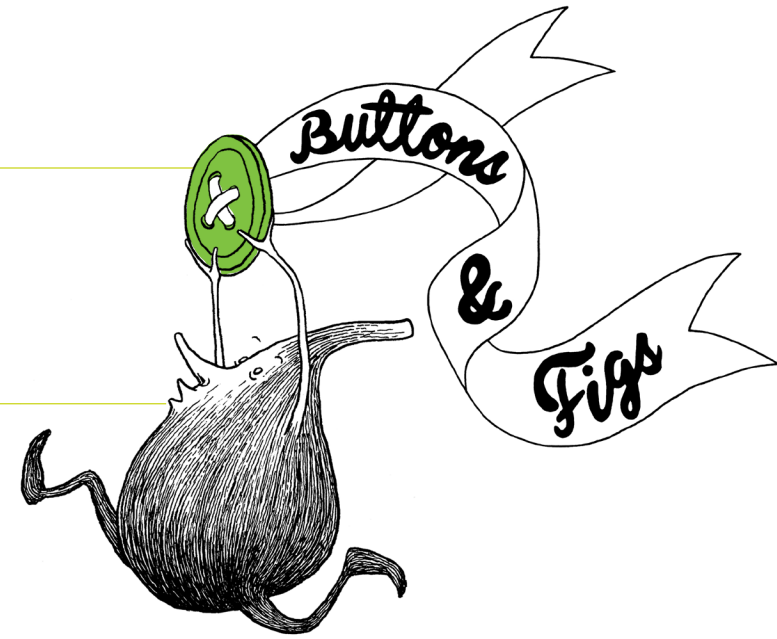


Sing a Song of Sixpence

Nursery Rhyme Activity



FIRST PRINT VERSION 1744:

Sing a Song of Sixpence,
A Bag Full of Rye,
Four and Twenty Naughty Boys,
Baked in a Pye.

CIRCLE THE CHANGES
from the
1784 version to
the 1950's version.

1784 VERSION

Sing a song of sixpence,
A bag full of rye,
Four and twenty blackbirds
Bak'd in a pye;
And when the pye was open'd,
The birds began to sing,
And was not this a pretty dish
To set before a king?

The king was in the parlour
Counting o'er his money,
The queen was in the kitchen,
Eating bread and honey
The maid was in the garden
Laying out the clothes,
Up came a magpie
And bit off her nose.

1950'S MOTHER GOOSE VERSION

Sing a song of sixpence,
A pocket full of rye.
Four and twenty blackbirds,
Baked in a pie.
When the pie was opened,
The birds began to sing;
Wasn't that a dainty dish
To set before the king?

The king was in his counting house,
Counting out his money;
The queen was in the parlour,
Eating bread and honey.
The maid was in the garden,
Hanging out the clothes,
When down came a blackbird
And pecked off her nose.

2016 VERSION—NOW IT'S YOUR TURN!

