

A Cub's Campfire Book

CAMP FIRE'S BURNING

Camp fire's burning, camp fire's burning,
Draw nearer, draw nearer,
In the gloaming, in the gloaming,
Come sing and be merry.

IT'S A GOOD TIME TO GET ACQUAINTED

(Tune - Tipperary)

It's a good time to get acquainted
It's a good time to know
Who is sitting close beside you
And to smile and say "Hello"
Goodbye, chilly feeling
Goodbye, glassy stare
If we all join hands and pull together
We're sure to get there.

Ant Marching Song

The ants go marching one by one.
Hurrah, Hurrah.
The ants go marching one by one.
Hurrah, Hurrah.
The ants go marching one by one,
The little one stops to chew some gum.
And they all go marching,
Down...to the ground...
to get out...of the rain.
Boom, boom, boom, boom.

(Insert the following lines, replacing one by one/to
chew some gum, etc.)

Two by two / to tie his shoe.
Three by three / to climb a tree.
Four by four / to close the door.
Five by five / to do a jive.
Six by six / to pick up sticks.
Seven by seven / to look at heaven.
Eight by eight / to shut the gate.
Nine by nine / to tell the time.
Ten by ten / to say THE END.
chorus:
And they all go marching
Down...to the ground...
to get out...of the rain
Boom, boom, boom, boom.

Duke of York

Oh, the grand old Duke of York,
he had ten thousand men.
He marched them up to the top of the hill,
and he marched them down again.
And when they were up, they were up;
And when they were down, they were down;

And when they were only half way up,
they were neither up nor down.

ON TOP OF SPAGHETTI

(Tune: On Top of Old Smokey)

On top of spaghetti,
All covered in cheese,
I lost my poor meat ball
When somebody sneezed.

It rolled off the table
And unto the floor,
And then my poor meat ball
Rolled out of the door.
It rolled down the garden
and under a bush,
And then my poor meat ball
was nothing but mush!

So,
If you have spaghetti,
All covered in cheese,
Hold onto your meat ball,
'Cause someone might sneeze!

QUARTER MASTER'S STORES.

Chorus:

My eyes are dim, I cannot see,
I have not brought my specs with me,
I have not brought my specs with me!

There was bread, bread harder than your head
In the stores, in the stores
There was bread, bread just like lumps of lead
In the quarter master's stores.
There were rats, rats big as blooming cats
In the stores, in the stores
There were rats, rats lying about on mats
In the quarter master's stores.

There was cake, cake hard as cattle cake
In the stores, in the stores
There was cake, cake give you belly ache
In the quarter master's stores.

There was skip, skip giving us the slip
In the stores, in the stores
There was skip, skip giving us the slip
In the quarter master's stores.

SPREADING CHESTNUT TREE

Under the spreading chestnut tree
Where I held you on my knee,
We were happy as could be,

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Under the spreading chestnut tree

Actions

Spreading - arms outstretched over head.
Chest - strike chest
Nut - tap head
Tree - arms outstretched over head.
Held - arms as though embracing.
Knee - strike knee.
Happy - Scowl and emit a growl.

Last line same as first.

SHE'LL BE COMING ROUND THE MOUNTAIN

She'll be coming round the mountain when she comes
(Wooh Wooh)
She'll be coming round the mountain when she comes
(Wooh Wooh)
She'll be coming round the mountain, she'll be coming round the mountain
She'll be coming round the mountain when she comes
(Wooh Wooh)
She'll be riding six white horses when she comes
(Whoa back)
She'll be riding six white horses when she comes
(Whoa back)
She'll be riding six white horses, riding six white horses,
She'll be riding six white horses when she comes
(Whoa back, Wooh Wooh)
Oh we'll all go down to meet her when she comes
(Hi Babe)
Oh we'll all go down to meet her when she comes
(Hi Babe)
Oh we'll all go down to meet her, we'll all go down to meet her
Oh we'll all go down to meet her when she comes
(Hi Babe, etc)
She'll be wearing silk pyjamas when she comes
(Whistle twice)
She'll be wearing silk pyjamas when she comes
(One whistle)
She'll be wearing silk pyjamas, She'll be wearing silk pyjamas
She'll be wearing silk pyjamas when she comes
(Whistle twice, etc)
Oh we'll kill the old red rooster when she comes
(hack hack), etc.
Oh we'll all have chicken and dumplings when she comes
(Yum Yum), etc.
Oh she'll have to sleep with grandma when she comes
(Snore snore), etc.

OLD MACDONALD

Old MacDonald had a farm, ee-i, ee-i, o,
And on his farm he had some pigs, ee-i, ee-i, o,
Tall pigs, short pigs, short pigs, tall pigs,
Fat pigs, thin pigs, thin pigs, fat pigs,
Old MacDonald had a farm, ee-i, ee-i, o,

Old MacDonald had a farm, ee-i, ee-i, o,
And on his farm he had some cows, ee-i, ee-i, o,
Tall cows, short cows, short cows, tall cows,
Fat cows, thin cows, thin cows, fat cows,
Tall pigs, short pigs, short pigs, tall pigs,
Fat pigs, thin pigs, thin pigs, fat pigs,

Old MacDonald had a farm, ee-i, ee-i, o,

KOOKABURRA

Kookaburra sits on the old gum tree.
Merry merry King of the bush is he
Laugh Kookaburra, Laugh, Kookaburra
Gay your life must be

WORMS

Nobody likes me, everybody hates me,
Think I'll go and eat worms,
Long thin skinny ones, short fat juicy ones,
See how they wriggle and squirm,
Bite their heads off, suck their juice out,
Throw the skins away.
You should see how well I thrive,
On worms three times a day.

FOUND A PEANUT

Found a peanut, found a peanut, found a peanut over there,
Thought I'd eat it, thought I'd eat it, thought I'd eat it, didn't care.

Rather tasty, rather tasty, rather tasty but now,
Got a pain, got a pain, got a pain, don't know how.

Fetch a doctor, fetch a doctor, fetch a doctor, fetch him quick.
Appendicitis, appendicitis, appendicitis, feeling sick

Cut him open, cut him open, cut him open, save his life.
Sew him up, sew him up, sew him up around my knife.

Cut him open, cut him open, cut him open 'til its found,
Sew him up, sew him up, have you seen my specs around.

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Cut him open, cut him open, cut him open, - ad
nauseam.

B-P SPIRIT

I've got that B-P spirit,
Right in my head, right in my head, right in my head,
I've got that B-P spirit right in my head,
Right in my head to stay.

Deep in my heart,

All round my feet,

I've got that B-P spirit, All over me, all over me, all
over me,
I've got that B-P spirit all over me,
All over me to stay.

THERE WAS AN OLD MAN CALLED MICHAEL FINIGININ

There was an old man called Michael Finigin
He grew whiskers on his chinigin
The wind came up and blew them inigin
Poor old Michael Finigin! Beginigin!

There was an old man called Michael Finigin
He kicked up an awful dinigin
Because they said he must not singigin
Poor old Michael Finigin! Beginigin!

There was an old man called Michael Finigin
He went fishing with a pinigin
Caught a fish but dropped it inigin
Poor old Michael Finigin! Beginigin!

There was an old man called Michael Finiginin
He grew fat and then grew thinigin
Then he died and had to beginigin
Poor old Michael Finigin! STOP!

IF YOU'RE HAPPY AND YOU KNOW IT

If you're happy and you know it, clap your hands
If you're happy and you know it, clap your hands
If you're happy and you know it, and you really want
to show it,
If you're happy and you know it, clap your hands

If you're happy and you know it, stamp your feet

If you're happy and you know it, click your fingers

If you're happy and you know it, nod your head

If you're happy and you know it, say "We are!"

If you're happy and you know it, do all five.

Ging Gang Gooli

Ging gang gooli gooli gooli watcha
Ging gang goo, ging gang goo,
Ging gang gooli gooli gooli watcha
Ging gang goo, ging gang goo,
Hayla - hayla shayla - hayla shayla hayla hoo
Hayla - hayla shayla - hayla shayla hayla hoo
Shally-wally, shally-wally, Shally-wally, shally-wally,

Oompah, oompah, oompah

The singers are divided into two parts. All sing the
song through, then Part 1 keeps up the "Oompah,
Oompah" whilst Part II starts again. When they meet
at the end Part I sings the words whilst Part II takes
over the "Oompah, Oompah".

I MET A BEAR

The other day
I met a bear,
Up in the woods
Away up there.

He looked at me
I looked at him
He sized up me
I sized up him

He said to me
Why don't you run,
I see you ain't
Got any gun

And so I ran
Away from there
But right behind
Me was that bear.

And then I saw
Ahead of me,
A great big tree
O Lordy Me

The nearest branch
Was ten feet up
I'd have to jump
And trust to luck

And so I jumped
Into the air

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But I missed that branch
Away up there

Now don't you fret
Now don't you frown
For I caught that branch
On the way back down

That's all there is
There ain't no more
Unless I meet
That bear once more
And that bear I
Did meet once more
He was a mat

DO YOUR EARS HANG LOW?

Do your ears hang low?
Can they waggle to and fro?
Can you tie them in a knot?
Can you throw them over your shoulder
Like a regimental soldier?
Do your ears hang low?

Yes, my ears hang low.
And they waggle to and fro
I can tie them in a knot,
I can tie them in a bow.
I can throw them over my shoulder
Like a regimental soldier
Yes, my ears hang low!

THE RATTLING BOG

Chorus
Ho, ho the rattling bog
The bog down in the valley o
Rare bog a rattling bog
a bog down in the valley o.

And on that bog there was a tree,
A rare tree, a rattling tree,
The tree in the bog and the bog down in the valley o.

And on that tree there was a limb.
And on that limb there was a branch.
And on that branch there was a twig.
And on that twig there was a leaf.
And on that leaf there was a nest.
And in that nest there was an egg.
And on that egg there was a bird.
And on that bird there was a wing.
And on that wing there was a feather.
And on that feather there was a flea,
A rare flea, a rattling flea,

The flea on the feather and the feather on the wing,
And the wing on the bird and the bird on the egg,
And the egg on the nest and the nest on the leaf,
And the leaf on the twig and the twig on the branch,
And the branch on the limb and the limb on the tree
And the tree in the bog and the bog down in the valley
- O.

LAND OF THE SILVER BIRCH.

Land of the silver birch,
Home of the beaver,
Where still the mighty moose
Wanders at will

Chorus
Blue lake and rocky shore,
I will return once more,
Boom-did-di-eye-di, Boom-did-di-eye-di,
Boom-did-di-eye-di, Boom

My heart is sick for you,
Here in the lowlands,
I will return to you,
Hills of the north.

Swift as the silver fish,
Canoe of birch bark,
Thy mighty waters,
Carry me forth.

There where the blue lake lies,
I'll set my wigwam,
Close to the water's edge,
Silent and still.

TEACH THE WORLD TO SING

I'd like to teach the world to sing
In perfect harmony
And hold it close and in my arms
And keep it company.

I'd like to see the world for once
All standing hand in hand
And hear it echo through the years
Of peace throughout the land.

AMAZING GRACE

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me,
I once was lost but now I'm found,
Was blind but now I see.

'T'was grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my heart relieved,

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How precious did that grace appear,
The hour I first believed.
Thro' many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come,
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

KUM BY YA.

Kum by ya, my Lord, kum by ya,
Kum by ya, my Lord, kum by ya,
Kum by ya, my Lord, kum by ya,
O Lord, kum by ya.

Someone's crying, Lord, kum by ya,
O Lord, kum by ya.

Someone's praying, Lord, kum by ya,
O Lord, kum by ya.

Someone's singing, Lord, kum by ya,
O Lord, kum by ya.

MICHAEL ROW THE BOAT ASHORE

Chorus

Michael row the boat ashore, Alleluia
Michael row the boat ashore, Alleluia

Sister help to trim the sail, Alleluia
Sister help to trim the sail, Alleluia

The river Jordan is chilly and cold, Alleluia
Chills the body but not the soul, Alleluia

The river is deep and the river is wide, Alleluia
Milk and honey on the other side, Alleluia

JOHNNY APPLESEED.

The Lord is good to me,
And so I thank the Lord,
For giving me the things I need,
The sun, the rain and the appleseed.
The Lord is good to me.

And every seed that grows
Will grow into a tree.
And one day soon
There'll be apples there,
For everyone in the world to share.
The Lord is good to me.

CLEMENTINE

In a cavern, in a canyon,
Excavating for a mine
Lived a miner, forty-miner

And his daughter, Clementine.

Oh my darling, Oh my darling,
Oh my darling Clementine
Thou art lost and gone for ever
Dreadful sorry, Clementine.

Light she was and like a fairy
And her shoes were number nine;
Herring boxes without topses
Sandals were for Clementine.

Drove she ducklings to the water
Every morning just at nine
Hit her foot against a splinter
Fell into the foaming brine

Saw her lips above the water
Blowing bubbles mighty fine
But alas I was no swimmer
So I lost my Clementine

How I messed her, how I missed her
How I missed my Clementine,
But I kissed her little sister
And forgot my Clementine.

And the moral of this story
All you Scouts may well define
Mouth-to-Mouth resuscitation
Would have saved my Clementine

TAPS

Day is done, Gone the sun,
From the sea, from the hills, from the sky.
All is well, safely rest,
God is nigh.

Fading light dims the sight;
And a star gems the sky, gleaming bright,
From afar, drawing nigh,
Falls the night.

DAYLIGHT TAPS

Thanks and praise for our days
'Neath the sun, 'neath the stars, 'neath the sky.
As we go, this we know.
God is nigh.

A VESPER. (Tune: Tannenbaum)

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Softly falls the light of day,
While our camp-fire fades away;
Silently each Scout should ask
'Have I done my daily task?'
'Have I kept my honour bright?'
'Can I guiltless sleep tonight?'
'Have I done and have I dared, in
Everything to be prepared?'

Gopher Guts

Great green globs of
Greasy grimy gopher guts,
Mutilated monkey meat,
Little birdies dirty feet,
All mixed up with pretty putrid porpoise puss
And me without my spoon

But I brought my straw!!! Slurp

Cheers, Yells, and Applauses

Artillery: Begin slowly with the flats of your palms and increase in speed: then slow down until finally the last time the hands are not brought together.

Big Hand: Leader says, "let's give them a big hand" everybody in the audience holds up one of their hands with the palm up.

Big Sneeze: Cup hands in front of nose and sneeze in hands. Having nowhere to put it, wipe your hands in your hair.

Blast-off: Start counting backwards from 6 to 1. Bend the knees a little more on each count until you are in a squatting position. Then, while saying, "BLAST OFF!", jump straight up in the air.

Can of Applause: Cheer and applaud as cover is removed from can and become quiet as lid is replaced.

Canary Applause (2000 lb): Put hands on opposite shoulders, while opening and closing elbows, say, "Here, kitty, kitty."

Carpenter: Pretend to be holding a hammer in one hand and a nail in the other. Start pounding the nail with the hammer while saying, "Bang, Bang, Ouch".

Cheery: Pick a cheery, roll in your mouth, then spit the pit out with a loud "P-TUU."

Chinese: How! How! How! Phooey, Phooey, Phooey.

Chinese Bow: Stand, fold your arms, bow from the waist while saying, "Ah Phooey."

Christmas Bells: Pretend to hold a bell rope, then get the left side of the audience to say "DING" on the downstroke and the other side of the audience to say "DONG" on the upstroke. Repeat three times.

Class A: Clap rapidly in the following rhythm: 1-2-3-4, 1-2, 1-2, 1-2-3-4, 1-2, 1-2, 1-2-3-4...(pause)..One big clap.

Class B: Just like the Class A except that on the last clap, you come back with your hands and make one big clap.

Class C: Just like the class B except that after missing the clap, you come back with your hands and make one big clap.

Coo Coo: Everyone nod their heads up and down and say: "COO-COO" as many times as you tell them, as if you were striking the hour.

Cookie Clap: Everyone takes a big bowl in their arms. In bowl, dump ingredients to make cookies, such as: flour, sugar, salt, chocolate chips and dill pickles (have the boys tell out the ingredients and you'll get some odd cookies). After the ingredients are in the bowl, you take a big spoon and with stirring motion yell "Crummy, Crummy, Crummy".

Eskimo Cheer: Brrrrr-rrr, Brrrrr-rrr.

Fire Engine: Divide the group into four sections: (1) Rings the bell fast, DING; (2) Honks the horn, HONK, HONK, HONK; (3) Sounds the siren, Rrrr, Rrrr, Rrrr; (4) Clangs the clanger, CLANG, CLANG, CLANG. Have all four groups do their parts together.

Fireman Yell: Water, Water, Water! More, More, More !

Giant Beehive: Tell the group to buzz like a bee. When your hand is raised, the volume should increase. When you lower your hand the volume should decrease. Practice this at various levels.

Good Turn: Stand up and turn around.

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Grand: Everyone is sitting down in their chairs. All stomp their feet three times loudly, then slap leg three times, then clap hands 3 times. Then stand up all together and shout "Ra, Ra, Ra!"

Hankerchief: Tell the group that they are supposed to applaud as long as the handkerchief you are about to throw in the air, when it hits the floor to stop applauding. Variation: Catch the handkerchief instead of letting it drop. Vary the applauding by using short throws, long throws, throwing to someone in the audience etc.

Hay DD Straw: Divide the group into two sections, tell one group that when you point to them they are to yell, "HAY". Tell the other section they are to yell, "STRAW" !!! Vary the speed in which you point to the different groups. Variation: When the leader yells hay or straw, the group responds with the opposite word.

Rainstorm Cheer: To simulate rain, have everyone pat one finger of the left hand and one finger of the right hand. Gradually increase the intensity of the storm by increasing the fingers hitting together. Decrease the number of fingers as the storm passes.

Relay: First person in row claps next person's hand and so on down to the end of the row.

Reverse Applause: Move hands away from each other.

Round of Applause: While clapping hands, move them around in a circle in front of you.

Seal of Approval: Put your thumbs in your armpits, then move arms up and down like a seal moving its flippers and say "Arf, Arf, Arf" several times. Variation: Add: Pretend you are balancing a ball on the end of your nose.

Seal: Extend arms, cross hands at the wrist and flap hands several times.

Sky Rocket: Make a motion of striking a match on your pants, lean over to light your rocket. Make a "SH, SH, SH" sound, point from the floor to the sky as if you were following it in flight with your finger. CLAP hands and say "BOOM" spread arms wide and say "AH___AH___AH".

Tonto: Leader says "Where does Tonto take his trash?" The audience yells in reply, "To de dump, to de dump, to de dump dump dump," to the rhythm of a running horse in a sing-song manner while clapping hands on thighs. (Like Lone Ranger)

Two-Handed Saw: Everyone pairs off into two's. Each pair sticks their hands out with their thumbs up. Alternately grab each other's thumbs until all four hands are each holding a thumb. Move arms and hands back and forth as if sawing.

Watermelon: Hold a piece of watermelon in both hands, make the motions of taking several bites, turn head and spit out the seeds.

Run Ons and Short Skits

1) The first person calls from out of sight "Hey Fred, look! I'm in the top of a 100 foot tall tree."
The second person: "But Joe, we don't have any 100 foot tall trees in camp. First person: "Oh noooo....", screams as he is falling.

2) 1st person: "Excuse me, but is that the sun or the moon?"
2nd person: "I don't know. I'm new to these parts too."

3) Two boys playing quick draw:
1st boy: "My Scoutmaster (Cubmaster etc.) can shoot a gun faster than any man in the West."
2nd boy: "Really?" What do they call your Scoutmaster."
1st boy: "Toeless Joe."

4) 1st boy: "I heard you had an accident on your hike today."
2nd boy: "No but I did get bitten by a rattlesnake."
1st boy: "You don't call that an accident?"
2nd boy: "Heck no, he did that on purpose."

5) DRAG: Have two boys drag a third boy across the stage. The third boy says: "What a drag!"

6) Big Chief: Bring in 10 scalps, kill 5 buffalo bare handed and go into desert without water for a moon. Then I will pronounce you Big Brave. You understand?
Indian Brave: Yes. What do I do to get pronounced Little Brave.

7) A boy walks across stage carrying a car door. He is asked why he is carrying the car door. The boy answers so that he can roll down the window when it gets hot.

8) The scene is a courtroom scene with one person as the judge. A person walks through the court carrying a sign or a skunk stuffed animal. The judge watching says: "Odor in the court! Odor in the court!"

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9) The three boys are in a line facing the audience.
Second Boy in Line: This story begins with "Once upon a time"

First Boy: Hey, wait a minute, I'm the beginning.

Middle Boy: I'm the middle.

Last Boy: That's nothing I'm the end.

10) A boy is sitting on the bank with a fishing pole in hand. There is a NO FISHING sign nearby. The game warden appears.

Fisherman: Are you the game warden.

Game warden: Yep!

Fisherman: Just teaching him how to swim (pointing to the worm on the pole)

11) (Boy runs on interrupting leader): "We interrupt this program for an important news flash." Turns flashlight on and off, shining it in the audience's eyes. Most effective at a campfire.

12) 1st Scout: Say wasn't there a rap at the door?

2nd Scout: I didn't hear anything.

1st Scout: Yes, I'm sure there was a rap at the door!

2nd Scout: I'm sure I didn't hear anything.

The first scout then goes to the door and brings in a coat and tells the audience as he holds it up for them to see. I knew there was a rap at the door.

13) 1st Scout: I went fishing last week.

2nd Scout: What did you catch?

1st Scout: Three bass and one smelt.

2nd Scout: It did? Which one?

14) A group of boys are discussing a football game.

1st boy: I sure hope that the _____ wins.

2nd boy: Well I'm sure that _____ will win.

3rd boy: Why _____ will beat them 40 to nuthin'!

4th boy: I can tell you the score of the game before it starts.

The Others: Oh Yeah? You're not that smart.

4th boy: Nuttin' to Nuttin' of course (The others chase him off.)

15) First Scout: I bet I can jump higher than a house.

Second Scout: I bet you can't.

First Scout: Yes I can. Did you ever see a house jump.

16) Leader: I can make everyone in the audience into an old fashioned Indian.

Audience: How?

Leader: (Leader raises right hand and then says, "How!")

17) Why are you pulling that rope for? Did you ever try to push one.

18) Wire for Mr. Jones. I'm Mr. Jones. The clerk hands him a piece of wire.

19) Two guys talking, first asks the second where he is going; second says fishing. First asks second what he has in his mouth and the first says worms. The first guy says good luck and slaps second guy on the back.

20) Radio Announcer: We interrupt this program for a spot announcement.

Dog (offstage): Arf! Arf! Arf!

Announcer: Thank you, Spot.

21) Scout 1: (running on stage) "They're after me!"

Scout 2: "Who's after you."

Scout 3: "The squirrels! They think I'm nuts!"

22) Librarian: "Please be quiet, young man. The people near you can't even read."

Scout: "Then what are doing in a library?"

23) Scout 1: "Did you hear how my mother strained herself."

Scout 2: "No, how did she manage to do it?"

Scout 3: "She ran through a screen door."

24) Fortune Teller: "That will be \$20 for two questions."

Client: "Isn't that a lot of money for two questions?"

Fortune Teller: "Yes, it is. Now what is your second question?"