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Song Card Notebook

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LYRICS

Down by the bay where the watermelons grow,

Back to my home, I dare not go.

For if I do, my mother will say:

1. Have you seen a snail learning to sail?
2. Have you ever seen a snake baking a cake?
3. Have you ever seen a dog kissing a frog?

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ACTIVITY

This is a wonderful song for playing with rhyme. Make up your own verses with the rhyming word pairs you choose – the sillier, the better!

Draw pictures of the actions and objects in your verses and make your own “song book” of illustrations you can “read” and reference as you add new lyrics.

Our music videos provide an opportunity for YOU to learn a new song so that you can sing it face-to-face with your child. Your child likes your voice best, so share your voice as you enjoy this song together.



Character Song Card

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Our character song cards are a fun and beneficial way to bring music and connection into your family's routine. They empower your child to choose songs for you to sing together, making music a collaborative and joyful experience.



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Making Your Cards Last:

To get started, simply print the cards, trim them, and cover them with packing tape to make them durable for little hands. Storing them in a small bag makes it easy to bring your "Bag of Songs" along in the car, your purse, or a diaper bag.

How They Benefit Your Child:

Boosts Early Literacy:

As your child chooses a card, they begin to connect a picture with a specific song. This is a foundational step in understanding that pictures have meaning, which is a crucial early literacy skill.

Fosters Predictability & Security:

This simple, shared routine of choosing and singing songs offers your child the predictability, structure, and connection they crave. These experiences help to soothe and regulate their feelings, making them feel safe and understood.

Provides a Great Diversion:

Your "Bag of Songs" is a perfect, on-the-go tool to help with tricky moments like car rides or waiting at the doctor's office.





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