.

Girls

The more he tried to get it free,

Boys

The louder buzzed the telephee.

Girls

I fear I'd better drop the song

Boys

Of elephop and telephong!

First Snow
(Solo 1)

Girls

Snow makes whiteness where it falls.

Boys

The bushes look like popcorn-balls.

Solo 1

The places where I always play,

All

Look like somewhere else today.

Snow
(Solo 1)

All

The snow fell softly all the night.

Girls

It made a blanket soft and white.

Boys

It covered houses, flowers, and ground,

Solo 1

But did not make a single sound.

A Tumbled Jumble

Boys

There once was a wee little witch

Girls

Who fell down in a dirty old ditch.

Boys

She was tangled so much
In the leaves, twigs, and such,

Girls

It was hard to decide which was witch.

The Silly Clown

Girls

There once was a silly old clown

Boys

Who was painted with green, red, and brown.

Girls

When he tried to stand up,

Boys

He just gave a hiccup. . .

All

And that green, red, and brown clown
Fell down.

Patrick Goes to School

Girls

"I'm going to school tomorrow, just
To learn to write and read.

Boys

I wish I didn't have to, for
I do not see the need."

Girls

"Do you want to be," said Dad,
A deep-dyed ig-o-ra-mus, Pat?"

Boys

"Oh, not!" I cried. "I'd hate to be
A dreadful thing like that!"

Girls

"And so I thought I'd go to school
To learn to read and write.

Boys

So not to be that deep-dyed thing
Dad spoke about tonight.