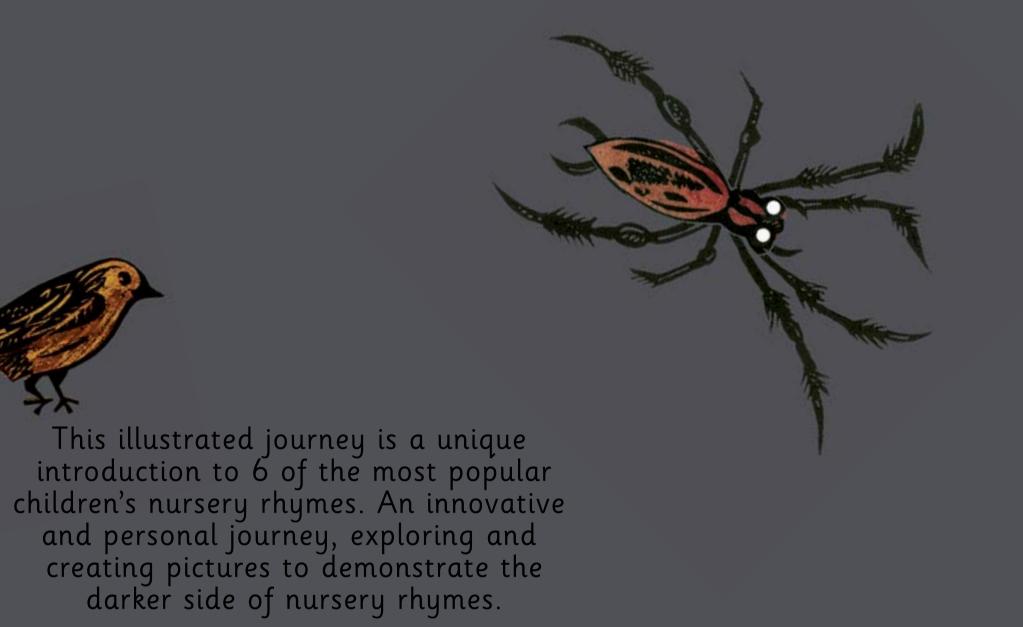


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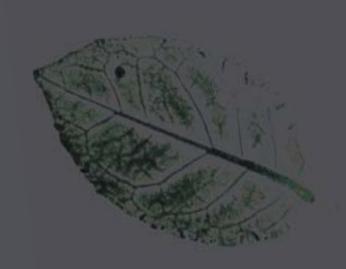
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Ladybird Ladybird



Ladybird ladybird fly away home,

Your house in on fire and your children are gone,

All except one and that's little Ann,

For she crept under the frying pan.





Hickory dickory dock,

The mouse ran up the clock,

The clock struck one,

The mouse ran down,

Hickory dickory dock.



Incy Wincy Spider

Incy Wincy spider climbing up the spout,

Down came the rain and washed the spider out.

Out came the sun and dried up all the rain,

Now Incy Wincy spider went up the spout again!





A wise old owl lived in an oak,

The more he saw the less he spoke,

The less he spoke the more he heard.

Why can't we all be like that wise old bird?



One, Two, Three, Four, Five, Once I Caught a Fish Alive

One, two, three, four, five.

Once I caught a fish alive,

Six, seven, eight, nine, ten,

Then I let it go again.

Why did you let it go?

Because it bit my finger so.

Which finger did it bite?

This little finger on the right.







Three Blind Mice

Three blind mice, three blind mice,

See how they run, see how they run,

They all ran after the farmer's wife,

Who cut off their tails with a carving knife,

Did you ever see such a thing in your life,

As three blind mice?







The End.