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# **The No-No Bird**

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There was a bird, not long ago,  
Whose favourite word was No! No! No!

“No!” he said to brushing hair,  
“No!” to coats he wouldn’t wear.

So many times he said this word,  
That soon his name was **No-No Bird**.

Well, No-No Bird went out one day,  
Proudly walking on his way.

Soon, he met a little mouse  
Who ran out from her little house.

“Who are you?” she said. “Do stay,  
Would you like to come and play?”

But No-No Bird just shook his head.  
“No! No! No!” he loudly said.

“Silly Mouse! Have you not heard?  
I’m the famous No-No Bird!”

At that, the Mouse began to cry!  
“You’re very rude,” she sniffed, “GOODBYE.”