

Mother Goose Academy: The Origin of Nursery Rhymes

Example:

Nursery Rhyme Title: "Little Boy Blue"

Puppet: Bird

Beginning: Little Boy Blue receives a horn for his birthday. He is so excited, he plays it all day inside the house and doesn't even sleep! The next day, his mother says he needs to play it outside from now on, but only after he does his chore: vacuuming the entire house! He asks for a different chore: using his horn to call the animals when it is time for their feeding. She agrees. She sends him to buy more food for the animals. When he comes back, it is not quite time for the animals to eat yet, so he takes a nap on a haystack. The animals get really hungry and start to eat all the family's crops! His mother and father run outside to stop the commotion and find their son.

Middle: (recite the nursery rhyme)

"Little Boy Blue, come blow your horn.
The sheep's in the meadow, the cow's in the corn.
Where is the boy that looks after the sheep?
He's under the haystack, fast asleep.
Will you wake him?
No, not !! For if I do, he's sure to cry."

Ending: A nearby bird sees that Little Boy Blue's mother and father are afraid to wake him, so it swoops down and squawks and flaps its wings until he wakes up and starts to cry. Little Boy Blue's mother comforts him and takes him inside while his father shoos the bird away. Little Boy Blue calms down, feeds the animals, and goes to bed. That's what happens when you stay up all night!

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