



## Songs & Rhymes

### Looking for Treasure

(To the tune of *Twinkle Twinkle Little Star*)

I'm looking for treasure, yesiree!  
Want to come along with me?  
We can look for coins of gold  
"X" marks the spot so we've been told.  
We'll bring a shovel to dig, dig, dig  
If we find some we'll dance a jig!

### I'm a Little Pirate

(Sung to *I'm a Little Teapot*)

I'm a little pirate,  
Big & strong (show muscles)  
Sailing on the ocean  
All day long (rock back & forth)  
When I hear the waves' crash  
To and fro (make "waves" with arms)  
I sing along with my  
"Yo Ho Ho!!" (pump fist in air)

I'm a little pirate,  
Brave & bold (put hands on hips)  
Diggin' for treasure, (pretend to dig with shovel)  
Searching for gold ("look" with hand over eyes)  
I look up high ("look" high)  
And look down low ("look" low)  
Still singing along with my  
"Yo Ho Ho!!" (pump fist in air)

I'm a little pirate  
With one big yawn (give a big yawn)  
Now it's time for bed  
'Cause I'm up at dawn (hands on head, ready to sleep)  
Look up at the stars (look up)  
Then head below (climb down ladder-sleepily)  
And I go to sleep singing  
"Yo Ho Ho!!" (pump fist in air-sleepily!)

## **Travelling to Lost Worlds**

(An Action Poem)

Put on your backpack *(Mime putting on a backpack)*  
And grab your favourite book  
It's time to search for "Lost Worlds"  
So c'mon take a look

Now do just what I do  
And follow as I lead  
We'll go on some adventures  
Before you start to read

First we'll look for treasure *(“Look” with hands over eyes)*  
And sing out “Yo Ho Ho!” *(Shout out “Yo Ho Ho!”)*  
Be ready for a sword fight *(Jump into fighting stance, pretend sword in hand)*  
When on a pirate ship we go

It's time to get ready, set *(Crouch down in runner's starting position)*  
We're about to run a race  
Going back to Ancient Greece  
Olympians set the pace *(Run in place)*

Better put on your toga now *(Pretend to tie on toga at your shoulder)*  
'Cause we're far away from home  
For there's gladiators and lions *(Make muscles for gladiator,*  
Here in Ancient Rome. *then roar like a lion)*

Now with horns upon your hat *(Mime horns on your head with your hands)*  
Call out a noble cry *(Give a hearty cry!)*  
On this Nordic Adventure  
Some Vikings you may spy

Can you walk like a mummy *(Do an “Egyptian” walk-arms pointed by head)*  
Or maybe mew like a cat? *(Make a mewing sound)*  
You're in Ancient Egypt now  
Just imagine that!

We've got one more stop to make  
On this time-travelling flight *(Put arms out as if you're flying)*  
So we'll soar to Ancient China  
And quickly fly a kite *(Pretend to be flying a kite)*

Now my friends it's your turn *(Point to your neighbour)*  
You've got to take the lead  
So try to find some "Lost Worlds"  
This summer when you read!

## **The Old Adventurer**

(Sung to *Old MacDonald*)

The Old Adventurer had a plan  
Tally-Tally-Ho  
He'd go on a journey across sea and land  
Tally-Tally-Ho  
Sail a big boat there, sail a small boat there  
Here a boat, there a boat.  
Across the ocean in a boat-boat.  
The Old Adventurer had a plan  
Tally-Tally-Ho!

The Old Adventurer had a plan  
Tally-Tally-Ho  
He'd go on a journey across sea and land  
Tally-Tally-Ho  
Ride a camel here, ride a camel there  
Here a camel, there a camel  
Across the desert on a camel-camel  
Sail a big boat there, sail a small boat there  
Here a boat, there a boat.  
Across the ocean in a boat-boat.  
The Old Adventurer had a plan  
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The Old Adventurer had a plan  
Tally-Tally-Ho  
He'd go on a journey across sea and land  
Tally-Tally-Ho  
Swing a long vine here, swing a short vine there  
Here a vine, there a vine  
Across the jungle on a fine vine.  
Ride a camel here, ride a camel there  
Here a camel, there a camel  
Across the desert on a camel-camel  
Sail a big boat there, sail a small boat there  
Here a boat, there a boat.  
Across the ocean in a boat-boat.  
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The Old Adventurer had a plan  
Tally-Tally-Ho  
He'd go on a journey across sea and land  
Tally-Tally-Ho  
Mush a dog sled here, mush a dog sled there  
Here a sled, there a sled

Across the arctic on a dog sled.  
Swing a long vine here, swing a short vine there  
Here a vine, there a vine  
Across the jungle on a fine vine.  
Ride a camel here, ride a camel there  
Here a camel, there a camel  
Across the desert on a camel-camel  
Sail a big boat there, sail a small boat there  
Here a boat, there a boat.  
Across the ocean in a boat-boat.  
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### **Who Is Wrapped Up Tight?**

*(A Guessing Game Song)*

*(Sung to Do Your Ears Hang Low?)*

Who is wrapped up tight  
In cloth strips rough & white?  
Who is buried with his cat?  
(Oh can you imagine that!?)  
Who calls a pyramid his home  
And never needs a comb?  
Who is wrapped up tight?

*(The answer is: a **Mummy**)*

### **Five Brave Explorers**

*(Sung to Five Little Monkeys jumping on the Bed)*

Five brave explorers hanging from a vine  
One fell off with a great big whine  
They didn't pay attention when they saw that sign  
(It read:)  
"No more explorers hanging from the vine!"

*(Keep counting down until...)*

No more explorers hanging from a vine  
None to fall off with a great big whine  
They finally paid attention to that great big sign  
(That read:)  
"No more explorers hanging from the vine!"

### **Five Big Dinosaurs**

Five big dinosaurs were playing in the swamp,  
Jumping in the mud with a stomp, stomp, stomp!  
Along came a T-Rex as hungry as can be...  
Chomp, chomp! Gulp, gulp! Mmmm YUMMY!

(Count down until...)

No big dinosaurs playing in the swamp,  
No more jumping with a stomp, stomp, stomp!  
Along came a T-Rex as full as can be...  
Grump, grump! Burp, burp! Oh my tummy!

### **I'm a Giant Dinosaur**

(Sung to *I'm a Little Teapot*)

I'm a giant dinosaur, big and strong  
I've got four feet and my tail is long  
People run away when I walk along  
'Cause a great big "ROAR!" is my favourite song.

## **Going on a Mummy Hunt**

Repeat everything I say and do everything I do!

Hello  
What's this?  
It's tall grass  
Can't walk around it  
Can't leap over it  
Have to stomp through it...STOMP, STOMP, STOMP!

Hello  
What's this?  
It's the Nile River  
Can't swim under it  
Can't float over it  
Have to sail across it...SAIL, SAIL, SAIL

Hello  
What's this?  
It's the desert  
Can't dive under it  
Can't jump over it  
Have to ride a camel across it...RIDE, RIDE, RIDE

Hello  
What's this?  
It's a pyramid  
Can't dig under it  
Can't fly over it  
Just have to climb up it...CLIMB, CLIMB, CLIMB

Hello  
What's this?  
It's a tunnel, a dark spooky tunnel  
Can't enter over it  
Can't enter under it  
Just have to crawl down it...CRAWL, CRAWL, CRAWL

OOOOHHHHH!  
It's dark down here...  
I see some stairs  
Better go up them...(walk cautiously)

I see a dark, dark tomb  
Let's look inside...  
Creak...

OH NO! (reach out with hand)

I feel something!  
It feels like a mummy...

I see something! (peer with hands)  
It looks like a mummy...

IT IS A MUMMY! (jump in air)

LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!

Out of the tomb...run, run, run

Back through the tunnel...crawl, crawl, crawl

Climb down pyramid...climb, climb, climb

Ride camel through desert...ride, ride, ride

Sail boat across the Nile...sail, sail, sail

Stomp through tall grass...stomp, stomp, stomp

Back to the tent...PHEW! SAFE AT LAST!

**Or there is this version:**  
**Going on a Treasure Hunt**

*CHORUS* (Repeat after each obstacle):

Going on a treasure hunt.  
*Going on a treasure hunt.*  
Going to find some treasure.  
Where will we find it?  
Let's go see.

Uh oh...  
There's a tall mountain. (*Look with hand over eyes*)  
Can't go under it. (*Move hand down*)  
Can't go under it. (*Move hand around*)  
Gotta climb over it. (*Reach hands as if climbing*)

*CHORUS*

Uh oh...  
There's a river. (*Hands over eyes*)  
Can't go over it.  
Can't go under it.  
Gotta swim through it. (*Move arms as if swimming*)

*CHORUS*

Uh oh...  
There's some tall grass. (*Hands over eyes*)  
Can't go over it.  
Can't go around it.  
Gotta go through it. (*Slap hands up and down in front*)

*CHORUS*

*Uh oh...*

There's a cave! (*Hand over eyes*)  
Can't go over it  
Can't go under it.  
Gotta go in it (*"Walk into cave"*)

## CHORUS

I see something shiny.  
I see something golden.  
I see something furry.  
You see something furry?  
That's not treasure!  
That's a lion!!

OH NO!

Quick!!  
Run out of the cave (*slap thighs*)  
Run through the grass  
Swim across the river  
Climb back over the mountain  
Run back home  
Open the door  
Jump into bed (*cover head with arms as if hiding under a blanket*)

Went on a treasure hunt  
Went to find some treasure  
Where did we find it?  
Safe in bed?  
(*Leader can bring out stuffed "treasured" teddy bear to hug at the end!*)

## Go for the Gold

Reading Cheer

R-E-A-D R-E-A-D  
What's that spell? -READ!  
What's that spell? -READ!

Slow and steady, it's a distance race;  
Finish at your own sweet-loving pace.  
Go for the distance, that's what you need;  
Dive deep into books, and read, read, read!

R-E-A-D R-E-A-D  
What's that spell? -READ!  
What's that spell? -READ!



## **Adventurers' Song**

*(Sung to John Jacob Jingle Heimer Schmidt)*

Lost worlds are waiting to be found  
That's where we're bound  
Through time and distance vast  
Into the far off past  
Where the treasures of lost worlds will astound!

Bold adventurers must we be  
Cross land and sea  
Wherever we feel fear  
We stand up tall and cheer  
To our friends and their amazing bravery!

## **The Maiden in the Castle**

*(After each line, join in saying the chorus together. Change your tone according to the mood of the poem.)*

In a castle sits a maid.

*Chorus: Ding dong! Ding, ding dong! (Gaily)*  
*All among the roses.*

A knight comes riding to her aid

*Ding dong! Ding, ding dong! (Faster)*  
*All among the roses.*

I can hear the maiden sigh.

*Ding dong! Ding, ding dong! (Slowly)*  
*All among the roses.*

A wall is there. The wall is high.

*Ding dong! Ding, ding dong! (Firmly)*  
*All among the roses.*

I will break down half the wall.

*Ding dong! Ding, ding dong! (With determination)*  
*All among the roses.*

Still more wall will have to fall.

*Ding dong! Ding, ding dong! (Louder but slower)*  
*All among the roses.*

To break it all I'm not afraid.

*Ding dong! Ding, ding dong! (Louder and firmer)*  
*All among the roses.*

Now I see the lovely maid!  
*Ding dong! Ding, ding dong!* (Happily)  
*All among the roses.*

## There Was a Princess Long Ago

There was a princess long ago,  
Long ago, long ago,  
There was a princess long ago,  
Long ago.

And she lived in a big high tower, etc.

One day a fairy waved her wand, etc.

The princess slept for a hundred years, etc.

A great big forest grew around, etc.

A gallant prince came riding by, etc.

He took his sword and cut it down, etc.

He took her hand to wake her up, etc.

So everybody's happy now, etc.

*1<sup>st</sup> verse: The 'princess' stands in the centre of the ring of children.*

*2<sup>nd</sup> verse: The children raise their joined hands to make the tower.*

*3<sup>rd</sup> verse: One child chosen as the fairy waves her arm over the princess.*

*4<sup>th</sup> verse: The princess lies down and closes her eyes.*

*5<sup>th</sup> verse: The children wave their arms as trees.*

*6<sup>th</sup> verse: One child chosen as the prince gallops round the outside of the ring.*

*7<sup>th</sup> verse: He pretends to cut down the trees.*

*8<sup>th</sup> verse: He wakes up the princess.*

*9<sup>th</sup> verse: Children skip round clapping their hands.*

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