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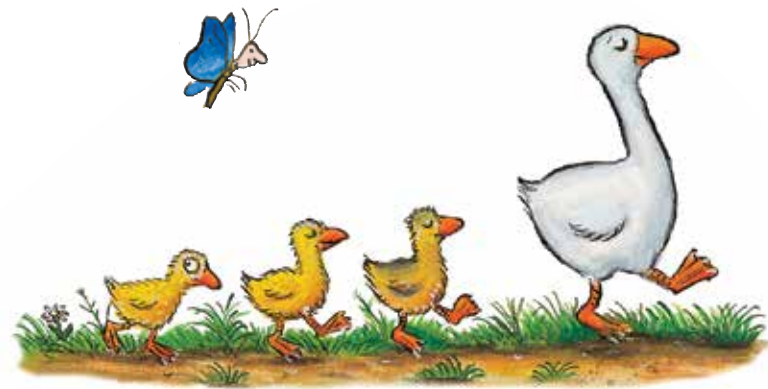
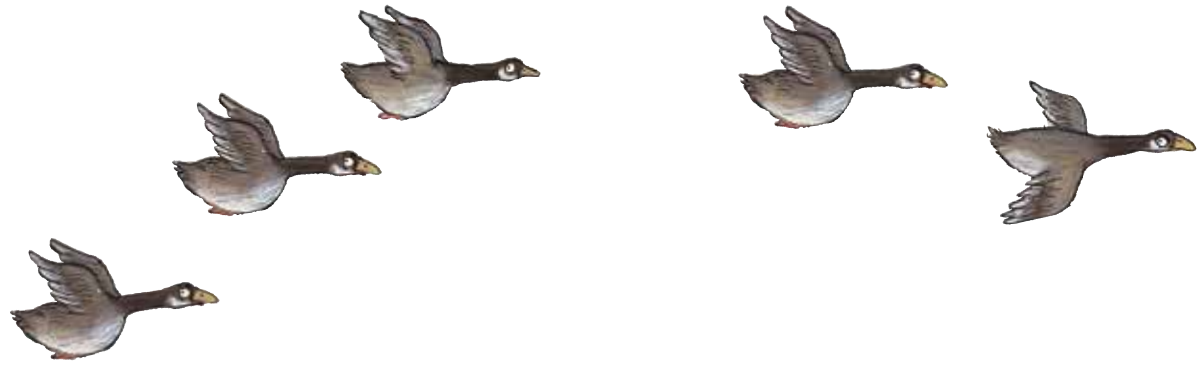
Opening extract from
Mother Goose's Bedtime Rhymes

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One fine spring day a mother goose laid three eggs. When her goslings hatched she called them Boo, Lucy and Small.



All three were very busy little goslings, and they never sat still if they could help it. But what they loved best was when Mother Goose would tell them nursery rhymes. She knew all sorts of rhymes: noisy ones and quiet ones, rhymes about animals and even rhymes to lull them to sleep.



It wasn't long before other mother geese started to tell the rhymes to their own goslings. Now all the very best bedtime rhymes have been gathered together in this book for you and your family to join in with, too.



The Man in the Moon

The man in the moon
Came down too soon,
And asked his way to Norwich;
He went by the south,
And burnt his mouth
With supping cold plum porridge.



There Was an Old Woman Tossed Up in a Basket

There was an old woman tossed up in a basket,
Seventeen times as high as the moon;
Where she was going I couldn't but ask it,
For in her hand she carried a broom.
Old woman, old woman, old woman, quoth I,
Where are you going to up so high?
To brush the cobwebs off the sky!
May I go with you?
Aye, by-and-by.





Diddle, Diddle, Dumpling

Diddle, diddle, dumpling, my son John,
Went to bed with his trousers on;
One shoe off, and one shoe on,
Diddle, diddle, dumpling, my son John.

