Singing to Get Every Child Ready to Read
Books with Rhyme and Poetry

Simple poems about the animal kingdom are enhanced by beautiful illustrations by Belgian artist Gabriel.

This analogy of U.S. Children’s Poet Laureate Jack Prelutsky’s poems includes fifteen new poems paired with beautiful illustrations that add an additional layer to the other crafty, witty poems.

A boy expresses his love for eating chicken soup with rice throughout the year with a poem for each month.

Beautiful illustrations accompany this familiar song about a group of baby animals on their way to the zoo. Music on the last page encourages children to sing-along and participate.

The classic story follows Sam I Am as he tries to convince a young friend that green eggs and ham are great and should be eaten everywhere.

Jazzy rhythms, silly rhymes, and bright illustrations accompany this zany tale of a group of multiethnic children who “wokka-wokka, shimmy-shake, and shocka-shocka” ending in a fun celebration with their neighbors.

A magical hat, leaving a trail of sparkles and glitter, turns the townspeople into fun-loving animals, and readers are drawn into the mystery of what animal the next person will turn into.

Children will enjoy reading along to this expanded version of the popular street rhyming chant (Miss Polly has a dolly who is sick, sick, sick).

A group of rhyming dust bunnies encounter resistance from a fourth dust bunny, only to learn that he is trying to warn them of impending danger from the broom and vacuum cleaner.

A group of five sheep get into all sorts of shenanigans in this fun rhyming misadventure.

Fun rhyming book about a mother who can’t keep up with her bustling baby. The baby gets switched with a chimpanzee but ends up having a great time at the zoo.

A beautifully illustrated, unique, and imaginative take on the familiar Mother Goose nursery rhymes.

Toes Have Wiggles, Kids Have Giggles written by Harriet Ziefert; illustrated by Rebecca Doughty. Putnam, 2002.
Whimsical and fun book that uses great illustrations to provide a different look at everyday objects and experiences.

Classic collection of the author/illustrator’s light verse accompanied by humorous drawings.

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