Folksong Resources
Playing, laughing, language and music are the common denominators that cross all barriers between all cultures.

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The Bear Went Over The Mountain

The bear went over the mountain, the bear went over the mountain,
The bear went over the mountain, to see what he could see.
Oh he saw another mountain, he saw another mountain, he saw another
mountain, and what do you think he did?
Oh he climbed that other mountain, he climbed that other mountain, he climbed
that other mountain, and what do you think he saw?
(and so on..)

Be Kind

Be kind to your web-footed friends
'Cause (for) a duck may be somebody's mother.
Be kind to your friends in the swamp
Where the water (weather) is very damp.
Be nice to the camel in the zoo
for his hump may be hi - i - ding your brother.
Be good to the tiger and the monk
and we will let you smell our favorite pet sku - unk.

[In the version song by Tom Glazer and the Do-Re-Mi Children's Chorus on the
record, "On Top of Spaghetti" Kapp Records 1963, they continue with the song. I
imagine these next lyrics are made up by Tom, himself; perhaps they all are.
Tom sings a line and the children repeat:]

Tom: Be nice to the Monster Mash.
Children: ... the Monster Mash.
Tom: ... the Monster Mash.

Be kind to the purple people eaters.
Children: ... purple people eaters.

Tom: Won't you be so kind to the horrible faces that come here from outer
spaces?
Won't you be so kind to your two shoesies and to all your shoezy laces?
Won't you be so kind when teacher thanks you?
Won't you be so kind when daddy spanks you?
[winding down] Won't you be so kind, so kind, so kind, so kind, so kind, so kind, so kind, so kind . . .
Children: So kind.

Repeat the first stanza all the way thru, then repeat the first four lines followed
by:
You may think that this is the end - well, it is!
Bosco

I hate Bosco
It's not the drink for me
My mommy put it in my milk
To try to poison me
One day I fooled Mommy
I put some in her tea
And now I have no mommy
To try to poison me!

Bubble Gum

My mom gave me a penny
She said go eat at Denny's
But I didn't want no Denny's
Instead I want some bubble gum
Bazooka zooka bubble gum
Bazooka zooka bubble gum
My mom gave me a nickle
She said go buy a pickle
But I didn't want no pickle
Instead I want some bubble gum
Bazooka zooka bubble gum
Bazooka zooka bubble gum
My mom gave me a dime
She said go buy a lime
But I didn't want no lime
Instead I want some bubble gum
Bazooka zooka bubble gum
Bazooka zooka bubble gum
My mom gave me a quarter
She said go buy a waaatah
But I didn't want no waaatah
Instead I want some bubble gum
Bazooka zooka bubble gum
Bazooka zooka bubble gum
My mom gave me a doller
She said go buy a coller
But I didn't want no coller
Instead I want some bubble gum
Bazooka zooka bubble gum
Bazooka zooka bubble gum
My mom gave me a five
She said go stay alive
But I didn't stay alive
Instead I choked on bubble gum
Bazooka zooka bubble gum
Bazooka zooka bubble gum

Comet (To the tune of the "Colonel Bogie March"

Comet
It tastes like gasoline
Comet
It makes your teeth turn green
Comet
It makes you vomit
So buy some Comet
And vomit
Today.

Desperado

(Chorus)
He was a big bald man, he was a [pause] desperado
From rippling creeks way down in Colorado
And he horsed around just like a big tor-nahdo
And everywhere he went he gave his Whoooo-Ooooo.

He was a desperado from the Wild Wild West
He wore a big sombrero and guns across his chest
[line unknown]
And everywhere he went he gave his Whoooo-Ooooo.
(Chorus)
He went to Coney Island just to see all of the sights
He saw the hoochie-coochies and the girls in purple tights
He got so darn excited that he shot up all the lights
And everywhere he went he gave his Whoo-Ooooo.
(Chorus)

Diarrhea (thanks to Kevin Bright)

When you're running to first and you feel a juicy burst
Diarrhea pwwthh pwwthh diarrhoea pwwthh pwwthh
When you're sliding into third and squeeze a wet turd
Diarrhea pwwthh pwwthh diarrhoea pwwthh pwwthh
When you're coming into home and your pants are full of foam
Diarrhea pwwtthh pwwtthh diarrhea pwwtthh pwwtthh
When you're sitting on the bench and butt starts to twitch
Diarrhea pwwtthh pwwtthh diarrhea pwwtthh pwwtthh

Found a Peanut [To "My Darling Clementine"]

Found a peanut
Found a peanut
Found a peanut last night
Last night I found a peanut
Found a peanut last night

Cracked it open
Cracked it open
Cracked in open last night
Last night I cracked it open
Cracked it open last night

(Continue as before:)

It was rotten...
Ate it anyway...
Got a tummy ache...
Called the doctor,"
Operation...
Died anyway...
Went to heaven...
Didn't want me...
Went the other way...
Didn't want me...

[spoken] Sigh...it was just a dream!

Fried Ham

Fried ham, fried ham, cheese and baloney,
And after the macaroni, we'll have onions,
Pickles and peppers.
And then we'll have some more fried ham --
Fried ham! Fried ham!
[Now challenge the other people to sing the song in different voices; for example, Elmer Fudd ("fwied ham, fwied ham")]}
Version #2,

Fried ham, fried ham
Cheese and bologna
And after the macaroni
We'll have onions, pickles and pretzels
And then we'll have some more fried ham
Fried ham, fried ham!
Same song second verse English accent little bit worse...
Same song third verse Southern accent little bit worse...
Same song fourth verse Sluggish accent little bit worse...
Same song fifth verse Robot accent little bit worse...
Same song sixth verse Baby accent little bit worse...etc.

Gopher Guts: Abbreviated Version

Great green gobs of greasy grimy gopher guts,
Mutilated monkey meat, little birdies' pickled feet.
Great green gobs of vomit down the alley way.
Darn it - forgot my spoon.
But I got a straaaaaaawwwwww. (slurp)

Gopher Guts: Full Version

Great green globs of greasy grimy gopher guts
Mutilated monkey meat
Ground up birdie feet
French fried eyeballs sitting in a bowl of blood
and I forgot my spoon
so they gave me
Scab sandwiches
Pus on top
Eagle eyeballs
and camel snot
but all these things just went to pot
so they gave me
Barf with sugar on top

Grandma's in the Cellar

Grandma's in the cellar. Oh my can't you smell her.
She's cooking on her dirty filthy stove.
From her eyes there came a matter, and it fell into the batter,
And she whistled while it (snort sound) down her nose!
Down her nose, down her nose,  
And she whistled while it (snort sound) down her nose!

I Know a Song

(Part 1: To the tune of "Glory, Glory Hallelujah")
I know a song that gets on everybody's nerves,  
I know a song that gets on everybody's nerves,  
I know a song that gets on everybody's nerves,  
And this is how it goes: [repetere ad infinitum]

[Part 2: To the tune of Frere Jacques:]  
Are we there yet?  
Are we there yet?  
No we're not,  
No we're not.  
When're gonna get there?  
When're gonna get there?  
Gotta go  
Gotta go.

I Wish I Were  
Oh I wish I were a fuzzy-wuzzy fox,  
Oh I wish I were a fuzzy-wuzzy fox,  
Oh I wish I were a fuzzy-wuzzy fox,  
If I were a fuzzy-wuzzy fox,  
I wouldn't have to wash my socks.  
Oh I wish I were a fuzzy-wuzzy fox.

Oh I wish I were a little bar of soap,  
Oh I wish I were a little bar of soap,  
Oh I wish I were a little bar of soap,  
I'd go slippedy-slippedy slidey  
All across your little hidey.  
Oh I wish I were a little bar of soap.

Oh I wish I were a little mosquito,  
Oh I wish I were a little mosquito,  
Oh I wish I were a little mosquito,  
I'd go flippedy-flippedy flighty  
Underneath your little nighty.  
Oh I wish I were a little mosquito.
Howdy Doody Time

It's Howdy Doody time
It isn't worth a dime
So turn to Channel Nine
And let's watch Frankenstein ...

Jingle Bells (thanks to Penpal)

Jingle bells
Batman smells,
Robin laid an egg.
The Batmobile lost a wheel
And Joker broke his leg.

John Brown's Baby

(To the tune of "John Brown's Body")

John Brown's baby has a cold upon its chest
John Brown's baby has a cold upon its chest
John Brown's baby has a cold upon its chest
And they rubbed it with camphorated oil.
Motions -- at "baby" rock your arms as if you were rocking a baby, at "cold" cover your mouth, and at "chest", tap your chest.
First verse, sing all the words, using the motions. Second verse, instead of saying "baby", just make the rocking motion. Third verse, rock for "baby", cover mouth and cough for "cold". Fourth verse, rock, cough and then tap chest at "chest".

Joy to the World

Joy to the World
Our teacher's dead
We barbecued her head.
What happened to her body?
We flushed it down the potty.
And round and round it went
And round and round it went.
And round, and round, and round it went.

Little Bunny Foo Foo

(To the tune of "Eensy Beensy Spider")
Little Bunny Foo Foo hoppin' through the forest,  
Scoopin' up the field mice and boppin' em on the head.  
(Spoken) Down came the good fairy and she said  
(Sung) Little Bunny Foo Foo, I don't want to see you  
Scoopin' up the field mice and boppin' em on the head.  
(Spoken) I'll give you 3 more chances, and then I'll turn you into a goon!  

[Repeat until chances are used up.]  

Little Bunny Foo Foo hoppin' through the forest,  
Scoopin' up the field mice and boppin' em on the head.  
(Spoken) Down came the good fairy and she said:  
Little Bunny Foo Foo, I gave you 3 chances and you blew it.  
Poof! You're a goon.  

The moral of the story is...Hare today, Goon tomorrow.  

Mary Had A Little Lamb  

Mary had a little lamb,  
She fed it castor oil,  
And everywhere that Mary went  
It fertilized the soil.  

Mary had a little lamb,  
Her father shot it dead,  
She still takes the lamb to school,  
Between two bits of bread.  

Mary had a little watch,  
She swallowed it one day,  
And so she took some castor oil,  
To pass the time away.  

Mary had a little lamb,  
You've heard that tale before,  
But have you heard she passed her plate,  
And had a little more.  

Mary had a little lamb,  
It danced in skips and hops,  
It danced into the road one day,  
And ended up as chops.  

Mary had a little lamb,  
The doctor was surprised,
But when Old McDonald had a farm,  
He couldn't believe his eyes.

Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the burning of the school  
We have tortured every teacher, we have broken every rule,  
We have shot the secretary, we have hung the principal  
Our truth goes marching on.

Glory, glory, hallelujah!  
Teacher hit me with a ruler.  
I bopped her on the bean with a rotten tangerine  
[or: I hid behind the door with a loaded .44]  
And teacher taught no more.

Miss Lucy #1

Miss Lucy had a tugboat. The tugboat had a bell.  
Miss Lucy went to heaven. The tugboat went to  
Hello, operator. Please give me number nine.  
If you disconnect me, I'll kick you in the  
Behind the refrigerator, there was a piece of glass.  
Miss Lucy fell upon it, and broke her little  
Ask me no more questions, I'll tell you no more lies.  
Miss Lucy told me all of this right before she died, died, died.

Miss Lucy #2

Miss Lucy had a baby. She named it Tiny Tim.  
She put him in the bathtub to see if he could swim.  
He drank up all the water. He ate up all the soap.  
He tried to eat the bathtub, but it wouldn't go down his throat.  
Miss Lucy called the Doctor. The Doctor called the nurse.  
The nurse called the lady with the alligator purse.  
The baby ate the doctor. The baby ate the nurse,  
But he didn't eat the lady with the alligator purse, purse, purse.

Miss Susie

Miss Susie had a steamboat, the steam boat had a bell,  
Miss Susie went to heaven, the steam boat went to  
Hello operator, please give me #9,
And if you disconnect me, I'll kick you from
Behind he refrigerator, there was a piece of glass.
Miss Susie sat upon it, and broke her little
Ask me no more questions, tell me no more lies,
The boys are in the bathroom, zipping down their
Flies in the meadow, bees are in the park,
Miss Susie and her boyfriend, are kissing in the
Dark is like a movie, movie's like a show,
A show is like a T.V. screen and this is all I know!

My Bonnie  (To the tune of "My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean")

Version #1
My Bonnie has tuberculosis
My Bonnie has only one lung
My Bonnie spits blood in her pocket
She dries it and chews it for gum.

Version #2

Last night as I lay on my pillow,
Last night as I lay on my bed,
My feet hung out of the window;
Next morning my neighbors were dead!

Bring back, bring back,
Bring back my neighbors to me, to me!
Bring back, bring back,
Oh, bring back my neighbors to me!

My Country Tis of Thee

My country 'tis of thee, sweet land of Germany,
Of thee I sing.
I love your saurkraut, run down the streets and shout,
"Hotsy, totsy, I'm a Nazi!" (this line done in Jimmy Durante fashion)

My Father Owns a Butcher Shop

My father owns a butcher shop
My mother cuts the meat
And I'm the little Hot Dog who runs around the street.
My Mother Baked a Lemon Pie

My mother baked a lemon pie
Yum, Yum (while you sing yum, yum you rub your stomach)

My father drives a garbage truck
Yum, Yum (while you sing yum, yum rub your stomach)
Pewy (while you sing pewy, hold your nose)

My sister is a ballerina
Yum, Yum (while you sing yum, yum rub your stomach)
Pewy (while you sing pewy, hold your nose)
La Dee Da Dee Da Dee Dee (while you sing La Dee Da Dee Da Dee Dee, put your pointer finger on top of your head and shake your head)

My brother is a western cowboy
Yum, Yum (while you sing yum, yum rub your stomach)
Pewy (while you sing pewy, hold your nose)
La Dee Da Dee Da Dee Dee (while you sing La Dee Da Dee Da Dee Dee, you put your pointer finger on top of your head and shake your head)
Bang! Bang! Roll'em up stick'em in (while you sing Bang! Bang! Roll'em up stick'em in, make hands and fingers into a gun, and when you say the first bang! Shoot with one of them, when you say the second bang, shoot with the other one, then pretend to stick each one, one at a time, in your pockets while correlating the motions with Roll'em up and stick'em in.)

My auntie is an operator
Yum, Yum (while you sing yum, yum rub your stomach)
Pewy (while you sing pewy, hold your nose)
La Dee Da Dee Da Dee Dee (while you sing La Dee Da Dee Da Dee Dee, put your pointer finger on top of your head and shake your head)
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Hello! Goodbye! May I have your number please? (while you sing Hello!, cup your right hand to your right ear and hold it, when you say Goodbye! Cup your left hand over your mouth and then pinch your nose and say May I have your number please?)

My uncle is a strangler
Yum, Yum (while you sing yum, yum rub your stomach)
Pewy (while you sing pewy, hold your nose)
La Dee Da Dee Da Dee Dee (while you sing La Dee Da Dee Da Dee Dee, put your pointer finger on top of your head and shake your head)
Bang! Bang! Roll' em up stick' em in (while you sing Bang! Bang! Roll' em up stick' em in, make hands and fingers into a gun, and when you say the first bang! Shoot with one of them, when you say the second bang, shoot with the other one, then pretend to stick each one, one at a time, in your pockets while correlating the motions with Roll' em up and stick' em in.)
Hello! Goodbye! May I have your number please? (while you sing Hello!, cup your right hand to your right ear and hold it, when you say Goodbye! Cup your left hand over your mouth and then pinch your nose and say May I have your number please?
Hold your neck like you are being strangled and pretend to gasp for air; do this directly after May I have your number please?

Nobody Loves Me

Version #1
Nobody loves me, everybody hates me, I'm gonna go eat worms.
Big fat juicy ones, little tiny squirmy ones, I'm gonna go eat worms.
First you bite the heads off,
Then you squirt the guts out,
Then you throw the skins away.
Nobody knows that I eat worms three times every day.

Version #2
Nobody loves me, everybody hates me,
Sittin' in the garden eatin' worms.
First one went down easy,
Second one went down squeezy,
Third one stuck in my throat;
Fourth one choked me,
Fifth one poked me,
Sixth one got my goat!

On Top of Old Smokey: Rather Alarming PG-13 Rated Version

On top of old Smokey
All covered in blood,
I killed poor R. J.
With a 44 slug.
I went to his funeral, I peed on his grave
He wasn't quite dead yet so I threw a grenade.
The cops came after me to throw me in jail
But I took out my shotgun and blew them to HELL.

On Top of Spaghetti

On top of spaghetti, all covered with cheese,
I lost my poor meatball, when somebody sneezed
It rolled off the table, and onto the floor,
And then my poor meatball, rolled out of the door
It rolled through the garden and under a bush,
And then my poor meatball was nothing but mush
The mush was as tasty as tasty can be,
And early next summer it grew into a tree
The tree was all covered with beautiful moss
It grew great big meatballs and tomato sauce.
So if you eat spaghetti, all covered with cheese,
Hang onto your meatball, and don't ever sneeze AH-CHOO!

Peanut
Peanut sittin' on a railroad track, his heart was all aflutter.
Down the line came number nine. Toot! Toot! Peanut butter!

A Place in France
There's a place in France
Where the ladies do a dance
But the dance they do
Was invented by Magoo
But Magoo wouldn't dance
So they kicked him in the pants
But the pants he wore
Cost a dollar ninety four
But the tax was wrong
So they had to sing a song: (sung to the tune of My Country 'Tis Of Thee)
My country 'tis of thee
I went to Germany
To see the king
The king was Donald Duck
He drove a garbage truck
and Magoo-oo-oo ate it up
and so may you.

Popeye

I'm Popeye the sailor man,
I live in a garbage can,
I eat all the worms and spit out the germs,
I'm Popeye the sailor man.

Popeye #2

I'm Popeye the sailor man
I live in a garbage can
I like to go swimmin'
With bow-legged women
I'm Popeye the sailor man

Randolph

(To the Tune of "Rudolph")
Randolph, the Rootin', Tootin' Cowboy,
Had a pair of very shiny guns
And if you ever saw them,
You would turn and run.

None of the other Cowboys
Ever let poor Randolph play.
When ever they saw him,
They would always turn and run.

Then one Foggy Saturday night,
The Sheriff came to say
"Randolph with your guns so bright,
Won't you shoot my wife tonight?"

Then all the other cowboys
Laughed and shouted out with glee,
Cause, Randolph, the Rootin' Tootin' Cowboy,
Is now in the Penitentiary!

Row Row Row

Row row row your boat
Gently down the stream
Throw your teacher in the sea
Listen to her scream.

Five days later, floating down the Delaware,
Chewing on her underwear
'Caint afford another pair

Eight days later, eaten by a grizzly bar'
That's how the grizzly bar' died...

The Song That Doesn't End

This is the song that doesn't end,
Oh it goes on and on my friends,
Some people started singing it
Not knowing what it was
Now they'll continue singing it forever
Just because This is the song that doesn't end, [etc.]

The Song That Ends

Oh it's the song that ends right now,
So people don't you have a cow,
Some people stopped singin' it,
Cause they knew what it was,
And they will stop singin' it forever just because...(goes on and on)

Stranded (To the tune of the old TV show "Branded")

Stranded!
Stuck on the toilet bowl
What do you do when you're stranded
And you can't reach the roll?

Suffocation (To the tune of 'Alouette')
[refrain]
Suffocation
We play suffocation
Suffocation
That's the game we play

First you take a plastic bag
Then you stick it over your head
Go to bed
Then you're dead...aaahaahhaahhaahh

[refrain]

First you take a water hose
Then you stick it up your nose
Turn it on
Then you're gone....aahaaaahhaahhaahh

[refrain]

Ta Ra Ra Boom Dee Yay Version #1

Ta-ra-ra-boom-ti-ay!
There is no school today,
The teacher passed away,
She died of tooth decay.

We put her in the bay,
She scared the fish away,
And when we took her out,
She smelled like sauerkraut!

Ta Ra Ra Boom Dee Ay Version #2

************ is a friend of mine
(S)he resembles Frankenstein
When (s)he does the Irish Jig
(S)he resembles Porky Pig
Ta-ra-ra-BOOM-di-ay...

Take Me Out to the Ballgame/The Graveyard/The Hospital

Take me out to the ballgame
Take me out to the park
Buy me some peanuts and crackerjack
I don't care if I ever get back
Cuz it's root, root, root for the home team
If they don't win it's a shame
For it's one, two, three strikes you're out
At the old ballgame

GRAVEYARD VARIATION
Take me out to the graveyard
Take me out to my grave
Fill me with blood and some iodine
I don't care if I meet Frankenstein
For it's root, root, root for the Wolfman
Cuz he don't love me no more
For it's one, two, three bites your dead
At the old graveyard

Tardy

Better late than never
Better never late
You're late! You're late, and you're tardy!
T-A-R-D-Y! You ain't got no alibi!
You're tardy! Yeah, yeah, you're tardy!
Around the flagpole you must go (hey!)
You must go (hey!)
You must go (hey!)
Around the flagpole you must go
You are late!
Back around the other way (hey!)
Other way (hey!)
Other way (hey!)
Back around the other way
You are late.
T-A-R-D-Y! You ain't got no alibi!
You're tardy! Yeah, yeah, you're tardy!

Waking up at Seven
(To the tune of "I've Been Working On the Railroad")

I am waking up at seven
So I won't be late
I am waking up at seven
So I'll get to school by eight.

Don't you hear the 'larm clock ringing
Rise up and hurry on your way
Don't you hear your mother calling --
"You fool, it's Saturday."

Whistle While You Work

Whistle while you work
Hitler was a jerk
Mussolini bit his weenie
Now it doesn't work!
The Worms Crawl In Version #1

The worms crawl in the worms crawl out
In your stomach and out your mouth
They chew your gums, they spit 'em out
They turn them into sauerkraut.

The Worms Crawl In Version #2

Did you ever think when a hearse goes by
That you might be the next to die?
They wrap you up in a big white sheet,
And bury you under about six feet.

When you're OK in about a week
Your casket begins to spring a leak.
The worms crawl in, the worms crawl out,
The worms play pinochle on your snout.
Your liver turns a slimy green
And pus comes out like whipping cream,
And me without a spoon! Chants

NEENER NEENER NEENER: Taunts, Chants and Poems

(Say this rhyme crossing and uncrossing your legs. When the rhyme is over, if your legs are crossed, you're a girl. If they're open, you're a boy.)

Ching Ching China
Went to Carolina,
Tried to make a dollar
Out of 15 cents.
She missed, she missed,
She missed like this. [Thanks to Raven W.]

Mailman, mailman do your duty.
Here comes a lady with an African booty.
She can do the pom-poms, she can do the splits, I bet you $5 she can't do this:

(Take your feet, and go back and forth, pointing your toes out, then your heels out, then toes, then heels....
As you're doing it, your feet are moving out, so you're getting closer to the ground.) [Thanks to Ciara A.]

In a cabin by the woods
(draw a square in the air with your fingers)
A little old man by the window stood
(make circles, like binoculars, with your hands and put up to your eyes)
Saw a rabbit hopping by
(two fingers in the air, like a V, moving your hand up and down)
Knocking at his door
(knocking motion with one fist)
"Help me! Help me! Help!" he cried
(fling hands in the air three times)
For the hunter shoot me down
(thumb up, index finger pointing like a gun with both hands and move up and down)
Little rabbit come inside
(move one hand in a circular motion towards yourself as if you're beckoning someone to come to you)
Safely you may hide
(rock your arms like you're rocking a baby)

(The fun thing about his song is that you keep repeating it, but at each line, you just hum the tune and do the hand motions.
So the second time you sing it, you don't say "In a cabin by the woods", you just hum it and make the hand gesture.
The third time, you leave out both 1st and 2nd lines (humming only) do just the hand gesture, sing the rest.
You keep going until there are no words, just humming and gestures.)
[Thanks to Billie A.]

I know an old lady who lived in a shoe
She had so many children she didn't know what to do
She said, "Like man these kids are a drag"
So she gave each one a large plastic bag! [Thanks to Doug C.]

I asked my mother for fifty cents
To see the elephant jump the fence
He jumped so high
He reached the sky
and didn't come back 'til the 4th of July. [Thanks to Doug C.]
Old mother Hubbard
Went to the cupboard
to give her poor dog a bone
But when she got there
The cupboards were bare
So the poor dog had to eat rhubarb. [Thanks to Doug C.]

Old Mother Hubbard
Went to the cupboard
To get her poor daughter a dress
But when she got there
The cupboard was bare
And so was her daughter, I guess. [Thanks to Steve H.]

[For use when a friend breaks wind while in a bathing suit:]

Taco
Burrito
What's comin' outta your Speedo?
With that much gas
You can really float,
Puttin' around like a motor boat!

Boys come from Jupiter because they're stupider,
Girls come from Mars because they're super stars,
Boys drink coke, cus they're a big joke,
Girls drink pepsi, to stay more sexy!

Another version:

Boys are rotten, made out of cotton
Girls are sexy, made out of Pepsi
Girls go to college to gain more knowledge
Boys go to Jupiter to get EVEN stupider.

[To choose who will be "it" in a game of tag]
Einie beanie, Bob Saleenie
Rubbed a lamp and asked a genie
Einie beanie, tortellini
Genie out of order (that kid was out, not it)

Mary had a row boat the row boat had a bell
Mary went to heaven the row boat went to
Hello operator give me #9
if you disconnect me I'll kick you from
behind the 'frigerator there was a piece of glass
Mary sat upon it and cut her big fat
ask me no more questions
tell me no more lies
the cow jumped over the moon
and let two chocolate pudding pies.

...and here's another version:

Miss Susie has a steamboat, the steamboat has a bell
Miss Susie went to Heaven, the steamboat went to
hell-o operator, please give me # 9,
and if you disconnect me, I'll kick you from
be-hind the 'fridgerator' there lays a piece of glass,
Miss Susie sat upon it and cut her little
ass- k me no more questions, please tell me no more lies,
the flies are in the city the bees are in the park,
Miss Susie and her boyfriend are kissing in the D - A - R - K,
D - A - R - K, dark!

....Tiffany's version:

Miss Suzie had a steam boat
the steam boat had a bell (toot toot)
Miss Suzie went to heaven
the steam boat went to
Hello operater give me # 9
If you disconect me I chop off your
Behind the refrigerator laid a piece of glass
Miss Suzie sat upon it and broke her big
Ask me no more questions give me no more lies,
The boys are in bed pulling down their
Flies are in the meadow, bees are in the park
Miss Suzie and her boy friend are kissing in the DARK DARK dark dark dark
Is like a movie, a movie's like a show, a show is on TV
And that's all I know I know
I know my ma I know I know my pa
I Even know my sister wears a 40 acre bra

Miss Suzie had a baby, The baby's name was Tim,
She put him in the bathtub, to see if he could swim,
He drank up all the water, He ate up all the soap,
He tried to eat the bathtub, but it wouldn't go down his throat
Miss Suzie called the doctor, Miss Suzie tried the nurse,
Miss Suzie called the lady with the alligator purse,
Mumps said the doctor, Measles said the nurse,
Nothing said the lady with the alligator purse,
Miss Suzie kicked the doctor, Miss Suzie hit the nurse,
And then she paid the lady with the alligator purse

Miss Molly had a steamboat, the steamboat had a bell (toot toot)
Miss Molly went to heaven, the steamboat went to
HELL-o operator please give me number nine,
And if you disconnect me I'll kick your
Behind the shower curtains there was a piece of glass,
Miss Molly sat upon it and hurt her little
ASS-k me no more questions, please tell me no more lies,
The boys are in the washroom, pulling up their
FLIES are in the city, the bees are in the park,
Miss Molly and her boyfriend are kissing in the d-a-r-k d-a-r-k DARK DARK
DARK.
The dark is like a movie, a movie is like a show,
A show is like a video and that is all I
Know I know my ma, I know I know my pa
My ma was born in London
My pa was born in France
And I was born in the hospital without my underpants..
My ma went back to London,
My pa went back to France,
I went back to the hospital to get my underpants!!

Say say old playmate,
Come out and play with me,
And bring your dollies three,
Climb up my apple tree,
Slide down my rainbow,
Into my play room,
And we'll be jolly friends,
Forever more, more, shut the door, spill the candy on the floor!

Say, say oh playmate,
I cannot play with you.
My dolly has the flu,
The mumps and measles too
I can't slide down your rain barrel,
And through your cellar door.
But we'll be jolly friends,
Forever more, more, more, more, more.

Say say my enemy
Come out and fight with me
And bring your weapons three
Climb up my torture tree
Slide down my razor blade
Into my snake pit
And we'll be enemies
Forever more more more more more shut the door.

Oh little enemy come out and fight with me
bring your bee-bee gun and we'll have so much fun
I'll shoot your eye out and let you bleed to death
And we'll be enemies, oh, one, two, three, four...

First grade babies
Second grade tots
Third grade angels
Fourth grade snots
Fifth grade peaches
Sixth grade plums
And all the rest are
Dirty Bums!

One bright day in the middle of the night,
Two dead boys got up to fight.
Back to back they faced each other,
drew their swords and shot each other.
A deaf policeman heard the noise
and ran to save the two dead boys.
And if you don't believe it's true,
go ask the blind man, he saw it too.

Baseball taunts:
Rally! Rally! Pitcher's name is Sally!
We want a pitcher, not a belly itcher!
We want a batter, not a broken ladder!

FIVE plum PEAS in a PEApod PRESSES.
ONE grew, TWO grew, SO did all the REST
And they GREW and they GREW and they NEver STOPPED
and they GREW so BIG that the PEApod POPPED!
Instructions: Start with your hands in fists, knuckles pressed together. On "one"
you straighten your thumbs and touch the tips together; on "two" you do the
same with your index fingers; continue with your middle fingers, ring fingers and
pinkies on "so," "all," and "rest," respectively. Now you should have your hands
palm to palm, with the finger tips touching. As you say "they grew and they grew"
you start moving your hands apart, showing bigger and bigger . . . slow it down . . .
stretch it out . . . by the time you get so "that the peapod" you should be
reaching as wide as possible then on "POPPED" you clap your hands together.
Very fast, of course, and loud.

You remind me of a man.
What man?
The man with the power.
What power?
The power of hoodoo.
Hoodoo?
You do.
Do what?
Remind me of a man.
What man? [etc.]

A marching chant. The "Left!"s and "Right!"s will hit with the corresponding foot if
you've the correct rhythm; the italic words hit with the left foot, giving a
syncopated effect, especially in the second section:

Left!
Left!
I left my mother with forty-nine kids
To die of starvation without any gingerbread. Did I do
Right!
Right!
Right, by my country, by gosh I had a good job when I
Left!
Left!

Another version:

Right, Right, Right in the middle of a
Bomb explosion
Everyone was killed but I was
Left, Left, I Left my wife
With 48 children
In shoddy conditions and thought it was
Right, Right...

And one more:

Left, Left, Left Right Left
I left my husband with 49 kids
On the verge of starvation with only one jelly bean
Left Left Left Right Left

OK, maybe just ONE more...

Right Right Right Left Right
My Back is aching my bra's too tight
My hips are shakin from left to right
Right Right Right Left Right

MARY MARY MACK MACK MACK: Clapping Games

Reta Sceeter checked the meter
Lucy Goosey eating moosey
Fannie Connie looks like honey
Jackie Mackie likes Palacky!

I am a little fresh pot
As cute as I can be be
And all the boys around my way
Would like to get with me me
My boyfriend's name is Jello
He lives in Alibello
With a ring in his nose with twenty-five holes
And this is how the story goes
One day I was a walkin
My boyfriend was a talkin
To the ugliest girl in the wide world
And the shortest hair you ever seen
He said "I K-I-S-S kiss you
I M-I-S-S miss you
I W-A-N-T want you."
So I went to a lake and caught me a snake
And then I caught a tummy ache.
I met my boyfriend at the candy store.
He bought me some ice cream and a candy bar.
He brought me home with a belly ache.
Mama, Mama, I feel sick
Call the doctors quick, quick, quick.
Doctor, doctor will I die?
1,2,3,4,5 I'm alive!

Double double this this,
Double double that that,
Double this, double that,
Double double this that.

Instructions: Hold your hands up, your fingers pointing to the ceiling, as if you're showing someone your new ring!
As you're saying the rhyme, turn your hands back and forth as certain words are said.
Whenever you say "double," both hands are facing out. (So your palms are facing you.)
Whenever you say "this," and "that," your palms are facing away from you. It sounds simple, but it's not!!
You can use almost any compound words, like:
Double double ice ice,
Double double cream cream.
Double ice, double cream,
Double double ice cream.

Lemonade, crunchy ice
Beat it once, beat it twice.
Lemonade, crunchy ice
Beat it once, beat it twice.
Turn around, touch the ground, FREEZE.

Welcome to McDonald's
May I take your order?
Big Mac, a Filet-o-Fish,
Quarter-pounder, french fries,
Icy cola, milkshakes, sundaes
And apple pie.
1--2--3--4--5

A spade is
Two hearts in heaven
Working together
To bring back
My true love to me
What is the meaning
Of all the flowers
That tell the story
The story of
L
O
V
E
The story of love.

(Sit in a circle with your right hand on top of the person to your right's left hand and your left hand under the person to your left. Clap in a circle... the person whose hand gets hit on 5 is "out" unless they move their hand away quick enough, and then number 4 is out.)
Stella ella ola
Quack quack quack
Say es chigo chigo
Chigo Chigo Cack Chack
Es Chigo Chigo Vallo
Vallo, Vallo vallo vallo
Say 1-2-3-4-5 [Thanks to Janet L.]

(Sit in a circle)
Bubble gum, bubble gum, in a dish
How many pieces do you wish?
(Stop at that person and ask for a number and then you count it out one-potato two-potato style)

(Sit in a circle. Place one hand over the palm of another's hand and your other hand under -- repeating over and under throughout the whole circle-- someone starts and slaps the child's hand which lays in her palm sitting next to her--)

Potato chips go crunch crunch crunch
Into my tummy- yummy yummy yummy
Some more, some more, some more, some more, some more 1-2-3-4--
(Then the child tries to slap the palm of the child sitting next to her before the girl pulls her hand away.
If she manages to slap it, the girl is out.
If she doesn't-- she's still in.)

Version Numero Uno
I went to a Chinese restaurnat
To buy a loaf of bread.
They asked me what my name was,
And this is what I said:
My name is E.I., E.I. Nickelye, Nickelye
Pom pom poodle, willy willy whiskers.
My name is
FREEZE

Version Numero Dos

I went to a Chinese resturant to buy a loaf of bread bread bread
The waiter asked my name and this is what I said said said:
My name is Eli Eli
Chickali Chickali
Pom Pom Beauty
Extra Cutie
I know karate
Punch you in the body Oops! I'm sorry
Tell my Mommy
Don't wanna miss yah
Don't wanna kiss yah
Chinese
Chapstick
Indian
Freeze! (players point to each other and freeze)

Bo-bo ski watten totten,
Ah-ah-ah, boom boom boom
Itty bitty wotten totten
Bo bo ski watten tatten
Bo bo ski wotten tatten-BOOM.

(A longer version)

Bo-bo ski watten totten,
Ah-ah, ah-ah boom boom boom
Itty bitty wotten totten
Bo bo ski watten tatten
Bo bo ski wotten tatten
Freeze please American cheese (stop clapping)
Please don't show your teeth to me
(Resume clapping and repeat verse with additions of different things to hide; lips, eyes (eyes shut)

When Lucy was a new born baby, baby
She went a little like this: Wah Wah
When Lucy was a toddler
She went a little like this: Wah Wah, give me a sucky
When Lucy was a kid, a kid, a kid
She went a little like this: Wah Wah, give me a sucky, tie my shoe
When Lucy was a teenager
She went a little like this: Wah Wah, give me a sucky, tie my shoe, eww, ahh, lost my bra, left it in my boyfriend's car
When Lucy was a grown up
She went a little like this: Wah Wah, give me a sucky, tie my shoe, eww, ahh, lost my bra left it in my boyfriend's car, shh shh baby don't cry
When Lucy was an old lady
She went a little like this: Wah Wah, give me a sucky, tie my shoe, eww, ahh, lost my bra left it in my boyfriend's car, shh shh baby don't cry WHERE'S MY TEETH (yelled REAL loud)
When Lucy was dead
She went a little like this: Wah Wah, give me a sucky, tie my shoe, eww, ahh, lost my bra left it in my boyfriend's car, shh shh baby don't cry, WHERES MY TEETH?
I can fly I can fly!

Down by the banks of the Hanky Panky
Where the bullfrogs jump from bank to banky
Where the eeps, ops, sodapops
Hey Mr. Lilypad and went kerplops
[Then hit your partner in the head; whoever hits first, wins.]

Four versions of "Rollercoaster"

Sweet sweet baby, down by the rollercoaster
Sweet sweet baby, I'll never let you go
Shimmy shimmy coco pop, shimmy shimmy pop,
Caught you with your boyfriend, naughty, naughty,
Didn't do the dishes, lazy, lazy,
Jumped out the window, crazy, crazy,
Shimmy shimmy coco pop, I like popsy
And a keleration beleration
I love you tutti-frutti!

Down down baby, down by the roller coaster
Sweet sweet baby, I'll never let you go
Shimmy shimmy coca pop shimmy shimmy pow
Shimmy shimmy coco puff shimmy shimmy pow
Grandma grandma sick in bed, she called the doctor and the doctor said:
Let's get the rhythm of the head, Ding Dong, get the rhythm of the head
Ding Dong (move your head from left to right)
Let's get the rhythm of the hands, Let's get the rhythm of the hands (clap twice)
Let's get the rhythm of the feet, Let's get the rhythm of the feet (stomp twice)
Let's get the rhythm of the hot dog, Let's get the rhythm of the hot dog
Put it all together and what do you get (repeat the rhythms)
Put it all backwards (then do it all backwards from the rhythm part)

Down, down baby, down by the rollercoaster,
Sweet, sweet baby, I'll never let you go,
Shimmy shimmy cocoa pop, shimmy shimmy rock,
I met a girlfriend, a triscuit, she said a triscuit, a biscuit,
Ice cream, soda pop, vanilla on the top,
Ooh Chelley, walking down the street, ten times a week,
I said it, I meant it, I stole my mamma's credit,
I'm cool, I'm hot, sock me in the stomach until I forget it.

Down down baby
Down by the rollercoaster
Sweet sweet baby
I'll never let you go
Kissed my boyfriend
Naughty naughty
Won't do the dishes
Lazy lazy
Stole a piece of candy
Greedy greedy
Jumped off a building
Crazy crazy
Two chinese men sittin' on a bench
Trying to make a dollar outta eighty five cents
Twist twist
Twist like this
This is how me and my boyfriend kiss
When you 'twist' you grab the other person's hands and cross them and uncross them and when you are done with the rhyme whoever's arms are crossed they kiss their boyfriends and whoever's arms aren't crossed, you don't kiss.

I wish I had a nickle,
I wish I had a dime,
I wish I had a boyfriend
to kiss me all the time.
My mom gave me a nickle,
my dad gave me a dime,
my sister gave me a boyfriend
to kiss me all the time.
My mom took back the nickle,
my dad took back the dime,
but no one took the boyfriend
who looked like Frankenstein.

Crocodile-oh-my
Croc croc croc
Stay see mah ji-gga jigga jigga jock
Flow flow flow flow flow
One two three four
Five!

You do the arm crossing thing with that one too and whoever is crossed loses or is out of the game.

What's your name?
Mary Jane, ask me again and I'll tell you the same.
Where do you live?
Down the drain.
What do you eat?
Pig's feet.
What do you drink?
Black ink.

Have you ever, ever, ever,
in your long legged life
met a long legged sailor
with a long legged wife?
No, I never, never, never,
in my long legged life
met a long legged sailor
with a long legged wife
Have you ever, ever, ever,
in your short legged life....
....pigeon toed life...
....bow legged life...
....spoon headed life...
A sailor went to sea sea sea
To see what he could see see see
And all that he could see see see
Was the bottom of the deep blue sea sea sea.

Version #2:

Three sailors went to sea, sea, sea,
To see what they could sea, sea, sea,
But all that they could sea, sea, sea
Was the bottom of the deep blue sea, sea, sea

Three sailors went to China
To see what they could China
But all that they could China
Was the bottom of the deep blue China

Three sailors went to ooh-watch-ee-kah
To see what they could ooh-watch-ee-kah
But all that they could ooh-watch-ee-kah
Was the bottom of the deep blue ooh-watch-ee-kah

Three sailors went to Pepsi Co
To see what they could Pepsi Co
But all that they could Pepsi Co
Was the bottom of the deep blue Pepsi Co

When Billy Boy was one, he learned to suck his thumb
Thumb-ioka [rhymes with tapioca], Thumb-ioka, half past one! Cross, down
When Billy Boy was two, he learned to tie his shoe
Shoe-ioka, shoe-ioka, half past two! Cross down
When Billy Boy was three, he learned to tap his knee [or whatever], Knee-ioka, knee-ioka, half past three! Cross down
[Instructions: On the word "cross" you cross your arms so your right hand goes to your left shoulder and your left hand to your right shoulder. On the word "down," you pat both knees and start the game over.]

Three sailors went to sea, sea, sea,
To see what they could China
But all that they could ooh-watch-ee-kah
Was the bottom of the deep blue Pepsi Co

Oh, Mary Mack Mack Mack
all dressed in black black black
with silver buttons buttons buttons
all down her back back back
She asked her mother mother mother
for fifty cents cents cents
to see an elephant elephant elephant
jump over the fence fence fence
He jumped so high high high
he reached the sky sky sky
and didn't come back back back
til the fourth of July ly ly

Version #1:
Miss Sue
Miss Sue
Miss Sue from Alabama
Sittin' in her rockin' chair
Eatin' up her underwear
Watching the clock go
Tick Tock Tick Tock Shawala-wala
Tick Tock Tick Tock Shawala-wala
A B C D E F G
Wash those boy germs off of me
FREEZE

Version #2
Miss Sue [clap three times]
Miss Sue [clap three times]
Miss Sue from Alabama
Her real name is Susanna
Sittin' in a rocker eatin' Betty Crocker
Watchin' the clock go
Tick, tock, tick tock banana wanna
Tick, tock, tick tock banana wanna
A b c d e f g
Wash those spiders off of me
Mooshiga mooshiga I want my mommy
Mooshiga mooshiga I want my daddy
Mooshiga mooshiga I know karate
Mooshiga mooshiga oops I'm sorry
Mama's havin' a baby
Daddy's goin' crazy
If it's a boy give it a toy
If it's a girl give it a curl
If it's twins, wrap 'em up in toilet paper
Kick 'em down the escalator
First elevator says "STOP"
Second elevator says "STOP"
Third elevator says "Keep on going till your hands get hot."

A MY NAME IS ALICE: Jump Rope Rhymes

Had a little sports car 1949,
Took it around the co-o-o-roner
[Person jumping has to get out, go around one end person, and jump back in]
Slammed on the brakes,
Police man caught me, put me in jail,
All I had to drink was diet ginger ale,
For 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10- etc.

Strawberry shortcake, blueberry pie,
Who's gonna be my lucky guy?
A-B-C-D (Keep on repeating the letters of the alphabet until you mess up, and say you mess up on R, then, your "lucky guy's" name will start with R (Richard, Ronald..etc))

Some extensions:

Will we go on a date?
Yes, no, maybe so, yes, no.....

What will I wear?
Tops, bottoms, everything, nothing, tops, bottoms....

Blue Bells
Taco shells
Evvie ivy over
I like coffee, I like tea, I like the boys and the boys like me!
Yes no maybe so
(Repeat till mess up)

My boyfriend's name is Fatty,
He comes from Cincinatti,
With 48 toes
And a dimple on his nose,
And this is how my story goes:
I L-O-V-E love him,
I'll K-I-S-S kiss him,
I'll H-U-G hug him
In the p-a-r-k park park park.
My boyfriend gave me peaches.
My boyfriend gave me pears.
My boyfriend gave me 50 cents to kiss him on the stairs.
I gave him back his peaches.
I gave him back his pears.
I gave him back his 50 cents
And kicked him down the stairs.

Teacher, teacher
Oh so tired
How many times did you get fired?
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, (etc.)

Not last night but the night before,
twenty-four robbers came knocking at my door
I asked them what they wanted, and this is what they said:
Spanish Dancer do the splits, the twist, the turnaround and touch the ground, and
out the back door
Spanish Dancer please come back, back, sit on a tack, read a book and do not
look,
(jump with eyes closed, everyone counting out loud: 1, 2, 3,
4, 5... until you miss)

A my name is Alice and my husband's name is Andy and we come from Alabama
and we sell apples
B my name is Betty and my husband's name is Bob and we come from Buffalo
and we sell bananas
C my name is Connie and my husband's name is Cornelius and we come from
Cucamonga and we sell cell phones [Etc.]

1 potato, 2 potato, 3 potato, 4
5 potato, 6 potato, 7 potato more.
Acha bacha, cucaracha, out goes Y-O-U

Cinderella, dressed in yella
Went upstairs to see her fellow,
How many kisses did she get?..one...two..

Another version:
Cinderella, dressed in yella,
Went upstairs to kiss a fella,
Made a mistake, kissed a snake,
How many doctors will it take?
2-4-6-8 etc

Another version:
Cinderella dressed in green,
Went upstairs to get ice cream,
By mistake,
She spilled her shake,
How many napkins did it take

Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear,
Turn around (turn around)
Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear,
Touch the ground (touch the ground)
Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear,
Tie your shoe (hit your shoe)
Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear,
How old are you?
1-2-3-4........... (etc).

Cinderella dressed in yellow
Went upstairs to kiss a fellow
Made a mistake and kissed a snake
How many doctors did it take? One...Two...Three...

Apple on a stick makes me sick, makes my tummy go 246,
Not because I'm dirty, not because I'm clean, not because I
Kissed a boy behind a magazine.
Uh - oh here comes Nette with her pants on tight! she can wiggle,
She can wobble, she can do the splitz, but I betcha $20.00 that she can't do This!
1-2-3-4...

Nette and Kenneth sitting in a tree K-i-s-s-i-n-g
How many kisses did she get? ...one...two... [Thanks to Arachne]
OR
Nette and Kenneth sitting in a tree
K-i-s-s-i-n-g
First comes love
Then comes marriage
Then comes xxxxxxxx in a baby carriage [where xxx is another kid in the game.]

Down in the valley where the green grass grows
there sat Nette, sweet as a rose
she sang, she sang, she sang so sweet
along came Kenneth, and kissed her on the cheek
how many kisses did she get that week?
1, 2, 3, 4....

Sea shells, cockle shells
Evie Ivy Over
My dog's name is Rover
He died in last October
How many doctors did it take?
1, 2, 3, 4.....