

Hey, diddle, diddle



Hey, diddle, diddle,
The cat and the fiddle,
The cow jumped over the moon.
The little dog laughed
To see such fun,
And the dish ran away with the spoon.





About the rhyme

The first record of this English rhyme dates back to 1765. It is thought to be the origin of the expression “feeling over the moon” which means feeling very happy.

Activities

- With your children, pretend to be the animals in the rhyme – a cat, dog and cow. Think about how each animal moves and the sounds it makes.
- Use spoons and pots from your kitchen as musical instruments. Play them as you say/sing the rhyme together.
- With your children, make a list of the things that make you and them happy.

