



Lyrics to the songs on  
Grasshoppers Three CD  
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## 1. Grasshoppers Three

traditional

Grasshoppers three a fiddling went,  
A-hey, ho, never be still.  
They had no money t'ward their rent,  
So all day long on elbows bent,  
They fiddled a tune called, "Rillaby, Rillaby--"  
Fiddled a tune called, "Rillaby Rill."

## 2. Jitterbug

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If you wanna be a bug  
Give yourself a little hug  
You can wiggle; you can giggle  
You're my jitterbug!

If you wanna be a fly  
Diving, zooming way up high  
Spread your wings, do your thing  
You're my jitterbug!

Would you consider buzzing by on a Sunday afternoon?  
Would you consider floating by underneath the harvest moon?

If you wanna be a bee  
Bring some honey here to me  
Two for tea, you and me  
You're my jitterbug!

Buzzy buzz, buzzy buzz  
Wuzzy wuz, wuzzy wuz  
Buzzy buzz, wuzzy wuz  
You're my jitterbug

Hi-dee-hi, hi-dee-hi  
Lo-dee-lo, lo-dee-lo  
Hi-dee-hi, lo-dee-lo  
You're my jitterbug

Would you consider buzzing by on a Sunday afternoon?  
Would you consider floating by underneath the harvest moon?

Dance and dance, dance and dance  
Dance and dance, dance and dance  
Just flap your wings (I love those things!)  
You're my jitterbug!  
You're my jitterbug!  
You're my jitterbug!

### **3. Ladybug, Ladybug**

traditional

Ladybug, ladybug, fly away home!  
Your house is on fire and your children have flown!  
All except one, and that's little ann,  
And she is safe under the pudding pan!

### **4. The Insect Gift**

Nancy Stewart

On my birthday my brother gave an insect to me  
It had three parts to its body:  
Head, thorax, abdomen

On my birthday my brother gave an insect to me  
It had six hairy legs,  
And three parts to its body:  
Head, thorax, abdomen

On my birthday my brother gave an insect to me  
It had two antennae, six hairy legs,  
And three parts to its body:  
Head, thorax, abdomen

On my birthday my brother gave an insect to me  
It had four fine wings, two antennae, six hairy legs,  
And three parts to its body:  
Head, thorax, abdomen

On my brother's birthday I gave the insect back to him  
It had four fine wings, two antennae, six hairy legs,  
And three parts to its body:  
Head, thorax, abdomen

## 5. The Ants Go Marching

traditional

The ants go marching one by one hurrah hurrah  
The ants go marching one by one hurrah hurrah  
The ants go marching one by one  
The little one stops to say, "This is fun!"  
And they all go marching  
Down to the ground  
To get out of the rain  
BOOM BOOM BOOM BOOM  
BOOM BOOM BOOM BOOM

The ants go marching two by two hurrah hurrah  
The ants go marching two by two hurrah hurrah  
The ants go marching two by two  
The little one stops to tie her shoe  
And they all go marching  
Down to the ground  
To get out of the rain  
BOOM BOOM BOOM BOOM  
BOOM BOOM BOOM BOOM

The ants go marching three by three hurrah hurrah  
The ants go marching three by three hurrah hurrah  
The ants go marching three by three  
The little one stops to climb a tree  
And they all go marching  
Down to the ground  
To get out of the rain  
BOOM BOOM BOOM BOOM  
BOOM BOOM BOOM BOOM

The ants go marching four by four hurrah hurrah  
The ants go marching four by four hurrah, hurrah  
The ants go marching four by four  
The little one stops to knock at the door  
And they all go marching  
Down to the ground  
To get out of the rain  
BOOM BOOM BOOM BOOM  
BOOM BOOM BOOM BOOM

The ants go marching five by five hurrah hurrah  
The ants go marching five by five hurrah, hurrah  
The ants go marching five by five

The little one stops to buzz a beehive  
And they all go marching  
Down to the ground  
To get out of the rain  
BOOM BOOM BOOM BOOM  
BOOM BOOM BOOM BOOM

The ants go marching six by six hurrah hurrah  
The ants go marching six by six hurrah, hurrah  
The ants go marching six by six  
The little one stops to pick up sticks  
And they all go marching  
Down to the ground  
To get out of the rain  
BOOM BOOM BOOM BOOM  
BOOM BOOM BOOM BOOM

## 6. Butterfly Gals

traditional with new lyrics by Marylee Sunseri

Butterfly Gals won't you come out tonight, come out tonight, come out tonight?  
Butterfly Gals won't you come out tonight and fly by the light of the moon?

Put your six legs in  
Your six legs out  
Your six legs in  
Your six legs out  
Put your six legs in  
Your six legs out  
And fly by the light of the moon!

Put your antennae in  
Your antennae out  
Your antennae in  
Your antennae out  
Put your antennae in  
Your antennae out  
And fly by the light of the moon!

Put your wings in  
Your wings out  
Your wings in  
Your wings out  
Put your wings in  
Your wings out  
And fly by the light of the moon!

## 7. Blue Tail Fly (Jimmie Crack Corn)

traditional

When I was young I used to wait  
On my master and give him his plate  
And pass the bottle when he got dry  
And brush away the blue-tail fly

CHORUS:

Jimmy crack corn, and I don't care  
Jimmy crack corn, and I don't care  
Jimmy crack corn, and I don't care  
My master's gone away

And when he'd ride in the afternoon  
I'd follow after with a hickory broom  
The pony being rather shy  
When bitten by the blue-tail fly

CHORUS:

One day he ride around the farm  
The flies so numerous they did swarm  
One chanced to bite him on the thigh  
The devil take the blue-tail fly

CHORUS:

The pony run, he jump, he pitch  
He threw my master in the ditch  
He died and the jury wondered why  
The verdict was the blue-tail fly

CHORUS:

They laid him under a 'simmon tree  
His epitaph is there to see  
"Beneath this stone I'm forced to lie  
The victim of the blue-tail fly"

## **8. Five Little Flies**

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Five little flies flyin' all around  
Buggin' the tail of an old "moo" cow  
Swat to the left, swat to the right  
Swat one fly right of sight

Four little flies flyin' all around  
Buggin' the tail of an old "moo" cow  
Swat to the left, swat to the right  
Swat one fly right of sight

Three little flies flyin' all around  
Buggin' the tail of an old "moo" cow  
Swat to the left, swat to the right  
Swat one fly right of sight

Two little flies flyin' all around  
Buggin' the tail of an old "moo" cow  
Swat to the left, swat to the right  
Swat one fly right of sight

One little fly flyin' all around  
Buggin' the tail of an old "moo" cow  
Swat to the left, swat to the right  
Swat that fly right of sight

## **9. Little Miss Muffit**

traditional with new melody by Marylee Sunseri

Little Miss Muffit  
Sat on a tuffit  
Eating her curds and whey  
Along came a spider  
Who sat down beside her  
And frightened Miss Muffit away

## 10. Itsy Bitsy Spider

traditional

The itsy bitsy spider went up the water spout  
Down came the rain and washed the spider out  
Out came the sun and dried up all the rain  
And the itsy bitsy spider went up the spout again

The great big spider went up the water spout  
Down came the rain and washed the spider out  
Out came the sun and dried up all the rain  
And the great big spider went up the spout again

The giant spider went up the water spout  
Down came the rain and washed the spider out  
Out came the sun and dried up all the rain  
And the giant spider went up the spout again

The itsy bitsy spider went up the water spout  
Down came the rain and washed the spider out  
Out came the sun and dried up all the rain  
And the itsy bitsy spider went up the spout again

## 11. Mosquitoes!

traditional with new lyrics by Marylee Sunseri

They bite you and they eat you  
They spread lots of germs around  
They're numbers will fright you  
When you hear that buzzing sound

We can confuse them  
But can't refuse them  
If you wear DEET spray  
You might just escape OK  
"Mosquitoes!"

I think I will go to bed now  
And get me a little rest  
It's hot and it's dark outside now  
And then comes that buzzing pest

I want to sleep now  
I'm counting sheep now  
Here comes that buzzing  
I turn on the light and shout  
"Mosquitoes!"



## 12. **I Know An Old Lady Who Swallowed A Fly**

traditional

I know an old lady who swallowed a fly  
I don't know why she swallowed a fly  
perhaps she'll die.

I know an old lady who swallowed a spider  
That wiggled and jiggled and tickled inside her  
She swallowed the spider to catch the fly  
I don't know why she swallowed the fly  
Perhaps she'll die

I know an old lady who swallowed a bird  
How absurd to swallow a bird  
She swallowed the bird to catch the spider  
That wiggled and jiggled and tickled inside her  
She swallowed the spider to catch the fly  
I don't know why she swallowed the fly  
Perhaps she'll die

I know an old lady who  
swallowed a cat  
Now fancy that to swallow a cat  
She swallowed the cat to catch the bird  
She swallowed the bird to catch the spider  
That wiggled and jiggled and tickled inside her  
She swallowed the spider to catch the fly  
I don't know why she swallowed the fly  
Perhaps she'll die

I know an old lady who  
swallowed a dog  
What a hog to swallow a dog  
She swallowed the dog to catch the cat  
She swallowed the cat to catch the bird  
She swallowed the bird to catch the spider  
That wiggled and jiggled and tickled inside her  
She swallowed the spider to catch the fly  
I don't know why she swallowed the fly  
Perhaps she'll die

I know an old lady who  
swallowed a goat  
She just opened her throat and swallowed a goat  
She swallowed the goat to catch the dog

She swallowed the dog to catch the cat  
She swallowed the cat to catch the bird  
She swallowed the bird to catch the spider  
That wiggled and jiggled and tickled inside her  
She swallowed the spider to catch the fly  
I don't know why she swallowed the fly  
Perhaps she'll die

I know an old lady who  
She swallowed the cow to catch the goat  
She swallowed the goat to catch the dog  
She swallowed the dog to catch the cat  
She swallowed the cat to catch the bird  
She swallowed the bird to catch the spider  
That wiggled and jiggled and tickled inside her  
She swallowed the spider to catch the fly  
I don't know why she swallowed the fly  
Perhaps she'll die

I know an old lady who swallowed a horse--  
She's dead of course!  
(Just kidding!)

### 13. Shoo, Fly!

traditional

Shoo, fly, don't bother me!  
Shoo, fly, don't bother me!  
Shoo, fly, don't bother me!  
For I belong to somebody!

Shoo, fly, don't bother me!  
Shoo, fly, don't bother me!  
Shoo, fly, don't bother me!  
For I belong to somebody!

I feel, I feel, I feel like a morning star  
I feel, I feel, I feel like a morning star  
I feel, I feel, I feel, I feel like a morning star  
I feel, I feel, I feel, I feel like a morning star

Shoo, fly, don't bother me!  
Shoo, fly, don't bother me!  
Shoo, fly, don't bother me!  
For I belong to somebody!

Lou, lou, skip to my lou  
Lou, lou, skip to my lou  
Lou, lou, skip to my lou  
Lou, lou, skip to my lou

Flies in the buttermilk, shoo, fly, shoo  
Flies in the buttermilk, shoo, fly, shoo  
Skip to my lou, my darlin'

Lou, lou, skip to my lou  
Lou, lou, skip to my lou  
Lou, lou, skip to my lou  
Lou, lou, skip to my lou

Flies in the sugar bowl, shoo, fly, shoo  
Flies in the sugar bowl, shoo, fly, shoo  
Skip to my lou, my darlin'

Lou, lou, skip to my lou  
Lou, lou, skip to my lou  
Lou, lou, skip to my lou  
Lou, lou, skip to my lou

Shoo, fly, don't bother me!  
Shoo, fly, don't bother me!  
Shoo, fly, don't bother me!  
For I belong to somebody!  
For I belong to somebody!  
For I belong to somebody!

## 14. Kemo Kimo

traditional with new lyrics by Marylee Sunseri

There was a frog lived in a pool  
Sing song kitty won't you ki me oh  
He sure was a hoppin' fool  
Sing song kitty won't you ki me oh  
He could dance and he could sing  
Sing song kitty won't you ki me oh  
He could make the greenwoods ring  
Sing song kitty won't you ki me oh

Kemo-kimo, ee-i-o  
With a hey and ho and a Willie, Billie, wink um

In come Sally singin' rumpa dumpa doo dum  
Sing along kitty won't you ki me oh

Beetles walk and moths take wing  
Sing song kitty won't you ki me oh  
Mockingbirds and crickets sing  
Sing song kitty won't you ki me oh  
Sun goes down and bats take flight  
Sing song kitty won't you ki me oh  
Fireflies glow on a summer night  
Sing sing kitty won't you ki me oh

Kemo-kimo, ee-i-o  
With a hey and ho and a Willie, Billie, wink um  
In come Sally singin' rumpa dumpa doo dum  
Sing along kitty won't you ki me oh

Kemo-kimo, ee-i-o  
With a hey and ho and a Willie, Billie, wink um  
In come Sally singin' rumpa dumpa doo dum  
Sing along kitty won't you ki me oh

A,b,c,d,e,f,g  
Sing along kitty won't you kime-o  
h,i,j,k,l,m,n,o,p  
Sing along kitty won't you kimee-o  
q,r,s,t,u,v  
Sing along kitty won't you kimee-o  
W,x,y,z  
Sing along kitty won't you kimee-o

Kemo-kimo, ee-i-o  
With a hey and ho and a Willie, Billie, wink um  
In come Sally singin' rumpa dumpa doo dum  
Sing along kitty won't you ki me oh

Kemo-kimo, ee-i-o  
With a hey and ho and a Willie, Billie, wink um  
In come Sally singin' rumpa dumpa doo dum  
Sing along kitty won't you ki me oh

## **15. Little Bitty Bug and One Little Dragonfly**

Nancy Stewart and King County Library Service Librarians

A little bitty bug  
Too small to hug  
Was sittin' on a rug  
Just sittin' on a rug  
And then to show his might  
He took a daring flight  
He landed on my nose  
And what do you suppose  
He flew down to my toes

One little dragonfly with four shiny wings  
Two little dragonflies learning how to sing  
Three little dragonflies zipping up and down  
Four little dragonflies resting on the ground  
Five little dragonflies going home for lunch  
Along came a frog and munch, munch, munch!

## **16. Little Arabella Miller**

traditional

Little Arabella Miller had a fuzzy caterpillar  
First it crawled upon her mother  
Then upon her baby brother  
Mother said, "Dear Arabella, put away your caterpillar!"

Little Arabella Miller had a fuzzy caterpillar  
First it crawled upon her brother  
Then upon her dear grandmother  
Grandma said, "Dear Arabella, how I love your caterpillar!"

## **17. Big Rock Candy Mountains**

traditional with new lyrics by Marylee Sunseri

Oh, the buzzin' of the bees and the cinnamon trees  
The ice cream soda fountains  
Where the lemonade springs, and the bluebird sings  
In the Big Rock Candy Mountains

There is a land I've heard about

Made of candy colors  
The air is clear, the rainbow's near  
And chocolate flows like water  
There're honey bees in the peppermint trees  
And you can do just what you please  
In the Big Rock Candy Mountains

There is a land I've heard about  
Where you don't need shoes or socks  
You can run and play all the day away  
And lick sugar from the rocks  
I'm bound to go where there isn't any snow  
Where the rain won't fall,  
And the winds don't blow:  
The Big Rock Candy Mountains

In the Big Rock Candy Mountains  
It's always fair and bright  
The air is sweet, there's plenty to eat  
And you sleep out every night  
There's a birthday in the meadow  
With frosted buttercups  
Oh, I'm bound to go where there isn't any snow  
Where the rain won't fall,  
And the winds don't blow:  
The Big Rock Candy Mountains

Oh, the buzzin' of the bees and the cinnamon trees  
The ice cream soda fountains  
Where the lemonade springs, and the bluebird sings  
In the Big Rock Candy Mountains

On a summer's day, the month of May, a burly bum come a'hikin'  
Down a shady lane by the sugar cane  
He was lookin' for his likin'  
As he strolled along  
He sang a song of the land of milk and honey  
Where a bum can stay for many a day  
And he don't need any money

Oh, the buzzin' of the bees and the cinnamon trees  
The ice cream soda fountains  
Where the lemonade springs, and the bluebird sings  
In the Big Rock Candy Mountains

## 18. Ladybug, Fly!

traditional

Lady bug fly,  
fly, fly, fly,  
fly over here,  
fly over there,  
fly up high and fly down low,  
around and around and around you go,  
fly very fast, and fly very slow,  
lady bug fly.

## 19. Over In The Meadow

traditional

Over in the meadow in the sand in the sun  
Lived a dear mother toad and her little toady one  
"Hop!" said the mother  
"Hop! Hop!" said the one  
So they hopped and they hopped in the sand in the sun

Over in the meadow where the stream runs blue  
Lived a dear mother fish and her little fishies two  
"Swim!" said the mother  
"Swim! Swim!" said the two  
And they swam and they leapt where the stream runs blue

Over in the meadow in the big oak tree  
Lived a dear mother blackbird and her little blackbirds three  
"Sing!" said the mother  
"Sing! Sing!" said the three  
So they sang and were glad in the hole in the tree

Over in the meadow in the sand on the shore  
Lived a mother water rat and her little ratties four  
"Dive!" said the mother  
"Dive! Dive!" said the four  
So they dived and they burrowed in the reeds on the shore

Over in the meadow in a snug beehive  
Lived a mother honeybee and her little honeys five  
"Buzz!" said the mother  
"Buzz! Buzz!" said the five  
So they buzzed and they hummed in the snug beehive



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