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Singing Game COPLAND "I Bought Me a Cat"

WRITE YOUR OWN VERSE



Although the title of the song is "I Bought Me a Cat," there are many other animals that are mentioned in the song. Can you remember what they are?

This is the beginning section of the words to the song. Each group of words is called a verse. As you see, each verse gets longer and longer, adding a new animal as it repeats.

I bought me a cat, my cat pleased me,
I fed my cat under yonder tree.
My cat says "fiddle eye fee."

I bought me a duck, my duck pleased me,
I fed my duck under yonder tree.
My duck says, "Quaa, quaa,"
My cat says "fiddle eye fee."

I bought me a goose, my goose pleased me,
I fed my goose under yonder tree.
My goose says, "Quaw, quaw,"
My duck says, "Quaa, quaa,"
My cat says "fiddle eye fee."



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Now, let's create your own arrangement of the song by writing new verses! Think about the rhythm of each line; how many syllables should the name of each animal have? What about the sound it makes?

Fill in (1) with one of your favorite animal, and (1*) with the sound it makes. Then fill in (2) with another one of your favorite animals, and (2*) with the sound that animal makes.

I bought me a (1) _____, my (1) _____ pleased me,

I fed my (1) _____ under yonder tree.

My (1) _____ says, "(1*) _____,"

My goose says, "Quaw, quaw,"

My duck says, "Quaa, quaa,"

My cat says fiddle eye fee.

I bought me a (2) _____, my (2) _____ pleased me,

I fed my (2) _____ under yonder tree.

My (2) _____ says, "(2*) _____,"

My (1) _____ says, "(1*) _____,"

My goose says, "Quaw, quaw,"

My duck says, "Quaa, quaa,"

My cat says fiddle eye fee.

BONUS: Make up one more verse on your own, using the pattern above!