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Collects more than 100 of the popular author's poems, spanning his forty-five year career as a master funny-bone tickler. Features a CD with classic performances by the poet himself. XP 811.54

A little boy imagines how he will cook, serve, or eat chicken soup with rice in every month of the year. XFCIP Sendak

The classic story follows Sam-I-am as he tells of the virtues of green eggs and ham, in verse. XFCIP Seuss

A young boy who likes to "wokka-wokka, shimmy-shake, and shocka-shocka" gathers his neighbors together for a surprise celebration. XFCIP Bluemle

Short poems about insects such as the inchworm, termite, cricket, and ladybug. XP 811.54

Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten written by Joseph Slate and illustrated by Ashley Wolff. Dutton Children's Books, 1996.
Miss Bindergarten and her students get ready for kindergarten in this rhyming alphabet book. XFCIP Slate

As three dust bunnies, Ed, Ned, and Ted, are demonstrating how much they love to rhyme, a fourth, Bob, is trying to warn them of approaching danger. XFCIP Thomas

A story about the misadventures of a group of sheep that go riding in a jeep. XFCIP Shaw

Rhyming text and illustrations follow the adventures of a baby who, on excursions to the zoo, the circus, or the farm, manages to get switched with an animal. XFCIP Lorig

A beautifully illustrated collection of familiar nursery rhymes. XI 398.3

Toes Have Wiggles, Kids Have Giggles written by Harriet Ziefert; illustrated by Rebecca Doughty. Putnam, 2002.
Rhyming text presents the characteristics of things which are frequently experienced or observed in the lives of children. XFCIP Ziefert

A boy who turns into a TV set and a girl who eats a whale are only two of the characters in a collection of humorous poetry illustrated with the author's own drawings. XI 811.54

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