**1, 2, 3, 4, Mary At The Cottage Door**

One, two, three, four,

Mary at the cottage door.

Five, six, seven,eight,

Eating cherries of a plate.

Roger McGough

**1 and 1 are 2**

1 and 1 are 2 that’s for me and you.

2 and 2 are 4 that’s a couple more.

3 and 3 are 6 barley-sugar sticks.

4 and 4 are 8 tumblers at the gate.

5 and 5 are 10 bluff sea faring men.

6 and 6 are 12 garden lads who delve.

7 and 7 are 14 young men bent on sporting.

8 and 8 are 16 pills the doctor’s mixing.

9 and 9 are 18 passengers kept waiting.

10 and 10 are 20 roses, pleasant plenty!

11 and 11 are 22 sums for brother George to do.

12 and 12 are 24 pretty pictures, and no more.

**Bananas**

Here’s a bunch of bananas,

Bananas, bananas.

Here’s a bunch of bananas,

Ripe and ready to eat.

5 bananas all in a bunch,

Choose a banana

To eat for your lunch.



**Countdown**

There are ten ghosts in the pantry,

There are nine upon the stairs,

There are eight ghosts in the attic,

There are seven on the chairs,

There are six within the kitchen,

There are five along the hall,

There are four upon the ceiling,

There are three upon the wall,

There are two ghosts on the carpet,

Doing things that ghosts will do,

There is one ghost right behind me

Who is oh so quiet . . . BOO!

Jack Prelutsky

**Dandelion Clocks**

Wh - wh - wh - wh !

One o’clock, two o’clock, three o’clock, four,

I found a fairy close to my door.

Wh - wh - wh - wh !

Five o’clock, six o’clock, seven o’clock, eight,

I blew and I blew and I found it was late.

Wh - wh - wh - wh !

I blew and I blew ‘til I counted to ten,

And now I’m beginning all over again.

Wh - wh - wh - wh !



**Eight Big Fingers**

Eight big fingers standing up tall

Two little ears to hear my parents call

One little nose that I can blow

Ten little toes all in a row

Two short thumbs that wriggle up and down

Two little feet to stand on the ground

Hands to clap and eyes to see

Oh, what fun to be just me!

**Fish Fingers**

1, 2, 3, 4, 5 -

Once I caught a fish alive!

6, 7, 8, 9, 10 -

Then I let it go again!

Why did I let it go?

Because it bit my finger so!

Why did I lose my cool?

Because it was a shark, you fool!

Robin Klein

**Five Candles**

5 little candles in the night.

5 little candles, burning bright.

Along comes the wind.

Shoooooooooo ... All is quiet.

4 little candles burning in the night.

4 little candles in the night.

4 little candles, burning bright.

Along comes the wind.

Shoooooooooo ... All is quiet.

3 little candles burning in the night.

3 little candles in the night.

3 little candles, burning bright.

Along comes the wind.

Shoooooooooo ... All is quiet.

2 little candles burning in the night.

2 little candles in the night.

2 little candles, burning bright.

Along comes the wind.

Shoooooooooo ... All is quiet.

1 little candle burning in the night.

1 little candle in the night.

1 little candle, burning bright.

Along comes the wind.

Shoooooooooo ... All is quiet.

No little candles burning in the night.

**Five Currant Buns**

Five currant buns in the baker’s shop

Round and fat with the sugar on the top

Along came a girl/boy (or name of child)

With a dollar one day

S/he bought a currant bun

And s/he took it away.

**Five Little Eggs**

Five little eggs all speckled and white,

Side by side in their nest.

Out popped the head

Of the first little chick,

Out popped the heads of the rest.



**Five Little Mice**

Five little mice went out to play,

Looking for crumbs to eat on the way.

OUT jumped a pussy cat bold and black.

And four little mice came scampering back.

Four……………..

Three………….

Two………………

One little mouse went out to play,

Looking for crumbs to eat on the way.

OUT jumped a pussy cat bold and black.

And no little mice came scampering back.





**Five Little Monkeys**

Five little monkeys walked along the shore;

One went a-sailing,

Then there were four.

Four little monkeys climbed up a tree;

One of them tumbled down,

Then there were three.

Three little monkeys found a pot of glue;

One got stuck in it,

Then there were two.

Two little monkeys found a currant bun;

One ran away with it,

Then there was one.

One little monkey cried all afternoon,

So they put him in an aeroplane

And sent him to the moon.

Roger McGough

**Five Little Pussy Cats**

Five little pussy cats playing near the door;

One ran and hid inside and then there were four.

Four little pussy cats underneath a tree;

One heard a dog bark and then there were three.

Three little pussy cats thinking what to do;

One saw a little bird and then there were two.

Two little pussy cats sitting in the sun;

One ran to catch his tail and then there was one.

One little pussy cat looking for some fun;

He saw a butterfly and then there were none.

**Five Little Sparrows**

Five little sparrows sitting in a row.

One said, ‘Cheep, cheep, I must go!’

One little, two little, three little, four little,

Five little sparrows- Oh.

Four little………

Three little……..

Two little………..

One little sparrow left in the row.

Said, ‘Oh, dearie me what shall I do?’

One little, two little, three little, four little, five little, -

‘Cheep! I’ll fly away too.’



**Four Scarlet Berries**

Four scarlet berries

Left upon the tree.

‘Thanks,’ said the blackbird,

‘These will do for me.’

She ate numbers one and two,

Then ate number three;

When she’d eaten number four,

There was none to see!

Roger McGough

**Hands**

One hand, two hands, three hands, four!

Four hands wide is the width of the door.

One, two, three, four, five, six, seven!

Seven hands tall is the height of Kevin.

Two hands, four hands, six hands, eight!

Eight hands long is the length of Kate.

Use your hands I’m sure you’re able,

And find out the height, length, width of a table.



**How Many, How Far?**

How many steps do I have to take

To get from here to the door?

Please count how many steps I take

And tell me how many more.

How many squares will I have to use

In a path from here to the door?

Please count how many squares I use

And tell me how many more.

How many cubes will I have to use

To fill this toothpaste box?

Please count how many cubes I use

And tell me how many more.

How many blocks will I have to use

For a tower as tall as my desk?

Please count how many blocks I use

And tell me how many more.

How many bricks will I need to use

To balance this toy car?

Please count how many bricks I use

And tell me how many more.

**Humpty and Friends**

One Humpty Dumpty sitting on a wall.

One Humpty Dumpty sitting on a wall.

And if one Humpty Dumpty should to another call

There’d be two Humpty Dumpties,

Sitting on the wall.

Two Humpty Dumpties sitting on a wall.

Two Humpty Dumpties sitting on a wall.

And if two Humpty Dumpty should to another call

There’d be three Humpty Dumpties,

Sitting on the wall.

Three Humpty Dumpties sitting on a wall....

**Insects Have Six Legs**

Insects have six legs, no more,

But nobody is really sure

That all those legs are legs not arms.

Maybe they have three of each,

Or four and two, or two and four.

No, nobody is really sure,

When knitting socks for insects.

Roger McGough

**Numbers**

The one and only. One.

One single and alone.

Is it lonely? Is it proud?

Standing on its own.

Two swans a-swimming

In the warm summer air.

Up the river, down the river,

2 is company. 2 is a pair.

Three is a crowd. (But only just.)

I’ll tell you a secret if I must.

When I open my eyes what do I see?

Three is Teddy, Bunny and me.

Four corners on a book,

Four corners on the door.

Oh so neat and tidy

(How many letters make f-o-u-r?)

Five is your hands favourite number,

Count each finger on your nose.

If that was easy, lift your foot

And try again with your toes.

Six hisses like a serpent,

Six kisses mean a lot.

A yoyo dancing on a string

Trick cyclist balancing on the spot.

Seven points the way ahead,

Like a policeman, arm out straight.

Gives direction, sharp and sensible,

Unlike its neighbour, number eight.

Eight is a fat cat.

Balancing doughnuts.

A pair of goggles on its side.

A figure of eight a roller coaster

Take your finger for a ride.

Nine walks tall, puffs out its chest.

Happily banging a big bass drum.

Can you count how many times?

Tum-pity. Tum-pity. Tum,Tum,Tum.

Ten looks really grown-up

(One at last has found a friend)

Ten has lots of tricks to show you

For numbers are fun without end.

Roger McGough

**Number Cards**

My card shows little Number 1.

March around, it is such fun.

My card shows little Number 2.

You bend down and polish your shoe.

My card shows little Number 3.

Twirl around gracefully.

My card shows little Number 4.

Walk like a bear, with hands on the floor.

My card shows little Number 5.

Buzz and fly, like a bee from a hive.

My card shows little Number 6.

Swing your arms as stiff as sticks.

**Number Fun**

Numbers are fun whatever they do,

First there’s 1, and then comes 2,

After two come 3 and 4,

Then come 5. Now count once more.

1, 2, 3, 4, 5.

You count to 5. That’s fine

Number 6 is next in line.

Then comes 7, 8, 9, 10.

Now let’s stop and count again.

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10,

**One to Five Rhyme**

Number 1 so straight and tall.

Run and stand beside the wall.

Now it’s your turn, Number 2.

Jump just like a kangaroo.

Number 3, now you must hop.

And by the window you must stop.

Next we come to Number 4.

You walk quickly to the door.

Number 5, creep like a mouse.

And stand beside the little house.

**One, Two, Buckle My Shoe**

One, two, buckle my shoe.

Three, four, knock at the door.

Five, six, pick up sticks.

Seven, eight, lay them straight.

Nine, ten, a big fat hen.

Eleven, twelve, dig and delve.

Thirteen, fourteen, maids a-courting.

Fifteen, sixteen, maids in the kitchen.

Seventeen, eighteen, maids in waiting.

Nineteen, twenty, my plate’s empty.



**Puppy Dog Countdown**

10 Ten little puppy dogs going out to dine,

A black cat scratched one and then there were nine.

9 Nine little puppy dogs sat up very late,

One fell asleep and then there were eight.

8 Eight little puppy dogs on a farm in Devon,

One said she’d stop there and then there were seven.

7 Seven little puppy dogs tugging at some sticks,

One fell and bumped his nose and then there were six.

6 Six little puppy dogs playing by the hive,

A bee stung one, he ran away, then there were five.

5 Five little puppy dogs sleeping by the door,

A man came and bought one and then there were four.

4 Four little puppy dogs invited out to tea,

One said she’d stay home and then there were three.

3 Three little puppy dogs playing with a shoe,

One ran away with it and then there were two.

2 Two little puppy dogs going for a run,

One sat down to take a rest and then there was one.

1 One little puppy dog found a juicy bone,

He took it to his kennel and ate it all alone.

**Roll Over**

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There were ten in the bed and the little one said,

‘Roll over, roll over.’

So they all rolled over and one fell out.

There were nine……….

Eight…………

Seven…………..

Six……………

Five……………

Four………………

Three……………..

Two……………

There was one in the bed and the little one said,

‘Aaah . . . Now I can get some sleep!’

** Spiders **

Ten little spiders went out one day,

Out on their spider’s web to play.

Down flew a blackbird and gobbled up three,

Seven little spiders spun back to their tree.

Seven little spiders went out one day,

Out on their spider’s web to play.

Along came a duster and whisked away four,

Three little spiders dropped back to the floor.

Three little spiders went out one day,

Out on their spider’s web to play.

The wind came up and blew and blew,

One blew away and that left two.

Two little spiders went out one day,

Out on their spider’s web to play.

Two little spiders swinging in the sun,

Swung off their web and then there were none.

**Ten Fat Sausages**

Ten fat sausages sizzling in a pan,

One went POP and another went BANG.

Eight……………

Six……………

Four……………..

Two……………

No fat sausages sitting in a pan.



**Ten Little Fingers**

Ten little fingers standing up tall.

Hide away fingers, hide away all.

Here comes thumbkin creeping out.

See him nod and dance about.

Ten little fingers standing up tall.

Hide away fingers, hide away all.

Here comes pointer creeping out.

See him nod and dance about.

Ten little fingers standing up tall.

Hide away fingers, hide away all.

Here comes tall man creeping out.

See him nod and dance about.

Ten little fingers standing up tall

Hide away fingers, hide away all.

Here comes ringman creeping out.

See him nod and dance about.

Ten little fingers standing up tall

Hide away fingers, hide away all.

Here comes baby creeping out.

See him nod and dance about.

**Ten Little Teddy Bears**

Ten little teddy bears stand up straight,

Ten little teddy bears make a gate,

Ten little teddy bears make a ring,

Ten little teddy bears bow to the king.

Ten little teddy bears dance all day,

Ten little teddy bears hide away.

Roger McGough

**This Old Man**

This old man, he played one,

He played nick-nack on my drum.

With a nick-nack, paddy wack,

Give a dog a bone.

This old man went rolling home.

This old man, he played two

He played nick-nack on my shoe.

With a nick-nack, paddy wack…

This old man, he played three,

He played nick-nack on my knee.

This old man, he played four,

He played nick-nack on my door.

This old man, he played five,

He played nick-nack on my hive.

This old man, he played six,

He played nick-nack on my sticks.

This old man, he played seven,

He played nick-nack up in heaven.

This old mean, he played eight,

He played nick-nack on my gate.

This old man, he played nine,

He played nick-nack on my line.

This old man, he played ten,

He played nick-nack on my hen.

Traditional

**Two**

Two little eyes watch what you do,

Two little lips that smile at you,

Two little ears to listen with a will,

Two little hands hardly ever still.

A tongue that speaks to you each day,

A brain to think for work or play,

Two feet that walk and skip and run,

Used every day by everyone.

**Two Little Eyes**

Two little eyes to look around,

Two little ears to hear each sound;

One little nose to smell what’s sweet,

One little mouth that likes to eat.

Roger McGough

**What Has Four Legs?**

There are lots of animals,

Such as a mouse,

And a camel, a dog,

A cat, and a bear,

And lots of things

We have in our house,

The table, the cot,

The bed and my chair!