

# Canadian Nursery Rhymes

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## Canada Goose Song

(tune of Row Row Your Boat)

Flap, flap, flap your wings  
As we fly along  
South to North and  
North to South  
We sing the world a  
song.

by Carol Vaage



## Lois' Garden

Lois Hole, Lois Hole  
How does your garden grow?  
With daisies and daffodils  
All in a row.

by Melanie Mazurek

## Maple Syrup

Maple syrup on my pancakes  
Maple syrup on my nose  
Maple syrup in my hair  
On my chin and on my clothes.  
Lick it off my fingers  
Lick it off my nose  
But if it fell upon my feet  
Should I lick it off my toes?

by Melanie Mazurek



## Pea Soup

Pea soup hot, pea soup cold,  
Pea soup in the pot,  
Nine days old.  
Some like it hot, some like it cold,  
Some like it in the pot,  
Nine days old.

by Carol Vaage

## Pan Pizza

Pan pizza hot,  
Pan pizza cold,  
Pan pizza on the  
plate,  
Nine days old.  
Some like it hot,  
Some like it cold,  
Some like it on the plate,  
Nine days old.

by Melanie Mazurek



## Dandelions are Yellow

Dandelions are yellow,  
With stems and leaves of  
green.  
But you are the prettiest girl  
That I have ever seen.

by Carol Vaage



## Hockey School

1, 2 Blades so new.  
3, 4 Shoot and score!  
5, 6 Hockey sticks.  
7, 8 Play 'till late.  
9, 10 Score again!

by Melanie Mazurek

## Maple Leaf

(tune of I'm a Little Teapot)  
I'm a little maple leaf, on a maple tree  
Red, gold and orange as  
I can be  
When the wind blows  
and sets me free  
Just watch me float and  
fall gently.

by Melanie Mazurek



## Canada

1, 2 Sky so blue.  
3, 4 From shore to  
shore.  
5, 6 Cultural mix.  
7, 8 Land so great.  
9, 10 Canadian!

by Melanie Mazurek



### Dance School

1, 2 Ballet shoe.  
3, 4 Touch the floor.  
5, 6 Sky high kicks.  
7, 8 Legs so straight.  
9, 10 Bend again.

by *Melanie Mazurek*



### Shoo Fly

1, 2 Shoo, fly, shoo!  
3, 4 Out the door.  
5, 6 No more tricks.  
7, 8 Here's your fate.  
9, 10 Not you again!

by *Melanie Mazurek*



### High Level Bridge

(tune of London Bridge)

High Level Bridge has a waterfall,  
Waterfall, waterfall  
High Level Bridge has a waterfall,  
July 1st, Canada Day.

by *Carol Vaage*

### Walterdale Bridge

Walterdale Bridge is falling down,  
falling down, falling down.  
Walterdale Bridge is falling down. Oh,  
Mayor, of the  
town.

Build it up with  
steel and rivets,  
steel and rivets,  
steel and rivets,  
Build it up with steel and rivets. Oh,  
Mayor, of the town.  
Steel and rivets will rust away, rust  
away, rust away,  
Steel and rivets will rust away. Oh,  
Mayor, of the town.

by *Melanie Mazurek*



### Packed on a Ship

Hip to hip  
Packed tight on a ship  
And who do you think they were?  
The Germans and Swedes, the French and  
Chinese,  
Turn them out, Land-Ho! Free!

by *Carol Vaage*



### Rub-a-Dub Dub

Rub-a-dub dub  
Three kids in a tub  
As muddy as muddy can be.  
The climber, the hiker, the mountain  
biker.  
Scrub-a-dub dub these three.

by *Melanie Mazurek*

### Alberta Wild Rose

Alberta wild rose, you're  
a beautiful sight  
You bloom in the spring  
when the sun is bright  
You have five pink petals  
and a center that is yellow  
Your fragrance is lovely  
and still quite mellow.  
You are Alberta's floral emblem and  
grow from coast to coast  
But your piping hot rosehip tea is what I  
like the most.

by *Melanie Mazurek*



Alberta

### Canadian Money

Five pennies make a nickel  
Two nickels make a dime  
Ten dimes make a dollar  
Now what should I buy this time?  
Four quarters make a loonie  
And one loonie is a dollar  
Two loonies make a toonie  
Now aren't I a scholar?

by *Melanie Mazurek*

### What Coin Am I?

I have a beaver on my back  
I am silver, that's a fact.  
Five pennies I do equal  
My name rhymes with pickle.



What coin am I?  
I have a caribou on one side  
And the Queen on the other  
I am round and flat  
25 pennies to be exact.  
What coin am I?

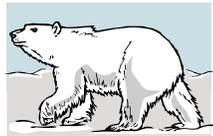
I am the smallest coin in size  
I am silver to your eyes  
A ship is on my back  
Ten pennies to be exact.  
What coin am I?  
I am a lovely copper colour  
A brown and orange sort of colour  
A maple leaf is on my back  
I am not worth much in fact.  
What coin am I?

*by Melanie Mazurek*

### Polar Bear

(tune of I'm a Little Teapot)

I'm a little polar bear,  
soft and white  
Catching a fish.  
They're a tasty bite.



When it gets cold on an Arctic night  
My thick warm fur keeps me just right.

*by Melanie Mazurek*

### I Had A Little Apple Tree

I had a little apple tree,  
Nothing would it bear,  
But a bright red apple and  
a golden pear.  
My cousin from Alberta  
Came to visit me,  
And all for the sake  
Of my little apple tree.



*by Carol Vaage*

### See-Saw

(tune of See-Saw Margery Daw)  
See-saw, black crow can caw  
Pump-jacks bring oil for the master,  
He gets more than a dollar a day,  
But they can't work any faster.

*by Carol Vaage*

### Ding Dong

Ding, dong, det.  
The puck went in the net.  
Who put it in?  
Gretzky! For a win!  
Who took it out?  
The goalie, with a shout.  
"That's the Great One", we did say,  
He played hockey every day.



*by Carol Vaage*

### Wayne Gretzky

Young king of the goals  
Was a kind and humble soul  
And a kind and humble soul was he.  
He flew down the ice,  
With grace and with ease,  
His name? The Great One, Gretzky!

*by Melanie Mazurek*

### Clara's Cow

(tune of Little Bo-Peep)  
Clara knows how  
She lost the cow  
And can tell you where to find her.  
Go through the fence  
Just to the west,  
Where there is greener pasture.

*by Carol Vaage*



### Calendar Chant

30 days are in September  
April, June and  
November  
All the rest have 31.  
Except February the odd one.  
It has 28 days dear  
And 29 in each leap year.



*by Melanie Mazurek*

### Two Little Birds

(tune of Two Little  
Dickey Birds)

Two little singing birds  
Sitting on a shed,  
One was blue and the other one red.  
Fly away, blue.  
Fly away, red.  
Come back, blue! Come back, red!

*by Carol Vaage*



### Penny Piper

Penny Piper  
popped a pile of  
peppered popcorn.  
A  
pile of peppered  
popcorn Penny Piper popped.  
If Penny Piper popped a pile of peppered  
popcorn,  
Where's the pile of peppered popcorn  
Penny Piper popped?

*by Melanie Mazurek*



### Ring Around the Sun

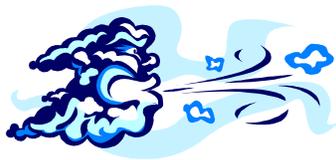
A ring around  
The sun or moon  
Brings rain or snow  
Upon you soon.

*Anonymous*

### The North Wind

The North  
Wind does  
blow  
And we  
shall have  
snow.  
And what will poor robin do then?  
Poor thing!  
He'll fly to the south,  
And build a new house,  
He'll fly north when spring comes again.  
Good thing!

*by Carol Vaage*



### Hey Diddle Diddle

Hey Diddle Diddle  
The Lynx and the fiddle  
The Moose jumped over the moon  
The little Wolf laughed to see such sport  
And the Goose ran away with the Loon.

*by Monica Rosborough*

### Gnaw, Gnaw, Gnaw Beaver

(tune of Baa Baa Black Sheep)  
Gnaw, gnaw, gnaw, Beaver, have you  
any wood?  
Yes, oh, yes, as much as I should.  
One pile's my little house,  
My food pile looks the same  
One for my little dam that keeps in the  
rain  
Gnaw, gnaw, gnaw, Beaver, have you  
any wood?  
Yes oh, yes, as much as I should.

Ruff, ruff, ruff doggy, have you any  
bones?  
Yes sir, yes sir, as much as I own  
One for my brother, one for myself  
One for my sister, one on my shelf  
Ruff, ruff, ruff, doggy, have you any  
bones?  
Yes sir, yes sir, as much as I own.

*by Matthew and Amber Rosborough*

### Beaver Cleaver

Beaver Cleaver bit through a log  
Beaver Cleaver fell  
through the bog  
All the animals and  
moose his friend  
Couldn't pull beaver out again.

*by Melanie Mazurek*



### **The Beavers in the North**

(tune of Wheels on the Bus)

The beavers in the north go chew, chew,  
chew,

Chew, chew, chew; chew, chew, chew.

The beavers in the north go chew, chew,  
chew,

All day long.

The beavers in the  
north go swim, swim,  
swim...

The beavers in the  
north will drag, drag,  
drag...

The tail on a beaver goes slap, slap,  
slap...

The nose on the beaver goes open and  
shut...

The kits in the lodge go mew, mew,  
mew...

The beavers in the lodge will sleep all  
day...

Sh-sh-sh!

by *Carol Vaage*



### **Sir John A. MacDonald**

(tune of Duke of York)

Sir John A. MacDonald  
Had 10,000 mounted men  
He rode with them up to  
the top of the hill  
And he rode with them  
down again.

And when they're up, they're up,  
And when they're down, they're down,  
And when they're only half way up,  
They're neither up nor down.

by *Terry Starko*



*Macdonald*

### **Big Bull Elk**

(tune of Lucy Locket)

Big bull elk has lost his antlers.

Little Leah found them.

Ground them up into some dust,

And made a potion from them.

by *Carol Vaage*

### **Old Auntie Lantry**

Old Auntie Lantry went to the pantry

To get her good dog a treat.

But when she got there the pantry was  
bare,

So she gave him some luncheon meat.

by *Melanie Mazurek*

### **Old Geezer Greezer**

Old Geezer Greezer went to the freezer

To find the cookie dough.

But when he got there the freezer was  
bare

So off to the store he did go.

by *Melanie Mazurek*

### **Flies and Mosquitoes**

Flies and mosquitoes

Are biting and humming,

Swallows fly low...

A rainstorm is coming.

*Anonymous*



### **Little Farmer Joe**

Little farmer Joe

Come find your hoe

The corn's in the meadow

And all those weeds must  
go.

Where is that farmer

Who supposedly hoes?

He's under his covers

Snoring through his nose.

by *Melanie Mazurek*



## Seasonal Poems

by Melanie Mazurek

### Snow, Snow

Snow, snow, melt away  
Come again some January  
day  
Now it's spring  
And the birds want to stay.



### Spring, Spring

Spring, spring, go away.  
Come again some cool March day.  
Now it's summer  
In the lake we will play.



### Summer, Summer

Summer, summer, go away  
See you in the month after May  
Now it's fall  
In the leaves we will play.



### Fall, Fall

Leaves, leaves, blow away  
Come again some September day.  
Winter's here  
In the snow we will play.

