

“We Welcome You to Riverbend”

The Camp Riverbend Song Book

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1. We Welcome You to Riverbend

We welcome you to Riverbend,
We’re mighty glad you’re here.
We’ll send the air reverberating,
With a mighty cheer, rah, rah!
We’ll sing you in, we’ll sing you out,
We’ll stuff your ears with sauerkrat!
Hail, hail the gang’s all here and you’re welcome to Riverbend!

2. Eddie Cootcha Catcha

Chorus:

Eddie Cootcha Catcha Cama
Tosa Neara Tosa Nova
Sava Kava Wacky Brown,
Fell into the well, fell into the well,
Fell into the deep dark well.

Suzy Jones,
Milking in the barn,
Saw him fall,
And ran inside and told her ma that
Eddie Cootcha Catcha Cama....

Suzy's ma,
Makin' cracklin' bread,
Called Old Joe,
And told him that her Suzy said that
Eddie Cootcha Catcha Cama...

Then Old Joe,
Put his plow aside,
Grabbed his cane,
And hobbled into town and cried that
Eddie Cootcha Catcha Cama...

To the well,
Everybody came
What a shame,
It took so long to say his name that
Eddie Cootcha Catcha Cama
Tosa Neara Tosa Nova
Sava Kava Wacky Brown,
Fell into the well, fell into the well,
Fell into the deep dark well

Eddie Cootcha Catcha Cama
Tosa Neara Tosa Nova
Sava Kava Wacky Brown
Who?
Eddie Cootcha Catcha Cama
Tosa Neara Tosa Nova
Sava Kava Wacky Brown
Drowned!

3. John Jacob Jingleheimer Schmidt

John Jacob Jingleheimer Schmidt,
His name is my name too.
Whenever we go out,
The people always shout,
"There goes John Jacob Jingleheimer Schmidt!"
Da da da da da da da

(Repeat, getting softer each time, except on the line "Da da da da da da da" which gets shouted out.)

4. Found a Peanut

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 it open last night.
Last night I cracked it open, cracked it open,
Last night.

It was rotten, it was rotten,
It was rotten last night.
Last night it was rotten, it was rotten,
Last night

Ate it anyway...
Got a tummy ache...
Called the doctor...
Appendicitis...
Went to the hospital...
Operation...
Died anyway...
Went to Heaven...
Met St. Peter..
He didn't like me...
Went the other way...
Met the Devil...
Got a job...
Selling peanuts...
They were rotten...

5. Peter's Fountain

Let us go to Peter's fountain,
Where the water's so good.
We will see there the cuckoo,
As he sings in the wood.

Chorus

Oh li ah, (*slap knees quickly*)
Oh li ah, ah li ah, oh li ah cuckoo (*slap knees, clap hands, snap fingers once*)
Oh li ah, ah li ah, oh li ah cuckoo
Oh li ah, ah li ah, oh li ah cuckoo
Oh li ah, ah ri ah, oh

When we get to the fountain,
We will all have some fun.
'Cause we'll find there two cuckoos,
Where we thought there was one.

Chorus

Oh li ah, (*slap knees quickly*)
Oh li ah, ah li ah, oh li ah cuckoo cuckoo (*slap knees, clap hands, snap fingers twice*)
Oh li ah, ah li ah, oh li ah cuckoo cuckoo
Oh li ah, ah li ah, oh li ah cuckoo cuckoo
Oh li ah, ah li ah, oh

We'll go home from the fountain,
And we'll all have some tea.
We'll invite one more cuckoo,
For a total of three.

Chorus (*3 "cuckoo"s, 3 finger snaps at the end of each line*)

We'll go back to the fountain,
To the waters once more.
We will see all the cuckoos,
In the wood they'll be four.

Chorus (*4 "cuckoo"s, 4 finger snaps at the end of each line*)

When we got to the fountain,
We found Peter's cousin.
He's a cuckoo collector,
And he say's there's a dozen!

Chorus (*12 "cuckoo"s, 12 finger snaps*)

We went back to the fountain
And found we had blundered...

We went back to the fountain,
And we said "ain't that nifty"...

We went back to the fountain,
On a very fast run.
But we scared all those cuckoos,
And now there are none

Chorus (*No "cuckoo"s, no finger snaps*)

6. Madalina Catalina

Chorus:

Madalina Catalina
Whoops A Dana Walk A Nana
Hoca Poca Loca
Was her name.
(*repeat*)

She had two hairs on her head,
One was alive and the other was dead.

She had two teeth in her mouth,
One went north and the other went south.

She had two eyes in her head,
One was purple and the other was red.

She had two feet like a bathroom mat,
Nobody knows how they got like that.

She worked for a doctor to make money quick,
She stood outside and made the people sick.

7. There Was an Old Woman

Well, there was an old woman,
Who swallowed a fly.
I don't know why she swallowed a fly,
Perhaps she'll die.

There was an old woman,
Who swallowed a spider,
That wiggled and jiggled and giggled inside her.
She swallowed the spider to catch the fly,
I don't know why she swallowed a fly,
Perhaps she'll die.

There was an old woman,
Who swallowed a bird.
How absurd, she swallowed a bird!
She swallowed the bird to catch the spider,
That wiggled and jiggled and giggled inside her.
She swallowed the spider to catch the fly,
I don't know why she swallowed a fly,
Perhaps she'll die.

There was an old woman,
Who swallowed a cat.
Think of that, she swallowed a cat...

There was an old woman
Who swallowed a dog.
What a hog, she swallowed a dog!...

There was an old woman,
Who swallowed a goat.
It got stuck in her throat when she swallowed the goat...

There was an old woman,
Who swallowed a cow.
I don't know how, she swallowed a cow...

There was an old woman,
Who swallowed a horse.
She died, of course! But....

8. My Hat It Has Three Corners

My **hat** it has **three corners**,
Three corners has my **hat**,
And had it not **three corners**,
It would not be my **hat**

(With each repeat, leave out one important word and use hand motion only)

*On first repeat, leave out **hat***

*On second repeat, leave out **hat** and **three***

*On third repeat, leave out **hat**, **three** and **corners**)*

9. She'll be Coming Round the Mountain

She'll be coming round the mountain when she comes, Toot, toot, (*pull train whistle*)

She'll be coming round the mountain when she comes, Toot, toot,

She'll be coming round the mountain, she'll be coming round the mountain,

She'll be coming round the mountain when she comes, Toot toot.

We'll all go out to meet her when she comes, Hi babe. (*wave arm*)

She'll be driving six white horses when she comes, Whoa back. (*pull reins*)

We'll kill the old red rooster when she comes, Hack, hack. (*draw hand across neck*)

We'll all have chicken and dumplings when she comes, Yum yum. (*rub stomach*)

We'll have to sleep with grandma when she comes, (Snore sound). (*put head on hands for sleeping*)

She'll be wearing red pajamas when she comes, Scratch, scratch. (*scratch sides*)

She'll be coming round the mountain when she comes, Toot, toot, (*pull train whistle*)

10. The Cat Came Back

Chorus:

The cat came back, the very next day,

The cat came back, they thought it was a goner,

But the cat came back, it just couldn't stay away, away, away.

Once there was a man with troubles of his own,

He had a yellow cat which wouldn't leave its home,

He tried and he tried to give the cat away

He gave it to a man going far, far away.

But...

He gave it to a man going way out West,

Told him to take it to the one he loved the best,

The train hit the curve and then it jumped the rail,

Not a soul was left behind to tell the gruesome tale.

But....

The man around the corner swore he'd shoot that cat on sight,
He loaded up his shotgun with nails and dynamite,
He waited and he waited for the cat to come around,
Ninety-seven pieces of the man is all they found.
But...

We put him in a rocket and sent it to the moon,
Let's hope we don't see that foolish cat again soon,
The controls have gone crazy and it's on its way down,
It looks like that darn cat will soon be back in town.
But...

Away across the ocean we sent the cat at last,
When the ship was out to sea it started sinking fast,
People all began to pray, the boat began to toss,
Came a great big wave and every soul was lost.
But..

11. I'm A Heart Broken Dutchman

I'm a heart-broken Dutchman,
With sorrow and shame,
And this is the reason,
I don't know my name!

Chorus: La hul yah, la hul yah
La hul yah la la
La hul yah, la hul yah
La hul yah la la.

Me mother had twins,
Both me and my brother,
Looked so much alike,
Can't tell one from the other.

Now one of us died,
I tell you it's so,
Which one of us died,
Me mother don't know.

Now this is the thing,
I can't get through my head,
Is I Yakel what's living,
Or Hansel what's dead?

12. On the Dummy Line

Chorus:

On the Dummy Line, on the Dummy Line,
Rain or shine I'll pay my fine,
Rain or shine I'll pay my fine,
Ridin', ridin' ridin' on the Dummy Line.

There was a girl from down Mobile,
She had a face like a lemon peel,
She had a wart on the end of her chin,
She called it a dimple, but a dimple turns in.

There was a boy down on the farm,
He tried to milk a cow and he meant no harm,
The cow kicked him right off the bench,
'Cause he tried to milk it with a monkey wrench.

There was a boy on the way to school,
Saw a silver dollar at the foot of a mule,
He crept up quiet, quiet as a mouse,
Next day a funeral at the little boy's house.

There was a farmer went out in a boat,
The boat tipped over so I threw him a rope,
The farmer said "I cannot swim,
But I'll be gosh darned if I'll be roped in."

There was a man named Harold Breene,
He had a face that was pale green,
He went to the doctor and the doctor said,
"With a face like that I would rather be dead!"

13. Top Notcher

Top notcher, top notcher, yah mama dear,
That's what I learned in the camp.

I point to myself right here, (*point to head*)
Das is my top notcher,
Yah mama dear.
Top notcher, top notcher,
Yah mama dear,
That's what I learned in the camp.

I point to myself right here, (*point to forehead*)
Das is my sweatbrowser,
Yah mama dear.
Sweatbrowser,
Topnotcher,
Yah mama dear,
That's what I learned in the camp

Eye blinker (*eye*)
Horn blower (*nose*)
Soup strainer (*mustache*)
Bull thrower (*mouth*)
Chin chopper (*chin*)
Chest protector (*chest*)
Bread basket (*stomach*)
Dignity (*rear end*)

14. Threw It Out The Window

Old King Cole was a merry old soul,
And a merry old soul was he.
He called for his bowl and he called for his pipe,
And he threw it out the window, the window,
He threw it out the window.
He called for his bowl and he called for his pipe,
And he threw it out the window.

Jack and Jill went up the hill,
To fetch a pail of water.
Jack fell down and broke his crown,
So he threw it out the window, the window,
He threw it out the window.
Jack fell down and broke his crown,
So he threw it out the window.

Humpty Dumpty sat on the wall,
Humpty Dumpty had a great fall.
All the king's horse and all the king's men,
They threw him out the window, the window
They threw him out the window.
All the king's horse and all the king's men,
They threw him out the window.

Old Mother Hubbard went to her cupboard,
To give her poor dog a bone.

When she got there the cupboard was bare,
So she threw it out the window, the window,
She threw it out the window.
When she got there the cupboard was bare,
So she threw it out the window.

Little Boy Blue come blow your horn,
The sheep's in the meadow, the cow's in the corn,
Where's the little boy now fast asleep,
We'll throw him out the window, the window,
We'll throw him out the window.
Where's the little boy that's fast asleep,
We'll throw him out the window.

Little Miss Muffet sat on a tuffet,
Eating her curds and whey.
Along came a spider, that sat down beside her,
So she threw it out the window, the window,
She threw it out the window.
Along came a spider, that sat down beside her,
So she threw it out the window.

15. The Green Grass Grew All Around

And the green grass grew all around, all around,
And the green grass grew all around.

There was a hole,
The prettiest little hole,
That you ever did see.
Now the hole's in the ground,
And the green grass grew all around, all around
And the green grass grew all around.

Now in that hole,
There was a root,
The prettiest little root,
That you ever did see.
Now the root's in the hole,
And the hole's in the ground,
And the green grass grew all around, all around,
And the green grass grew all around.

Now on that root,
There was a stump,

The prettiest little stump,
That you ever did see.
Oh the stump's on the root,
And the root's in the hole,
And the hole's in the ground,
And the green grass grew all around, all around,
And the green grass grew all around.

(Add one line with each verse)

Tree
Limb
Branch,
Twig,
Nest,
Egg,
Bird,
Wing,
Feather,
Flea, (“the filthiest little flea”)
Germ, (“the gruesome-est little germ”)
Virus (“the viscious-est little virus”)

16. Riverbend

Riverbend, Riverbend, the camp that everyone goes to.
Riverbend, Riverbend, the camp we'll always remember.
Friendships we make here will last and last,
Last and last forever.
Riverbend, Riverbend, the camp we'll always remember.

(repeat)