

ICKLE ME, PICKLE ME, TICKLE ME TOO

By Shel Silverstein

Ickle Me, Pickle Me, Tickle Me too
Went for a ride in a flying shoe.
“Hooray!”
“What fun!”
“It’s time we flew!”
Said Ickle Me, Pickle Me, Tickle Me too.

Ickle was captain, and Pickle was crew
And Tickle served coffee and mulligan stew
As higher
And higher
And higher they flew
Ickle Me, Pickle Me, Tickle Me too.

Ickle Me, Pickle Me, Tickle Me too.
Over the sun and beyond the blue.
“Hold on!”
“Stay in!”
“I hope we do!”
Cried Ickle Me, Pickle Me, Tickle Me too.

Ickle Me, Pickle Me, Tickle Me too
Never returned to the world they knew.
And nobody
Knows what’s
Happened to
Dear Ickle Me, Pickle Me, Tickle Me too.

JUMP OR JIGGLE

By Evelyn Beyer

Frogs jump.

Caterpillars hump.

Worms wiggle.

Bugs jiggle.

Rabbits hop.

Horses clop.

Snakes slide.

Sea gulls glide.

Mice creep.

Deer leap.

Puppies bounce.

Lions stalk ---

But

I walk.

WHY THE SQUIRREL LIVES IN TREES

Narrator 1: Many years ago, the wolf and the dog were best friends. Wolf lived in the woods, and Dog lived on a farm. Every day they would play together.

Narrator 2: One day, while they were playing the wolf showed his teeth to the dog.

Wolf: Look, Dog. My teeth are better than yours. They're longer.

Dog: Your teeth may be longer, but *my* teeth are stronger. I think my teeth are better than yours.

Narrator 1: They argued about which had the best teeth.

Narrator 2: After a long time, Dog had an idea.

Dog: Wolf, go get your friends from the woods, and I'll get my friends from the farm. Come back with your friends when the sun is over the treetops.

Wolf: And then what will we do?

Dog: We'll fight to see who has the strongest teeth.

Narrator 1: Wolf went to the woods and got his friends Bear, Fox, Rabbit, and Squirrel.

Narrator 2: Dog went to the farm and got his friends Cow, Pig, Sheep, and Cat. Before they left the farm, Dog told Cat what he wanted her to do.

Dog: I need your help, Cat. Bear will be there. He's the biggest and strongest animal, so I want you to jump at him and catch his throat. Then he won't be able to hurt anyone.

Cat: Don't worry, friend. You can count on me!

Narrator 1: When the sun was over the treetops, all of the animals met. Cat did what Dog asked and caught Bear's throat.

Bear: Owwww. That hurts! Help! Help!

Narrator 2: Bear was in pain. He wanted to fight but couldn't because Cat wouldn't let go.

Bear: Help! Help! Someone help me!

Narrator 1: But no one came to help Bear. Bear jumped around, waving his big paws in the air. Finally, he broke loose and ran away into the woods.

Fox: Look! Bear is running away!

Rabbit: Bear is afraid!

Wolf: Don't run away, Bear! I need you.

Squirrel: If Bear is afraid and running away, I'll run, too!

Narrator 2: Squirrel quickly ran to a tree. He ran up the trunk, all the way to the top.

Narrator 1: Squirrel thought that if the smallest animal on the farm could fight the biggest animal in the woods, he had better get into the tree.

Squirrel: I'm not safe on the ground, but I am safe in this tree. I think I'll stay here for a while.

Narrator 2: Squirrel stayed in the tree for a long time. He was afraid to come down. In fact, to this day, Squirrel still lives in a tree.