

Playstage

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OUT IN THE COUNTRY!



A celebration of songs and rhymes – for infants

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An assembly or presentation for infants to an audience.

The purpose of this little piece is to demonstrate to parents and carers the degree to which their children have developed confidence, presentation skills, co-ordination and memory. The songs and rhymes require a certain amount of skill in remembering words, tunes and actions. Teachers would be advised to select the most able and confident children to speak the scripted lines that link the songs and rhymes together. Above all, this presentation is supposed to be fun and not cause any children stress. Therefore, the songs and rhymes are all performed together, allowing less able children to join in.

Included Songs and rhymes;

(For the purpose of rehearsal we have given links to visual performances of the songs and rhymes.)

The Farmer's in his den <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Us8st2fDPbU>

Old MacDonald had a Farm <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LIWbUjHZFTw>

Baa Baa Black Sheep <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P6n0Y2RyeWE>

Here we go round the Mulberry Bush

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HmiyKDYrELk>

Mary Mary Quite Contrary <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n1h6rht1K9I>

Hey Diddle Diddle <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pvhfa0LaVGU>

This Little Piggie *(chanted not sung)*

Three Blind Mice <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MfaChKSV8kg>

Pat-a-cake pat-a-cake baker's man *(chanted not sung)*

Ring a Ring o' Roses <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aZdPCCKPDBY>

Rock a bye Baby https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y9E_MJrl2so

This Old Man <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RKaxRYJ5AMY>

Please note that animal masks can be purchased very cheaply from Amazon and might be useful for your presentation.



OUT IN THE COUNTRY

TEACHER *(to the audience)*

Hello everyone. It is so good to see you all here to share in your children's learning. We have lots of songs and nursery rhymes to sing for you today. The children have spent a lot of time learning all the words, so here are many old and familiar songs which may remind you of your own childhood.

We expect to see lots of smiling faces in the audience, and we want you to feel very proud of your children.

Today, we begin out in the country, down on the farm! Now where is Mr. MacDonald, our friendly farmer? Why, here he is now!

(Enter Child 1 dressed as an old fashioned farmer. complete with straw in mouth)

TEACHER

He looks a bit lonely children, but perhaps we can do something about that! Let's sing our first song!

The farmer's in his den,
The farmer's in his den,
Ee aye addio - The farmer's in his den.

(Children form circle with the farmer in the centre).

The farmer wants a wife,
The farmer wants a wife,
Ee aye addio - The farmer wants a wife.

(The farmer picks a wife).

The wife wants a child,
The wife wants a child,
Ee aye addio - The wife wants a child.

(The wife picks a child).

The child wants a nurse,
 The child wants a nurse,
 Ee aye addio - The child wants a nurse.

(The child picks a nurse).

The nurse wants a dog,
 The nurse wants a dog,
 Ee aye addio - The nurse wants a dog.

(The nurse picks a dog).

The dog wants a bone,
 The dog wants a bone,
 Ee aye addio - The dog wants a bone.

(The dog picks a bone).

TEACHER

That's better! Mr MacDonald looks a lot happier now!

CHILD 2

Mr MacDonald, have you got any animals on your farm?

CHILD 1 *(Mr MacDonald)*

I have lots of animals on my farm. We could sing a song and everyone can join in!

(Children can hold up pictures or put on face masks as the animals are mentioned)

Old MacDonald had a farm

E-I-E-I-O

And on his farm he had a cow

E-I-E-I-O

With a moo moo here

And a moo moo there

Here a moo, there a moo
Everywhere a moo moo
Old MacDonald had a farm
E-I-E-I-O

Old MacDonald had a farm
E-I-E-I-O
And on his farm he had a pig
E-I-E-I-O

With an oink oink here
And an oink oink there
Here an oink, there an oink
Everywhere an oink oink
Old MacDonald had a farm
E-I-E-I-O

Old MacDonald had a farm
E-I-E-I-O
And on his farm he had a duck
E-I-E-I-O

With a quack quack here
And a quack quack there
Here a quack, there a quack
Everywhere a quack quack
Old MacDonald had a farm
E-I-E-I-O

Old MacDonald had a farm
E-I-E-I-O
And on his farm he had a horse
E-I-E-I-O
With a neigh neigh here

And a neigh neigh there
Here a neigh, there a neigh
Everywhere a neigh neigh
Old MacDonald had a farm
E-I-E-I-O

Old MacDonald had a farm
E-I-E-I-O
And on his farm he had a lamb
E-I-E-I-O

With a baa baa here
And a baa baa there
Here a baa, there a baa
Everywhere a baa baa
Old MacDonald had a farm
E-I-E-I-O

Old MacDonald had a farm
E-I-E-I-O
And on his farm he had some chickens
E-I-E-I-O

With a cluck cluck here
And a cluck cluck there
Here a cluck, there a cluck
Everywhere a cluck cluck
With a baa baa here
And a baa baa there
Here a baa, there a baa
Everywhere a baa baa
With a neigh neigh here
And a neigh neigh there
Here a neigh, there a neigh

Everywhere a neigh neigh
With a quack quack here
And a quack quack there
Here a quack, there a quack
Everywhere a quack quack
With a oink oink here
And a oink oink there
Here a oink, there a oink
Everywhere a oink oink
With a moo moo here
And a moo moo there
Here a moo, there a moo
Everywhere a moo moo

Old MacDonald had a farm
E-I E-I Oooooohhhh.

TEACHER

Wow! What a lot of words to remember! Well done everyone! Now we can sing some nursery rhymes about the animals on Old MacDonald's farm.

Baa, baa black sheep
Have you any wool
Yes sir, yes sir
Three bags full.

One for my master
And one for my dame
And one for the little boy
Who lives down the lane.