

Musifables

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Lilly's Pad

Song 1

Lilly was a frog, the wife of Gribbit Green.
They had the biggest Lilly's pad that any frog had seen!
They hopped around the pond and ate a lot of flies,
and sat upon their "Lilly's Pad", the one so large in size.

One sunny day a toad came hopping by the pond
and saw the funny frogs and the pad they sat upon.

When Gribbit turned around he saw the toad and froze
because he was so different with a wart upon his nose.
The toad called with a croak, "Will you be friends with me?
I'd love to sit upon your pad. It's very big I see!"

But Gribbit turned away and said, "We have no space!"
He stuck his tongue out, caught a fly and slurped it to his face.

Then Lilly said, "How rude! We can't leave Toad alone.
He might not have a friend; in fact, he might not have a home!"
So Gribbit said, "You're right and I was oh, so wrong!"
Then Gribbit turned around and said, "Toad, will you come along?"

You can be our friend, though different as can be.
Come hop upon our 'Lilly's Pad', we'll find the space for three.

Remember, Baby Zebra

Song 2

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Remember, Baby Zebra to always be careful by the waterhole!
Remember, Baby Zebra to always be careful by the waterhole!

“Don’t go out in the open by the puddle,” Zebra said.
“Be careful by the waterholes and always watch your head!
‘Cause beady eyes and giant jaws are lurking in the murk.
Without a sound they wait around to do their dirty work.”

Remember, Baby Zebra to always be careful by the waterhole!
Remember, Baby Zebra to always be careful by the waterhole!

“When unsuspecting animals lean down to take a drink,
The crock can gobble up his prey as quick as you can blink!”
So mother took her little colt and licked him once, then twice
as other zebras gathered round to hear her wise advice.

Remember, Baby Zebra to always be careful by the waterhole!
Remember, Baby Zebra to always be careful by the waterhole!

“You stay close to the others when you want to quench your thirst.
And when you’re walking down to drink, you must look both ways first.
And when you’re gulping water, never ever close your eyes.
You watch out for the crocodile in a wet disguise!

“And if you see that stranger slowly slithering your way,
you take off running if you want to see another day!
The first rule of survival is so very black and white.
You stay away from danger even when it’s out of sight.”

Remember, Baby Zebra to always be careful by the waterhole!
Remember, Baby Zebra to always be careful by the waterhole!

The Little Bush and Tall Tree

Song 3

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A Little Bush and Tall Tree stood together side by side.
The Tall Tree reached up to the sky and spread its branches wide.
But Little Bush just couldn't grow as fast as his tall friend.
With all his might, he tried to reach out, stretch his roots and bend.

But Little Bush just couldn't push what nature planned for him,
and so he grew so stoutly out beneath the tree so slim.
One summer day the bush said, "Hey, it's sunny I'm afraid.
You're getting hot, but I am not, because I'm in your shade."

The tree said, "Yes, but when a storm comes blowing at my trunk,
You're always there to tame the wind. Without you I am sunk!"
And so they realized just how special each was after all.
So Little Bush loved being short. The tree loved being tall.

Monkey See, Monkey Do

Song 4

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Monkey see monkey do. Copy-catting in the zoo
Make a face just because everything I do he does.

Pull my ears, scrunch my nose. Jumping faster, there he goes!
Sure feels good knowing he wants to do things just like me.

Monkey see monkey do. He says "I'll be just like you!"
Hum a note and make a buzz. Everything I do he does.

Little kid-brother who tries to do things like I do.
Punch the wall and pull some hair. Turn around and he is there!

Monkey see monkey do. He says "I'll be just like you!"
Hum a note and make a buzz. Everything I do he does.

Acting mean, being nice, maybe I had best think twice!
Sure feels good knowing he copies and looks up to me.

Monkey see monkey do. He says "I'll be just like you!"
I'll be so good just because everything I do he does.
Everything I do he does.

The Snake, Scorpion and Fox

Song 5

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Slither and shake. A venomous snake
sliding on desolate land.
Hissing a simple song as he slid
silently crossing the sand.

The serpent was still, coiled in a chill
sensing a scorpion's smell.
Preparing attack, the scorpion's back
taunted a torturous tail.

Meanwhile, a fox was climbing some rocks
and stumbled across the two.
The fox was aware the dangerous pair
were poisonous through and through.

So he turned around and leapt to the ground
running to land far away.
Because he was smart, and knew in his heart
a price he did not want to pay!

Bubba Bear

Song 6

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Little Bubba Bear was climbing up a tree.
Hungry for some honey, he was following a bee.
Thinking it would lead him directly to his goal
a big ol' hive of honey with a tiny little hole.

Bubba Bear, Bubba Bear, climbing up the tree.
Mama said, "You be real careful followin' the bee!"
Bubba Bear, Bubba Bear, better use your head
and listen to what your mama said.

Bubba was surprised the hive was on a limb
far away from little paws. He thought, "I must get in!"
Then Bubba heard his mama say, "Stay close to the trunk
'cause smaller branches break and you could fall and go kerplunk!"

Bubba Bear, Bubba Bear, climbing up the tree.
Mama said, "You be real careful followin' the bee!"
Bubba Bear, Bubba Bear, better use your head
and listen to what your mama said.

But Bubba didn't listen to a word his mama said.
So when he climbed out on the limb, he slipped and bonked his head.
And then he heard the branch make a creaking, cracking sound.
And when it broke, it left him flying, tumbling to the ground.

Bubba Bear, Bubba Bear, climbing up the tree.
Mama said, "You be real careful followin' the bee!"
Bubba Bear, Bubba Bear, bonked your little head.
Should-a listened to what your mama said.
Should-a listened to what your mama said.

On a Stormy Day

Song 7

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On a stormy day, tears fell from the sky.
And all the clouds were sad 'cause Thunder made them cry.

And the rain came down falling from the sky
'cause the thunder made those poor clouds cry and turn grey
on a stormy day.

On a stormy day, Lightning came along.
He saw the clouds were scared and asked them what was wrong.

So they told the lightning up in the sky
that the thunder roared and made them cry and turn grey
on a stormy day.

So the lightning said to the thunder, "You've been scaring all the clouds!"
It made the thunder wonder if he shouldn't shout so loud.

On a stormy day, Lightning left the sky.
The thunder went away when he apologized.

And the sun came out shining in the sky
as the clouds were dancing, drifting by the sun's rays
on a stormy day.

The Greatest Treasure in the World

Song 8

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When I went on a treasure hunt, a pirate I became
in search of gold and precious jewels and “No Beard” was my name.
I put a black patch on my eye. And on my little head
I put a hat I folded from a paper dad had read.

Yo hi ho to every boy and girl!
I’ll find the greatest treasure in the world.

And in my hand a cardboard sword to scare off anyone
who’d dare to take my treasure from me once my hunt was done.
And so I set sail on a boat I made out of a box.
I sailed across the green grass sea and landed on some rocks.

Yo hi ho to every boy and girl!
I’ll find the greatest treasure in the world.

And once I camped upon the beach by mom’s petunia bed,
I took the map out of my shirt, unfolded it and read.
I followed here and over there and climbed the cement stairs.
Went through the door up to my room, next to my teddy bears.

Yo hi ho to every boy and girl!
I’ll find the greatest treasure in the world.

I found the treasure mom had said was priceless above all,
buried underneath my clothes and leaning on the wall.
I held mom’s mirror in my hand and looked so I could see,
the greatest treasure in the world was looking back at me.

Yo hi ho to every boy and girl!
I found the greatest treasure in the world!

Katie the Katydid

Song 9

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Katie the Katydid played in a tree.
Perched on a twig, she was quite hard to see.
Katie was dressed in a clever disguise.
She looked like a green leaf with two little eyes.

Yodel odle odle odle ay ee oh ay
Look up there it must be Katy!
Yodel odle odle odle ay ee oh ay
Katydid, fly away!

And when she sensed danger, she'd freeze in her tracks.
Blend in with the branches. She couldn't relax.
If danger got closer, she knew not to stay.
She'd open her wings and fly far, far away.

Yodel odle odle odle ay ee oh ay
Look up there it must be Katy!
Yodel odle odle odle ay ee oh ay
Katydid, fly away!

What Thumbs are Meant to Do

Song 10

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Four long fingers on one little hand.
One short thumb said, "I don't understand!"
"I'm not like them!" Thumb cried with a shout.
"They're so close while I'm always left out."

"They point upward, I point to the side.
They're so thin, while I am rather wide."
Hand said, "Thumb, give up this finger fight!
Without you, why, I could never write!
I could never hold a fountain pen,
draw on paper, give a top a spin,
paint or color like I can with you.
Why, without you, what would I ever do?"

Thumb said, "Hand, why you just made my day!
Pick that ball up, let's go out and play!
Hold that glass and take a drink or two
And I will do what thumbs are meant to do!"