

Nursery Rhymes by hand

A set of hand lettered nursery rhyme prints for children and adults to enjoy.



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NURSERY RHYMES

Most nursery rhymes reflect events in history and many of the words and lyrics were used to parody the royal and political events of the day, centuries ago.

Children love being told nursery rhymes and they bring back fond memories of parents' childhood too.

The thing is, they were learned by heart and not shown. We know the words before we see the images and that is what this set of hand lettered rhymes seeks to do.

The words are the stars, each painted by KenWilson-Max, well known children's book author and illustrator.



MARY HAD A LITTLE LAMB

The words of this American nursery rhyme that introduces imagery of similes (white as snow) as part of use of the English language. The words also convey the hopeful adage that love is reciprocated.

The song was written by Sarah Hale, of Boston, in 1830 and were the first ever recorded by Thomas Edison, on tin foil, on his phonograph.

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HEY DIDDLE DIDDLE

The original title was 'High Diddle Diddle' It changed to 'Hey Diddle Diddle' with the evolution of the English language.

The first known date of publication for the words of the Hey diddle diddle rhyme is 1765. The term ' Hey diddle diddle' can be found in the works of Shakespeare and was a colloquialism used in much the same vein as "hey nonny no"

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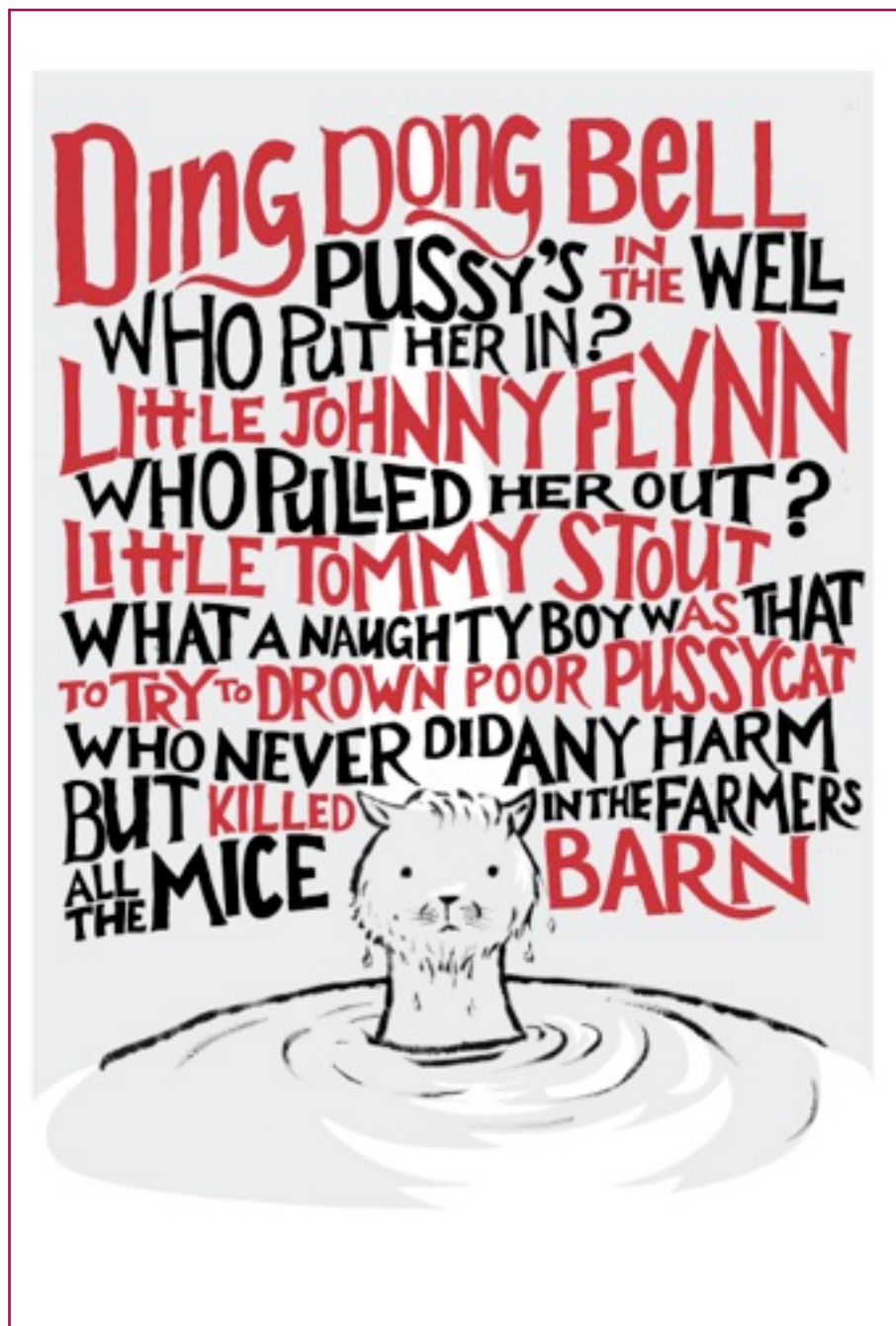
JACK AND JILL

Jack and Jill are said to be French King Louis XVI - Jack -who was beheaded (lost his crown) followed by his Queen Marie Antoinette - Jill - (who came tumbling after).

The words and lyrics to the Jack and Jill poem were made more child friendly over time.

The first publication date for the lyrics of Jack and Jill rhyme is 1795.

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DING DONG BELL

Shakespeare used the phrase "Ding Dong Bell" in several plays. The original lyrics ended with the cat being left to drown but the words were changed so the cat was saved by 'Little Tommy Stout' to encourage children to understand that it is cruel to harm any animal 'who ne'er did any harm'.

Morality at an early age.

"Ding Dong Bell" also introduces a child to onomatopoeia (a word that sounds like its meaning)

Acrylic on paper.

INFORMATION

Prints are available to order for the first four rhymes in the series.

There will be 12 to 14 nursery rhyme illustrations in total. Printed on archive, gallery quality 300gsm paper.

The full list of proposed rhymes is as follows:

Jack and Jill
Ding Dong Bell
Hey Diddle, Diddle
Mary had a Little Lamb

Ring a Ring o Roses
Remember Remember
Pop Goes the Weasel
Solomon Grundie

Thirty Days Hath September
Humpty Dumpty
The Grand Old Duke of York

Little Miss Muffett
Little Boy Blue
Curly Locks
Handy Spandy Jack-a-Dandy

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