Down by the Bay
Back to Rhyme

Materials


Procedure

1. After reading the book or listening to the song on tape, sing the song together as a group.

2. In the second verse, leave out the last word and instruct children to identify a rhyming word that would complete the verse.

3. Children could even be asked to create a complete rhyming verse on their own.

4. Song-Down by the bay/Where the watermelons grow/Back to my home/I dare not go/For if I do/My mother will say/Have you ever seen a ________/Down by the bay!

5. Sample verses-Moose kissing a goose/Duck driving a truck/Bee slapping his knee/Goat wearing a coat/Llama wearing pajamas/Fish washing a dish/Dog riding a log/Cat swinging a bat/Bear combing his hair/Bug washing a rug/Cow taking a bow/Pig dancing a jig.
"Down by the Bay" is a traditional children's song. A famous version was performed by Raffi and appears on his 1976 album Singable Songs for the Very Young. In an interview with the Vulture Newsletter, Raffi described it as being "an old, old song", saying that "it may have been a World War I song. It came from England."

In recent years, it has gained popularity as a campfire song among the Scouting Movement in Britain. Another version of the song is "Down by the Sea." The chorus from this was used "Down by the bay. Where the watermelons grow. Back to my home I dare not go. For if I do my mother will say, "Did you ever see a frog walking a dog?"

Down by the bay. Where the watermelons grow. Back to my home I dare not go. For if I do my mother will say, "Did you ever see a bear combing his hair?"

Down by the bay. Where the watermelons grow. Back to my home I dare not go. For if I do my mother will say, "Did you ever see a llama wearing pajamas?"

Down by the bay. Where the watermelons grow. Back to my home I dare not go. For if I do my mother will say, "Did you ever see a bear combing his hair?"

Down by the bay! 1. moose kissing a goose 2. whale with a polka-dot tail 3. llama eating pajamas 4. Down by the Bay is a children's song that made its first appearance in Rock with Barney. It is unknown who it was originally sung by or who wrote it, but a famous rendition of this song was performed by Canadian children's musician Raffi Cavoukian. Down by the bay. (Down by the bay.) Where the watermelons grow. (Where the watermelons grow.) Back to my home. (Back to my home.) I dare not go. (I dare not go.) For if I do. (For if I do.)