

Appendix 1(a)

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Baa, Baa, Black Sheep	And any	Baa baa bags <i>black</i> boy		dame down		for full		Have				lane little lives	master		One one			<i>sheep</i> sir	<i>the</i> Three			Who wool	Yes yes you	
Bedtime Cat	a A And and	bed Bedtime <i>brother</i> bump	Cat cat cold <i>cried</i>			furry	<i>growl</i>	howl hump	in			Let lonely lump	mother my		on out outside	purry Put		said	<i>the</i> There's				yowl	
Buzzy Bee		Bee But Buzz Buzzy	<i>chair</i>			<i>flowers</i>		hair					my	NOT	on				<i>table</i> the tree			washing		
Clickety-clack Cicada	a all at	But	cicada <i>Clickety-clack</i> <i>Clinging</i>	days don't					is			long		noisy	On			<i>shining</i> sing <i>sleeping</i> so song summer sun	<i>the</i> to			wall What When when	You	
Crab	a		Catch <i>Crab</i> crab			finger	go		it			let	Mind						<i>Then</i> toe				your	
Daisy Chain	A a again and		<i>Chain</i> chain	daisies Daisy daisy	Emma every-where	for		here Hoani		Jane						<i>pick</i> plain pretty		Sam	<i>there</i>					
Doctor Foster	a again And			Doctor		Foster	<i>Gloucester</i>	He his	In in				middle	never	of	puddle	rain Right	<i>shower</i> stepped	<i>there</i> to	up		went		
Footprints		bakes	<i>clay</i> cool			Footprints footprints		hard How	If I'm In			leaving long	my		oozy			<i>stay</i> sun	<i>the</i> them they this			will		
Get up, Get up		bunch				for	Get get	heads	It's			lazy lunch		nearly need					<i>sheets</i>	<i>table-</i> cloths those time	up		We	you
Hey Diddle Diddle	And and away		cat cow	diddle dish dog		fiddle fun		Hey		jumped		laughed little	moon		over		ran	<i>see</i> spoon such	<i>the</i> The To			with		
Hickory Dickory Dock			<i>clock</i>	dickory dock down				Hickory					mouse		one		ran	<i>struck</i>	<i>The</i> the	up				
Higgledy Piggledy	And				eggs	fat For	gentle-men	hen Higgledy				lays	My	nine		Piggledy		<i>She</i> Some-times some-times	ten					
Humpty Dumpty	a again All all And		Couldn't	Dumpty		fall	<i>great</i>	had horses Humpty			King's		men		on	put		sat	<i>the</i> together			wall		
Humpty Dumpty's Haircut	a and	barber	<i>chair</i> cut	Dumpty Dumpty's		fork		hair Haircut He his Humpty	in it		<i>knife</i>	long						sat short	<i>the</i>			While with		
I Blew a Bubble	a and	bigger <i>Blew</i> blew Bubble bubble					<i>grew</i>		I							POP			<i>the</i>			went		

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I Had a Little Nut Tree	a all And	bear But	Came	daughter		for	golden	had	I it		King	little	me my	Nothing nut nutmeg	of Of	pear		sake silver <i>Spain's</i>	<i>The The to tree</i>		visit	would	
Jack Be Nimble		be	candle- stick							Jack jump				nimble	over		quick		<i>The</i>				
Jingle Bells	a all	bells				fun			In is it	Jingle					Oh one-horse open		ride	<i>sleigh</i>	<i>the to</i>			way what	
Just a Touch	a A and	ball By						hedg- hog horns	in It it	Just		lizard	Makes			<i>prickly pulls</i>	run	<i>Silver Snail's Snuffly sun</i>	Tall <i>the them thin Touch touch</i>			wall	
Mälō e lelei	and And awesome	being By		day don't	e	feel for <i>from</i>	Giddy	Hi	I It	just		lelei	make Mälō me means meet		or	people	really	say saying <i>smile</i> So some- one's <i>special</i>	<i>Thanks that They think Tonga</i>			way When	you're
Mary Had a Little Lamb	a as			Every- where	<i>fleece</i>	go	had	Its				lamb little Little	Mary					<i>snow sure</i>	<i>That that to</i>			was went white	
Mice	about all And any Are are at	But	<i>Chins</i>		ears	faces		haven't house	I			like long	Mice mice much	nibble nice night no	one	pink	rather run	seems <i>shouldn't small</i>	tails teeth <i>The Their them They things think To touch</i>			white	
My Flower	a And and		came	day		<i>Flower flower</i>	<i>grow</i>	had hello	I in it			little lot	My		one out	pot put		say seed sunshine	<i>the then to</i>			waited watched watered	
My Little Sister		But		does doesn't	eat Exactly	food	go		is		<i>know</i>	Likes little	My	neat not				<i>She she She's should sister</i>	<i>The to too trouble</i>			when where	
Nanny			<i>Criss criss cross</i>			<i>flax</i>							My	Nanny new	one Over over			<i>schoolbag snap Snip snip</i>		under Under		weaves zag Zig zig	
Noke / Worm	a	<i>blues</i>		don't		feet	got	Hei hū	I I'm I've		Kāore		mau	naki neke ngū Niki niki no Noke nuku	ōku			<i>shoes So squiggly</i>	<i>the</i>			waewae wear Worm worm wriggly	
Octopus	a across around	Better <i>blue</i>	cave <i>change</i> Colours			<i>fright</i>	gets	hiding him his	in into			lurking	mess	not	Octopus of out		rage red	sight <i>skin sudden swirl</i>				white with	zooms
Old Mother Hubbard	a And	bare bone	cupboard	dog			get got	had her Hubbard					Mother	none	Old	poor		<i>she so</i>	<i>The the there To to</i>			was Went When	

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One, Two, Buckle My Shoe	A at	big Buckle		door	eight	fat Five four		hen			<i>Knock</i>	Lay	my	Nine	One	Pick		Seven shoe six sticks straight	ten the them Three two	up			
One, Two, Three, Four, Five	a again alive	Because bit bite	caught	did	eight	finger fish five four	go		I it			let little	my	nine	on Once One		right	seven Six so	ten the Then This three two			Which Why	you
Pat a Cake, Pat a Cake	a and And As as	B Baby Bake Baker's	cake can			fast For			in it				man mark me		oven	Pat pat prick put			the			with	you
Pease Porridge Hot			cold	days				hot	in it			like		Nine	old	Pease porridge pot		Some	the				
Puddle Play	a And As	birds by	can cloud		eyes	<i>floating Flying</i>	goes		in into is it			Look			of onto over	piece Play Puddle puddle		See see Shining skies sky Step sun	the The				you your
Pussy Cat, Pussy Cat	a	been	cat chair	did		<i>frightened</i>		have her	I l've			little London	mouse			Pussy pussy	Queen		To to the there	Under	visit	What Where	you
Robber Cat	a All And Are	butter	Cat cheese cupboards	doors		Fattyface For		Has her house	in		kitchen		magnets		old on opening owner	Pawprints paws	refrigerator Robber robber robs	sees She Sly	the then tooth-marks		vanishes		
Scarecrow	a all And	By	Cast-off clothes			face		happy Held	in			lace			Out		rotting	Scarecrow	together			weather	
Shoes	all and at	bare between black But	cooler	<i>Drier</i>		feet flippers For for forgetting	gumboots	hot	I In in into is Is It's		jandals	keep		me mud my My	neat night nights		rain really	sand sandals sheets SHOES shoes slip slippers snorkel-ling strolls summer swimming	than the those Two			warm wearing What winter wriggle	
Sing a Song of Sixpence	a A and	Baked before began birds blackbirds		dainty dish		Four full			in		king				of opened	pie pocket	rye	set Sing sing sixpence song	that the The to To twenty			was Wasn't When	
Sleep	away		<i>creeps</i>	day					in				me		of on			Sleep slowly sweep	the thoughts	up		waves Waves	

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Slooshy, Slosy	an	between	colour cool				goes		In it	Just	keep	Little	me My		oozy	pool		<i>Slooshy</i> <i>Slosy</i> <i>sloshy</i> <i>squashy</i> <i>Squishy</i>	<i>the</i> <i>To</i> <i>toes</i>				What
Ten Little Monkeys	And	bed bumped	called	doctor		fell		head his		Jumping jumping		little	Mama monkeys more	No	off on One			said	Ten <i>the</i>				
The Most	As		carrying	Down	Each				I'm Important it			load	Most most				paces road roars		<i>The</i> <i>the</i> <i>truck</i>				
There Was a Crooked Man	a all And	beside bought	cat caught <i>crooked</i>			found		He house	in			little lived	man mile mouse					sixpence <i>stile</i>	<i>There</i> <i>they</i> together			walked was Which	
Two Little Dicky Birds	a away	back birds	Come	dicky		<i>Fly</i>						little		named	on One	Paul Peter		Sitting	Two			wall	
Wee Willie Winkie	all and Are at	beds	<i>children</i> <i>crying</i>	down- stairs	eight			his	in it's			lock		night- gown	o'clock	past	runs		Tapping <i>the</i> <i>their</i> through town	Upstairs		Wee Willie window Winkie	
Winter Picnic	an And and around	<i>Billabong</i> <i>Blows</i> <i>Bread</i>	cold	Dandy	Eating egg	fat Four <i>freezing</i>	<i>ground</i>	hedge- hogs				Little	Mary Mid- winter milk	night	On or	Picnic <i>Prickle</i>	Rose	<i>Snuffling</i>	tea <i>the</i> <i>their</i> <i>Thistle-</i> <i>down</i> <i>three</i>			Willowby Winter	
Yankee Doodle	a And		called cap	Doodle		feather		He his	in it				macaroni		on	pony	Riding	<i>stuck</i>	to town			went	Yankee

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Title	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k	l	m	n	o	p	q,r	s	t	u	v	w	y,z	
Splish Splash! "A Splish-splash Day"	A a And and As	bits bob bounce	coats comes	Day day down Down drain drip-drops		feet float For	grass grey gutter	houses	in In	jiggle jump					of on On our outside	past please puddles	rain raindrops rivers	sky slip-slide snails spatter Splish-splash splish-splash stand street	The the They they tramp trees turns			We we When While With wood worms wriggle		
"Night Noises"	as asleep	bark	Cats Chasing creep	dark Dogs dog	Every	fight	grass	Hedge- hogs hissing howling hunting	In it's				Making	news Night night Noises	One	pass pathways prowling	racing reply rest	scratching Shouting sky sleep snorting Snuffling Spitting start	the they through to			we we're When While will		
"Michael Apple-Seed"	a an And apple apples Apple- Seed		core Crunched		eight	five four Four from	garden grew Grow grow	had	in inside it				Michael munched		on One	Plant plate Put	Ring round Rosy	Safe said Save Seeds seeds seven six Six some sticks	the them three tree two Two	up		were with		
"Catsways"		blink	cat comes	dark drink			goes	home	In			LEAP light	my		out	purr		sleep stalk	talk to the			walk		
"Caterpillars"	a and	be but But butterfly by	can Caterpillars caterpillars chew	do	eat		grow	how however	I is	just	know		make more much	Nothing					than that them They to			What what will		
"Runny Honey"	a another as	be Before blob	can			floor	glides GLOB	Honey	I it		know	lick lightning little lizard	my		of on over		quick Runny runny	sides slop stop	the The Then toast tongue trick			with	you	
"Patterns"	a All and are	Bees beeswax best build	clever copycat		ever	for	Go	hexagons	idea is					nest netting	on ones	Patterns pattern's		same Shiny Someone	The the their these tiny To	use	very	Which wire		
"Gummy Bubble"	Almost	Big bigger BUBBLE bubble Bubble Bubble- gum bubblegum		double			Getting Growing GUMMY Gummy	Here's					Messy Mum	No		POP Popped			trouble					
I'm the King of the Mountain	a and are	back be Beetle	Cow Cow's cried	Dog down	ear	fear Flea	ghost Ghost ground	He here hopped	I'm in is it		King	Lizard looked	Mountain must	no	O of on one out over		road Rooster	said She she shook singing So Stop stopped	tail that the Then There this to		voice	way went Who's with	You	
Number 10 Tāwai Crescent	a and At at		carves Crescent	does		flax		haka Heke her	in		karakia Kiwa kōauau Koro		Māori	Nanny neke Noke nuku Number number	Our	paints Pare picture Piripi plays poi		same says sings some speaks	Tāwai the twirls			waiata weaves Wena Whaea whānau Wiremu wood		