# 'Singlish Folk' **Broadsheet 10** Children's Special

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#### The Wheelbarrow

A poor old man he was crossing the road Crossing the road, crossing the road A poor old man he was crossing the road When along came a man with a

Verse 1 \* = wheelbarrow

Verse 2 \* = fish and chip potato cart

Verse 3 \* = trolley bus wire wiper

Verse 4 \* = corporation wagon what sucks water out of

Verse 5 \* = steamroller!! (optional)

Chorus

Don't let the wheels of your \*\*

Your \*\*, your \*\*

Don't let the wheels of your \*\*

Run over that poor old man

Verse 1 \*\* = wheelbarrow

Verse 2 \*\* = wheelbarrow, fish and chip potato cart Verse 3 \*\* = wheelbarrow, fish and chip potato cart, trolley

Verse 4 \*\* = wheelbarrow, fish and chip potato cart, trolley bus wire wiper, corporation wagon what sucks water out of foles

Verse 5 - there's no chorus

# Emu's Egg

- 1. There was a little sparrow and he was out of work Went off to seek his fortune in a town called Bourke He walked till he was weary then he thought he enquire But he found he'd only got as far as a place called
- 2. He was so awful weary he could hardly lift a leg When all at once beside the track he spied an emu's egg He put it in his billy-can to have it for his tea And on his little Timex watch he counted minutes three
- And when those minutes three were up the thought it time

And with his little tomahawk he cut off the top It's a pity that he'd boiled it, it would have been much better fried

For when he stooped to sip it up he tumbled down inside

4. Now when he fell inside the egg he very quickly found Three minutes were not long enough so the poor little chappie drowned

So the moral of this story is if an emu's egg you'd eat For breakfast, tea or supper you must boil it for a week

## Skip to my lou

#### Chorus:

Lou, lou skip to my lou Lou, lou skip to my lou Lou, lou skip to my lou Skip to my lou my darling

- 1. Lost my partner what'll I do Lost my partner what'll I do Lost my partner what'll I do Skip to my lou my darling
- 2. I'll find another one prettier than you I'll find another one prettier than you I'll find another one prettier than you Skip to my lou my darling
- 3. Flies in the buttermilk shoo, shoo, shoo Flies in the buttermilk shoo, shoo, shoo Flies in the buttermilk shoo, shoo, shoo Skip to my lou my darling
- 4. Cows in the meadow moo, moo, moo Cows in the meadow moo, moo, moo Cows in the meadow moo, moo, moo Skip to my lou my darling

# I gave my love a cherry

- 1. I gave my love a cherry that had no stone gave my love a chicken that had no bone I gave my love a ring that had no end I gave my love a baby with no cryin'
- 2. How can there be a cherry that has no stone How can there be a chicken that has no bone How can there be a ring that has no end How can there be a baby with no cryin'
- 3. A cherry when its bloomin' it has no stone A chicken when its pippin' it has no bone A ring when it's rollin' it has no end And a baby when it's sleepin' there's no cryin'

## Heads and shoulders knees and toes

Heads and shoulders knees and toes, knees and toes Heads and shoulders knees and toes, knees and toes And eyes and ears and a mouth and a nose Heads and shoulders knees and toes, knees and toes

## Bye Baby Bye

#### Chorus:

Bye o baby bye o, Bye o baby bye Poppa's gone to the mail boat Poppa's gone to the mail boat Bye o bye *(all twice)* 

Stars shining number, number 1, number 2, number 3, Good Lord
Bye 'n bye, bye 'n bye, Good Lord, Bye 'n bye
Bye 'n bye stars shining number number 4, number 5, number 6, Good Lord
Bye 'n bye, bye 'n bye, good Lord
Bye 'n bye

Close your weary eyes o Close your weary eyes Poppa's gone to the mail boat Poppa's gone to the mail boat Bye o bye *(all twice)* 

Stars shining number, number 7, number 8, number 9, Good Lord
Bye 'n bye, bye 'n bye, Good Lord, Bye 'n bye
Bye 'n bye stars shining number number 10, number 11, number 12, Good Lord
Bye 'n bye, bye 'n bye, good Lord, Bye 'n bye

Bye o baby bye o Bye o baby bye Poppa's gone to the mail boat Poppa's gone to the mail boat Bye o bye *(all twice)* 

# Fire Down Below

Fire in the galley,
 Fire down below
 It's fetch a bucket of water boys
 There's fire down below

### Chorus:

Fire, fire
Fire down below
It's fetch a bucket of water boys
There's fire down below

- Fire in the forepeak,
   Fire down below
   It's fetch a bucket of water boys
   There's fire down below
- Fire up aloft boys,
   Fire down below
   It's fetch a bucket of water boys
   There's fire down below
- Fire in the galley,
   Fire down below
   It's fire in the cabin boys
   The captain doesn't know

### The Keeper

The keeper did a hunting go
 Under his coat he carried a bow
 All for to shoot at the merry little doe
 Among the leaves so green o

#### Chorus:

(First voice)(Second voice)Jackie boy-MasterSing ye well-Very wellHey down-Ho down

(AII)

Derry derry down

Among the leaves so green o

(First voice) (Second voice)
To my hey down down - To my ho down

down

Hey down - Ho down

(AII)

Derry derry down

Among the leaves so green o

- The first doe he shot at he missed
   The second doe he trimmed he kissed
   The third doe went where nobody whist
   Among the leaves so green o
- The fourth doe she did cross the plain The keeper fetched her back again Where she is now she may remain Among the leaves so green o

### Green grow the rushes-o

- I'll sing you one-o
   Green grow the rushes-o
   What is your one-o
   One is one and all alone
   And ever more shall be so
- I'll sing you two-o
  Green grow the rushes-o
  What is your two-o
  Two, two the lilly white boys
  All dressed up in green-o
  One is one and all alone
  And ever more shall be so
- I'll sing you three-o
   Green grow the rushes-o
   What is your three-o
   Three, three the rivals

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- 4. Four for the gospel makers
- 5. Five for the symbols at your door
- 6. Six for the six proud walkers
- 7. Seven for the seven stars in the sky
- 8. Eight for the April rainers
- 9. Nine for the nine bright shiners
- 10. Ten for the ten commandments
- 11. Eleven for the eleven went up to heaven
- 12. Twelve for the twelve apostles

### The Fox

The fox went out on a chilly night, Prayed for the moon to give him light, For he'd many a mile to go that night, Before lie reached the town-o Town-o, town-o He'd many a mile to go that night, Before he reached the town-o.

He ran till he came to a great big bin The ducks and the geese were put therein, Said, a couple of you will grease my chin Before I leave this town-o, etc.

He grabbed the grey goose by the neck Slung the little one over his back, He didn't mind their quack-quack-quack And the legs all dangling down-o, etc.

Old mother pitter-patter jumped out of bed Out of the window she cocked her head Crying, john, john, the grey goose is gone And the fox is on the town-o, etc.

john, lie went to the top of the hill Blew his horn both loud and shrill; The fox, lie said, 1 better flee with my kill He'll soon be on my trail-o, etc.

He ran till lie came to his cozy den There were the little ones, eight, nine, ten, They, said daddy, you better go back again, 'Cause it must be a mighty fine town-o, etc.

Then the fox and his wife without any strife Cut up the goose with fork and knife, There never had such a supper in their life And the little ones chewed on the bones-o, etc.



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### Deep Blue Sea

#### Chorus:

Deep blue sea honey deep blue sea Deep blue sea honey deep blue sea Deep blue sea honey deep blue sea It was Willy what got drownded in the deep blue sea

- Dig his grave with a silver spade
   Dig his grave with a silver spade
   Dig his grave with a silver spade
   It was Willy what got drownded in the deep blue sea
- Lower him down with a golden chain
   Lower him down with a golden chain
   Lower him down with a golden chain
   It was Willy what got drownded in the deep blue sea

# The Rattlin' Bog

#### Chorus:

Ho-ro a rattlin' bog, a bog down in the valley-o, A rare bog a rattlin' bog, a bog down in the valley-o,

#### Verses:

1. And in that bog there was a tree, a rare tree, a rattlin' tree, a tree in the bog and the bog down in the valley o

- 2. Now on that tree there was a limb.
- 3. Now on that limb there was a branch
- 4. Now on that branch there was a twig.
- 5. Now on that twig there was a nest,
- 6. Now in that nest there was an egg,
- 7. Now in that egg, there was a bird,
- 8. Now on that bird there was a feather,
- 9. Now on that feather there was a flea,
- 9. flea on the feather with the
- 8. feather on the bird with the
- 7. bird in the egg, with the
- 6. egg in the nest, with the
- 5. nest on the twig, with the
- 4. twig on the branch, with the
- 3. branch on the limb, with the
- 2. limb on the tree, with the tree in the bog and the bog down in the valley-o.

