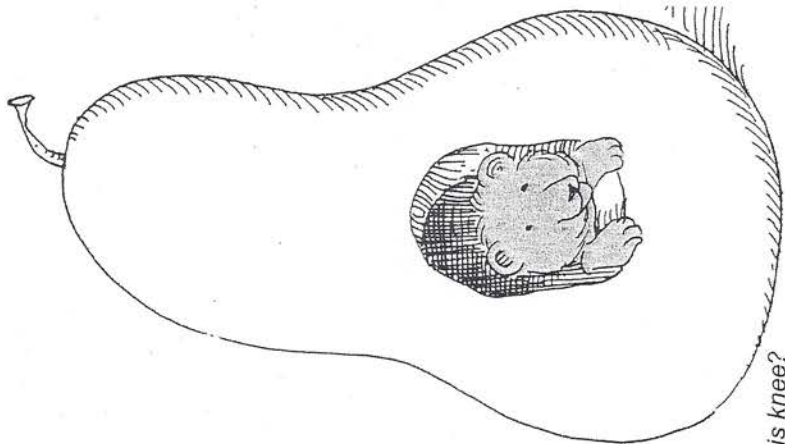


# DOWN BY THE BAY

## Rhyming Song

Down by the bay, (Down by the bay,)      Where the wa-ter-mel-ons grow, (Where the wa-ter-mel-ons grow,)      Back to my home, (Back to my home,)      I dare not go. (I dare not go.)      For if I do, (For if I do,)      My mo-ther will say, (My mo-ther will say,)      "Did you ev-er see a bear comb-ing his hair, Down by the bay?"



You need: pictures of various animals

**Steps:**

1. Teach children the song on this page by singing each phrase and having children echo the phrase. Then tell the children that they will be creating their own silly rhymes for this song.
2. To give children the idea, sing the song with them several times, substituting some of the suggested rhymes at the right after the phrase "My mother will say."
3. Give each child an animal picture. Ask each child to make up a silly rhyme using the name of the animal in the picture. Give children a few minutes to think of their rhymes.
4. When children have thought of their silly rhymes, tell the class that you will point to a child during the song. The child you point to must say or sing his or her rhyme after the phrase "My mother will say." Repeat the song until each child has had a turn.

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| 1. "Did you ev-er see a goose | kiss - ing a moose,                      |
| 2. "Did you ev-er see a whale | with a pol - ka dot tail,                |
| 3. "Did you ev-er see a fly   | wear - ing a tie,                        |
| 4. "Did you ev-er see a bear  | comb - ing his hair,                     |
| 5. "Did you ev-er see —       | lla - mas eat - ing their p: - ja - mas, |
| 6. "Did you ev-er have a time | when you could-n't make a rhyme,         |

**Suggested Rhymes:**

- Did you ever see a bee with a donkey on his knee?
- Did you ever see a moose playing with a goose?
- Did you ever see a deer with one purple ear?
- Did you ever see a bear inside a yellow pear?
- Did you ever see a monkey riding on a donkey?
- Did you ever see a giraffe sit down and laugh?

