The Penta-Goose

70 Pentatonic Art Songs for Children

> Poems from Mother Goose

Music by Jason Phillips Nobody should be above writing for children: on the contrary, we should strive to become good enough to do so".

Zoltan Kodaly

In the preface to *Music in Preschool, 2nd Revised and Expanded Edition*, by the Hungarian music educator Katalin Forrai, Jean Sinor wrote,

...not all songs that are taught in Hungarian classrooms inspired by Zoltan Kodaly are folk songs or Josquin motets. There are songs composed for children, notably by Kodaly himself and other eminent composers prompted by his model.

For years, Kati Forrai urged me to find English-speaking composers and poets who would collaborate on simple, beautiful songs for young children that would do for our children what the songs of Kodaly and his colleagues did and continue to do for Hungarian children. No matter how many times I told Kati Forrai about my inability to find a composer who could do what was needed to be done, she turned aside my concern and repeated that it was very important to have composed songs to supplement the folk songs and rhymes for this edition of her book. Once in frustration over this problem, I took a book of Mother Goose rhymes and wrote down some melodies for them...I took these songs to Kati when I next saw her, expecting them to be my trump card in our discussion about composed songs: I have not yet found any real composer who can write songs simple enough for preschool children, and look what you get when someone who is not a real composer but who knows children's music tries to write worthless ditties! On the contrary! These were just the kind of songs she had been hoping for, she said, composed, but in English-language children's folk style.

So this is how...a collection of children's songs I wrote has found its way into this edition of Music in Preschool. I can only assuage my conscience with the hope that perhaps these songs will prompt some real composer and real poet to create songs that can truly be considered a musical treasure for our youngest musicians.

When I read these words, I felt prompted to attempt to meet this challenge and this collection of songs is the result!

The sequencing of rhythmic and melodic elements is "Kodaly" inspired and is based on the sequencing for students from pre-school through 4th grade suggested in books such as *The Kodaly Method*, *2nd ed.*, by Lois Choksy, though as Kodaly music educators are sure to notice, there are some creative deviations! This book, however, is not meant to be a method, but rather a collection of simple, beautiful, fun songs for children that can supplement and compliment the rich treasure of folk songs any teacher might use in his or her classroom. The layout of the book, including the unaccompanied setting of the music, is inspired by the two great compilations of English language folk songs, *Sail Away*, and *150 American Folk Songs*. I hope this collection can be a worthy companion to both of these.

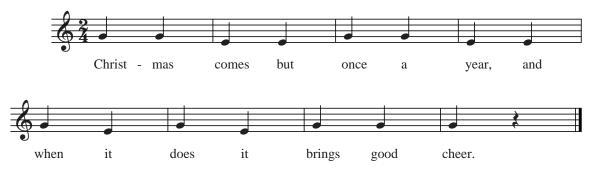
Jason Phillips

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Christmas	1	m s	m3	2/4
Rain	1	m s		2/4
Hot Boiled Beans	1	m s		2/4
Daffodils	1	m s		2/4
For Baby	2	m s		2/4
Teeth and Gums	2	m sl	4	2/4
See-saw	2	m sl		4/4
Play Days	3	m sl		2/4
Winter	3	m sl		6/8
Leg Over Leg	4	m sl		4/4
Hush-A-Bye	4	rm s	4	2/4
Little Jumping Joan	4	rm s		2/4
ABC	5	rm s		2/4
Jerry Hall	5	rm s		2/4
The Old Woman Under a Hill	5	rm s		2/4
Little Fred	6	rm sl	5	2/4
Needle and Thread	6	rm sl		4/4
Old Chairs to Mend	7	rm sl		6/8
Pancake Day	7	rm sl		2/4
Kitty Cat and Queen	8	rm sl		4/4
Jack Spratt	8	drm	M3	2/4
A Sure Test	8	drm		6/8
The Donkey	9	drm		4/4
Pat-a-cake	9	drm		4/4
Handy Pandy	10	drm		6/8
Little Boy Blue	10	d m s	5	2/4
Jack Be Nimble	11	d m s		6/8
A Counting-Out Rhyme	11	d m s		6/8
Pins	11	d m s		4/4
Forehead, Eyes, Cheeks				
Nose, Mouth, and Chin	12	d m s		2/4
Diddle, Diddle, Dumpling	12	drm s	5	4/4
Georgy Porgy	13	drm s		2/4
If Wishes Were Horses	13	drm s		4/4
The Flying Pig	14	drm s		6/8
Three Wise Men of Gotham	14	drm s		2/4

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The Clock	15	drm sl	M6	4/4
I'll Tell You a Story	15	drm sl		6/8
To Market	16	drm sl		6/8
A Candle	16	drm sl		2/4
Lock and Key	17	drm sl		4/4
John Smith	17	l, drm	5	2/4
Sleep, Baby, Sleep	18	l, drm		4/4
Doctor Fell	18	l, drm		4/4
Hush-A-Bye	19	l, drm		4/4
To Babylon	19	l, drm		4/4
Going to St. Ives	20	s,l, drm	M6	4/4
Ride Away, Ride Away	20	s,l, drm		6/8
One, Two, Three	21	s,l, drm		4/4
Dance to Your Daddy	21	s,l, drm		2/4
The Old Woman from France	22	s,l, drm		6/8
The Hunter of Reigate	22	s,l, drm sl	M9	3/4
Doctor Foster	23	s,l, drm sl		2/4
Dame Trot	23	s,l, drm sl		4/4
Just Like Me	24	s,l, drm sl		4/4
The Clever Hen	25	s,l, drm sl		4/4
One Misty Morning	26	s,l, drm sl d'	11	4/4
Solomon Grundy	27	s,l, drm sl d'		4/4
Tweedle-Dum and Tweedle-Dee	28	s,l, drm sl d'		4/4 (2/4)
The Robins	28	s,l, drm sl d'		3/4
Two Birds	29	s,l, drm sl d'		6/8
Wee Willie Winkie	30	l, drm sl d'r'	11	4/4
Around the Green Gravel	30	l, drm sl d'r'		3/4
The Kilkenny Cats	31	l, drm sl d'r'		6/8
Come Out to Play	32	l, drm sl d'r'		2/4
The Man In Our Town	33	l, drm sl d'r'		6/8
The Lion and the Unicorn	34	drm sl d'r'm'	M10	6/8
Little Robin Redbreast	35	drm sl d'r'm'		4/4
If All the Seas Were One Sea	36	drm sl d'r'm'		6/8
Why May I Not Love Johnny	37	drm sl d'r'm'		4/4
As I Was Going Along	38	drm sl d'r'm'		3/4

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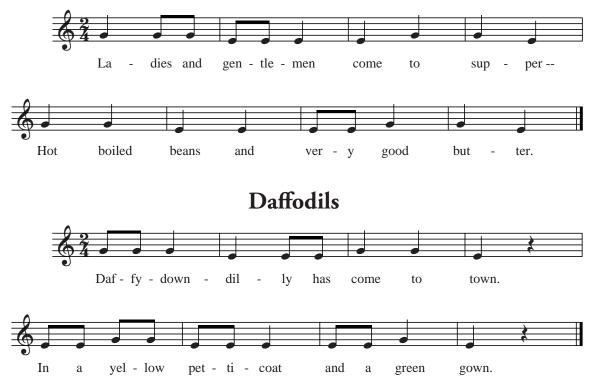
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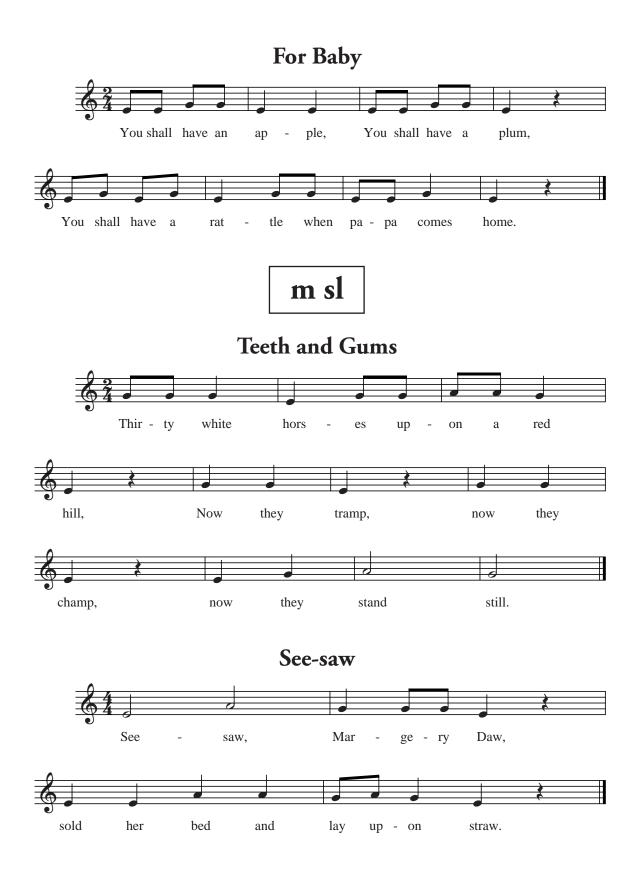


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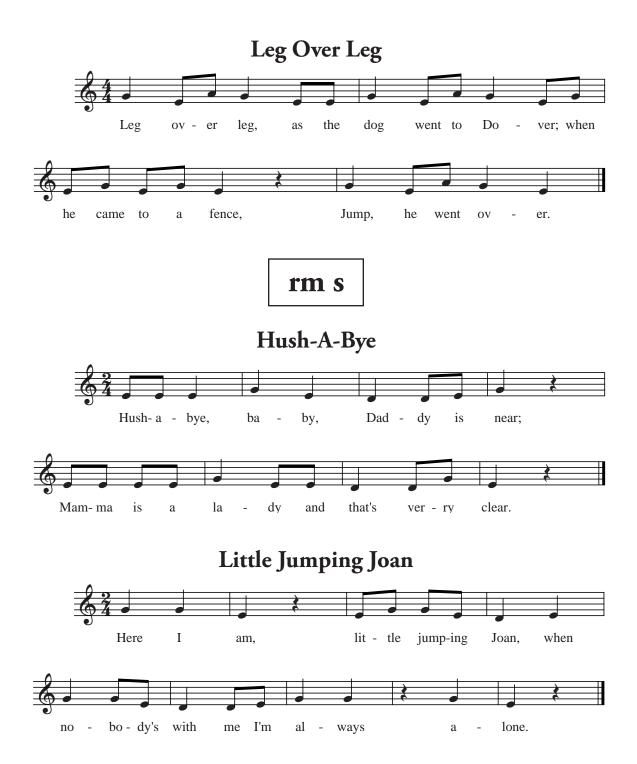


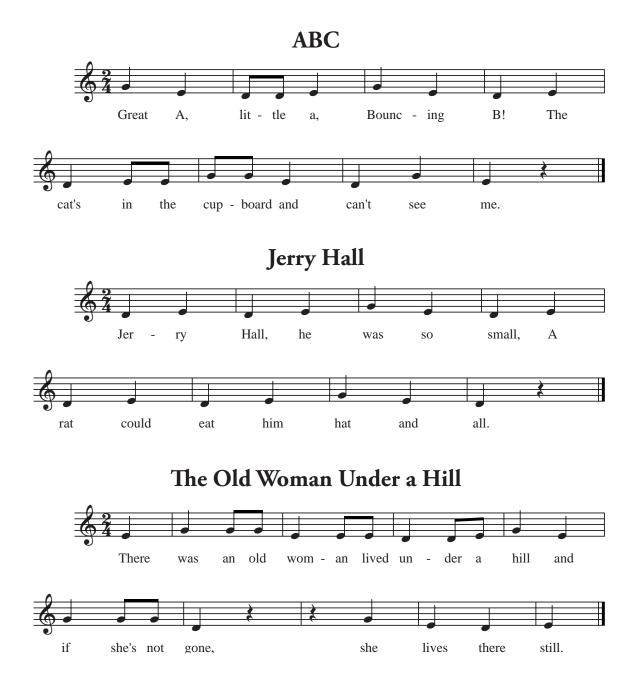
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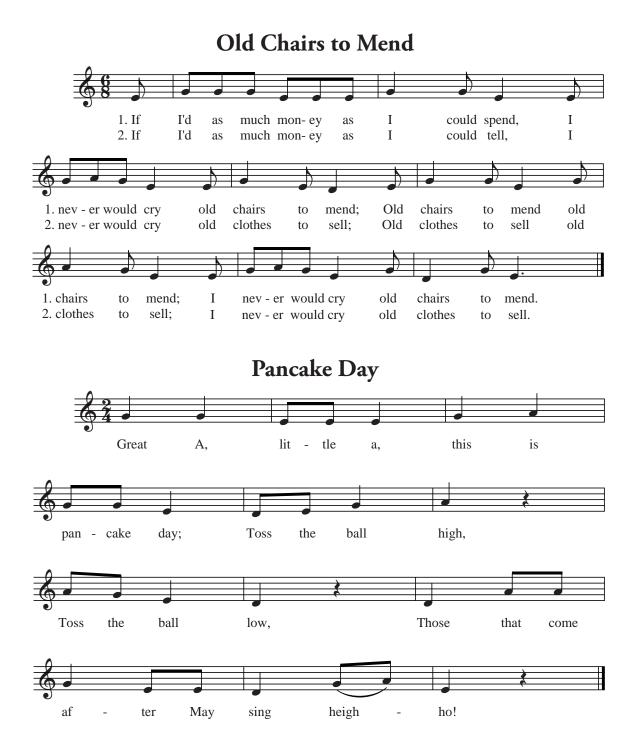




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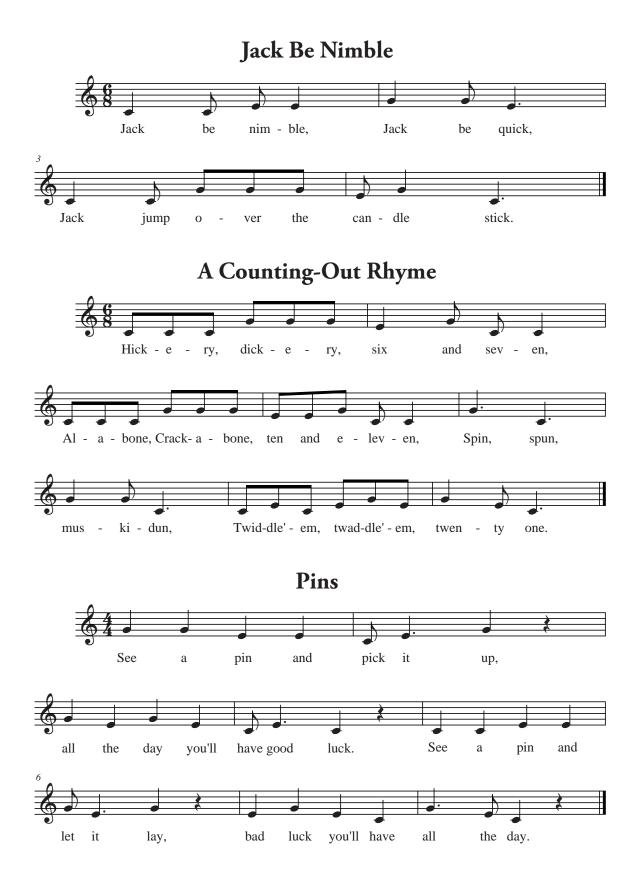




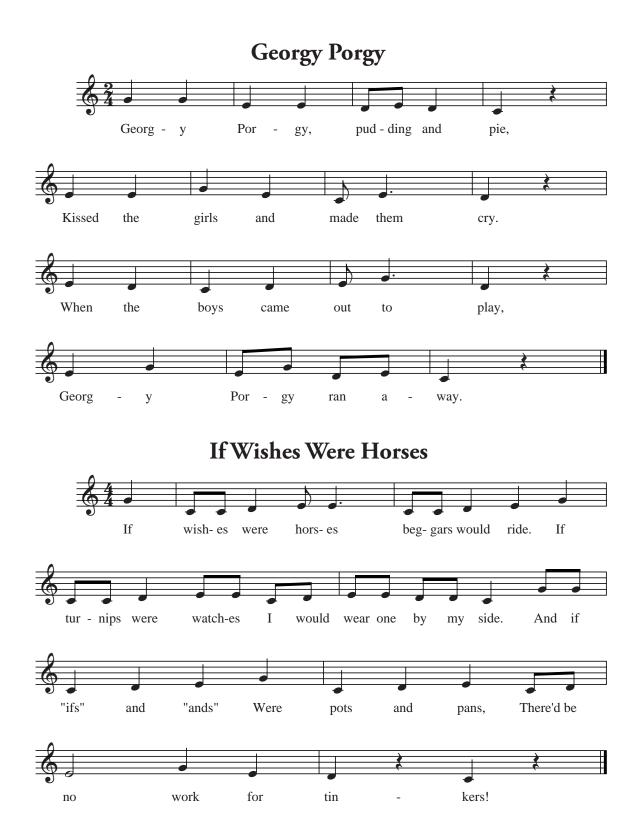


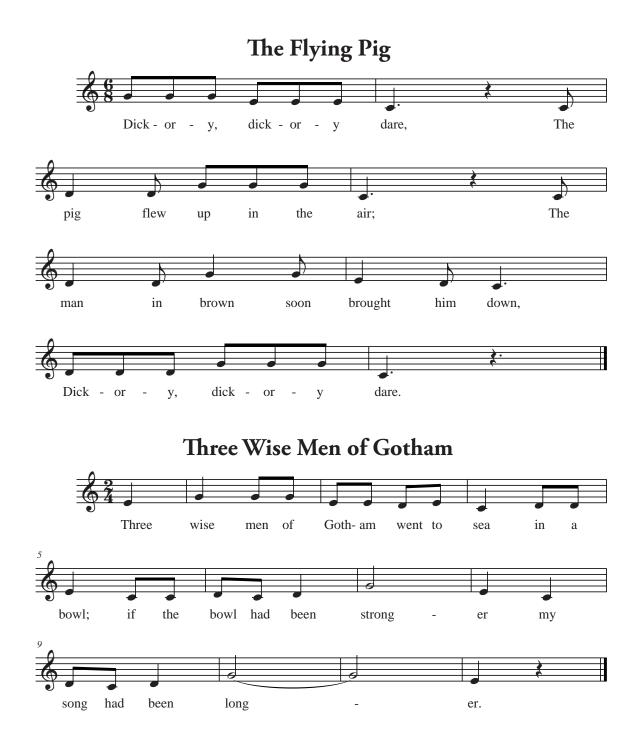






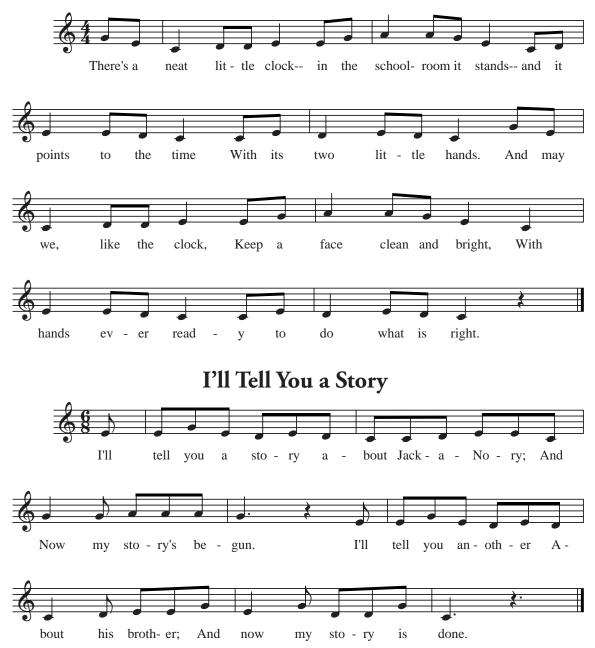






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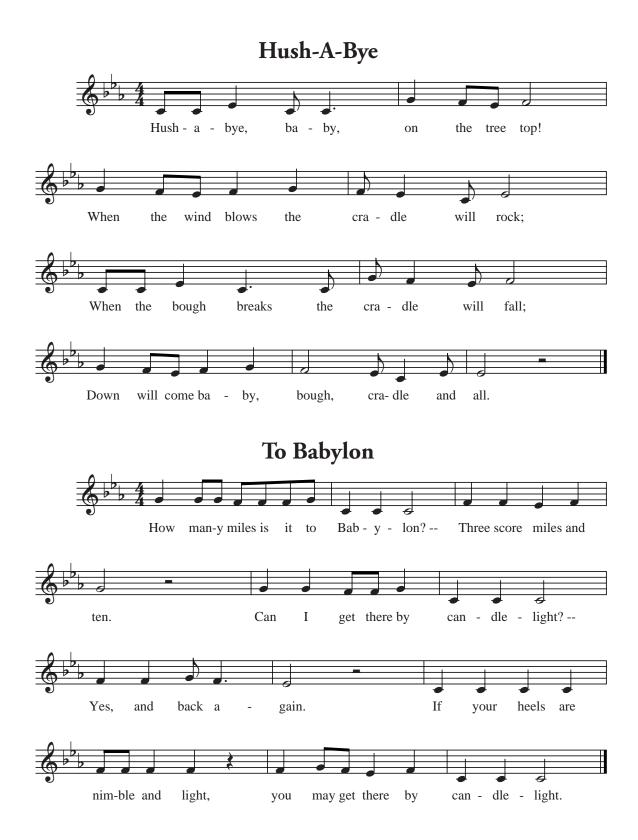
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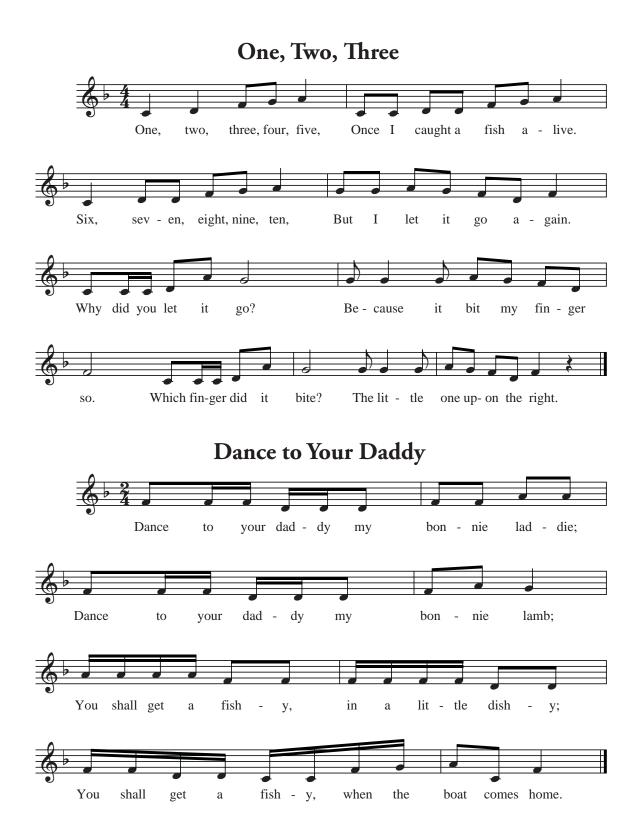






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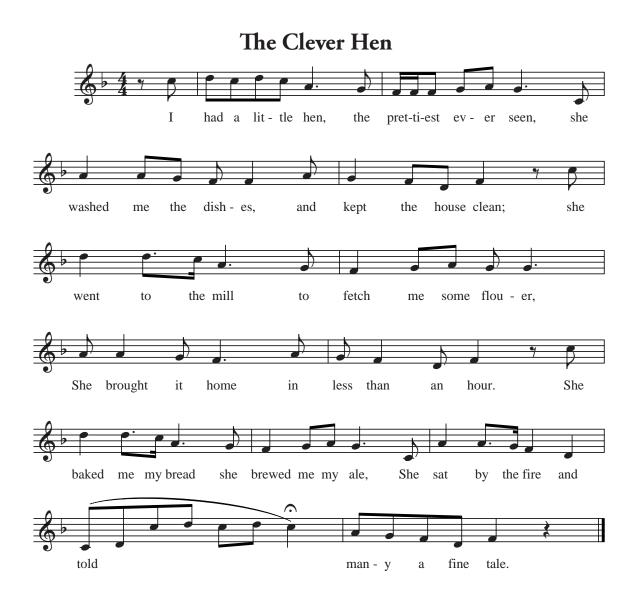










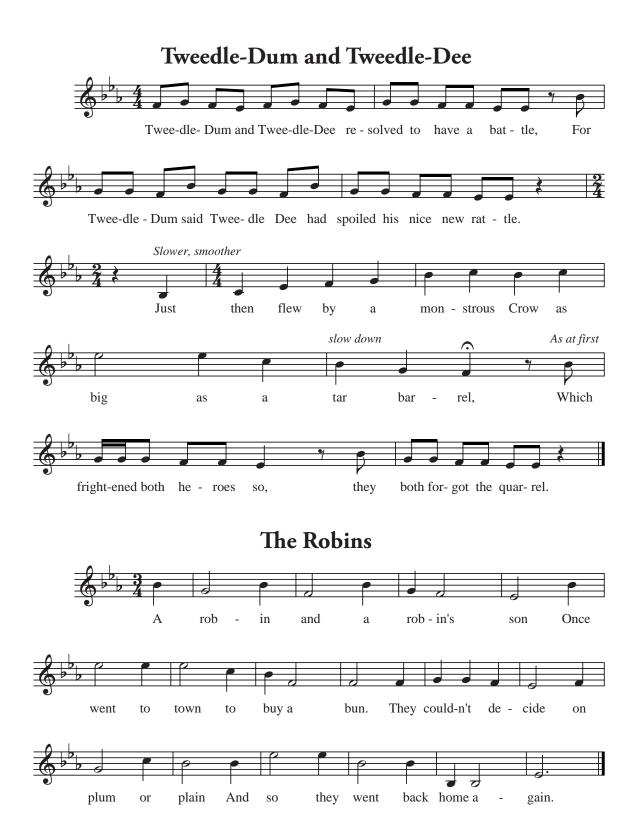


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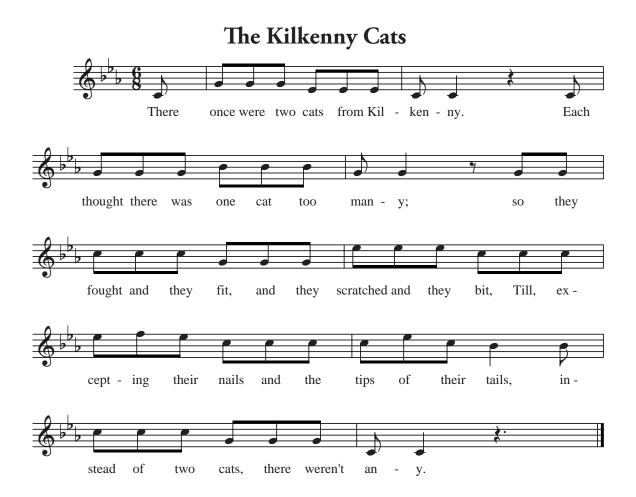




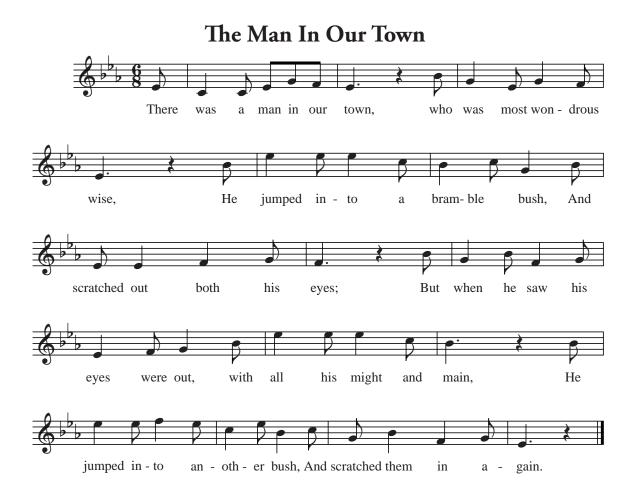
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