

More Action Rhymes

I have ten little fingers,

And they all belong to me.

I can make them do things,

Would you like to see?

I can shut them up tight,

Or open them all wide;

Put them all together,

Or make them all hide.

I can make them jump high;

I can make them jump low;

I can fold them quietly,

And hold them just so.

Slowly, slowly, very slowly

Creeps the garden snail.

Slowly, slowly, very slowly

Up the wooden rail.

Quickly, quickly, very quickly,

Runs the little mouse.

Quickly, quickly, very quickly,

Round about the house

(Walk your fingers up the baby's arms at the speed described in the text)

Oh, we can play on the big bass drum,

And this is the way we do it:

BOOM, BOOM, BOOM goes the big bass drum,

And that's the way we do it.

Oh, we can play on the little flute,

And this is the way we do it:

TOOTLE, TOOTLE, TOOTLE goes the little flute

And that's the way we do it.

...TING, TING, TING goes the tambourine...

...FIDDLE, DIDDLE, DEE goes the violin...

...TICKA, TICKA, TECK goes the castanets...

...ZOOM, ZOOM, ZOOM goes the double bass...

...TA, TA, TARA goes the bugle horn...

Action Rhymes for Babies and Toddlers

Lap-Bouncing Action Rhymes

This is the way the lady rides:

Nimble-nim, nimble-nim.

This is the way the gentleman rides:

Gallop-a-trot, gallop-a-trot.

This is the way the farmer rides:

Hobbledehoy, hobbledehoy.

This is the way the butcher-boy rides:

Tripperty-trot, tripperty-trot,

Until he falls into a ditch with a

Fipperty flop, flop, flop!

(Hold the baby's hands and bounce the baby on your knee, on your foot (for older toddlers), or in your lap slowly for the lady, a little faster, for the gentleman, side to side for the farmer, and quickly for the butcher-boy. At the end, pretend to be about to drop the baby over the side off the back of your knee or separate your legs so that the baby falls between you knees, but be careful to not actually drop the baby.)

Trot, Trot, to Boston

Trot, trot to Boston,

Trot, trot to Lynn,

Look out, baby,

You're going to fall in!

Trot, trot to Boston,

Trot, trot to Dover,

Look out, baby,

You're going to fall over!

Trot, trot to Boston

Trot, trot to Lyme

Look out, baby,

We'll bounce another time!

(Holding the baby's hands, bounce the baby on your knee or in your lap. Pretend that you are going to drop the baby during the "You're going to fall in!" and "You're going to fall over!" parts.)

Action Rhymes for Before or After Diaper Changing or While the Baby is Lying Down

Patty-Cake, Patty-Cake

Patty-Cake, Patty-Cake baker's man,

Bake me a cake as fast as you can.

Roll-em and-a roll-em and-a put them in the pan.

(Clap the baby's feet together for the first two lines, roll or peddle the baby's legs during the third line and touch the baby's toes to his/ her stomach or chest during "put them in the pan.")

Toes

This little cow eats grass, *(wiggle pinky toe)*

This little cow eats hay, *(wiggle ring toe)*

This little cow looks over the hedge, *(wiggle middle toe)*

This little cow runs away, *(wiggle pointer toe)*

And this BIG cow does nothing at all but lie in the fields all day!

(wiggle big toe)

Dance, Little Baby

Dance, little baby, dance up high. *(lift the baby up high)*

Never mind, baby, Mama is by. *(lower the baby)*

Crow and caper, caper and crow, *(lift the baby up high)*

There, little baby, down you go. *(lower the baby)*

Up to the ceiling, down to the ground, *(lift the baby up high then lower the baby)*

Backwards and forwards, around and around. *(move the baby as described)*

Dance, little baby, and mother shall sing, *(dance with the baby)*

With the merry gay chorale,

Ding-a-ding, ding.

More Action Rhymes

Clap your hands, clap your hands,

Clap them just like me.

Touch your shoulders, touch your shoulders,

Touch them just like me.

Tap you knees, tap your knees,

Tap them just like me.

Shake your head, shake your head,

Shake it just like me.

Clap your hands, clap your hands,

Then let them quiet be.

A sailor went to sea, sea, sea,

To see what he could see, see, see,

But all that he could see, see, see,

Was the bottom of the deep blue sea, sea, sea.

(chop, chop, chop, knee, knee, knee, etc.)

(make up actions to suit the words. For example, wave your hands for "sea, sea, sea," and look through an imaginary telescope for "see, see, see.")

Open, shut them. Open, shut them.

Give a little clap!

Open, shut them. Open, shut them.

Put them in your lap.

(Open, close, and clap your hands along with the text)