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Six FREE Poems for a Quiet Afternoon

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About this Book

Please enjoy this free selection of poems from the READ-ALOUD, READ-ALONG books by Susan Call Hutchison.

Like all the READ-ALOUD, READ-ALONG Books, these poems are designed for families with young readers who want to share in family read-aloud time. The more your children hear the rhythms and rhymes, the sooner they will be reading along.

The themes of these slice-of-life verses are perfect for naptime, or bedtime. But they can be enjoyed anytime!

So snuggle up for an afternoon and start a lifetime love of reading, through the treasured family tradition of Reading Aloud.



Visit Susan Call Hutchison's websites at <u>ReadAloudReadAlong.com</u> and <u>MrsMiddlejoy.com</u>

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from Year-Round Read-Aloud, Read-Along Rhymes: Celebrating Holidays and Seasons

Daffodils



On the first, warm, sunny day What did I see? Three tiny daffodils Too shy to look at me.

In all the muddy, melting yard I saw only three Tiny, yellow daffodils But they did not see me.

They huddled all together Underneath a tall tree. Three, golden, bowing heads Too shy to look at me.

from Bedtime Read-Aloud, Read-Along Rhymes: Quiet poems for the End of the Day

Grandma's Picture Book



Grandma has a picture book. That's not like any other. It's pictures of the little girl Who grew up to be my mother!

I love to sit on Grandma's lap And help her turn the page And find out what my mother did When she was just my age.

She had a dog named Mickey, And she danced in a ballet. And Grandma taught her how to cook The meals she makes today.

To see and know the way things were I only have to look. I'm glad that Grandma took the time To put it in a book!

from Fun Time Read-Aloud, Read-Along Rhymes: Poems for Work and Play

Tying Shoes



I helped my little brother learn to tie his shoes today. We went somewhere the big people would not get in the way. I took a shoe and he took one and sitting side by side, He copied everything I did until his shoes were tied!

He watched my hands and fingers and did everything I did. And I didn't make him feel like he was just a little kid. We started doing easy steps I knew that he could do, And practiced over and over till he knew that he could, too!

We didn't have to hurry, and we knew we'd get it done, You should have seen how proud he was. And I had so much fun. I guess I only wonder, (because we tied them up so tight,) If I'll have to teach my brother to UNTIE his shoes tonight! oOo from Fun Time Read-Aloud, Read-Along Rhymes: Poems for Work and Play

Did You Ever See a Whale?



Did you ever see a whale swimming out in the sea

Jump high above the waves as the as wind blew free?



No, I never saw a whale. But I have a little fish.

And he swims just as fast and as free as you could wish.



Did you ever see tiger in the tall, waving grass Move as silent as the night, letting no one pass?



No, I never saw a tiger. But I did see my cat In the tall grass of the garden and she moved just like that!



Did you ever see a jungle, where the thick green vines Made a home for snakes and parrots and monkeys all to climb?



No, I never saw a jungle. But I do have a yard

With trees and birds and squirrels – so believing isn't hard.



Did you ever take a rocket to the top of the sky

And look down on all the people as the world passed by,

And see stars and space and planets just as far as you could look?



No, I never rode a rocket. But I did read a book! ⁰⁰⁰ from Bedtime Read-Aloud, Read-Along Rhymes: Quiet poems for the End of the Day

Pretending Sleep



Sometimes I just pretend that I'm asleep With my eyes closed softly and my breath slow and deep. But I'm REALLY still listening to the story being read, While I snuggle up with Bear in my soft, warm bed.

Sometimes I like to imagine I'm asleep And all the space around me is a dream I can keep. I feel the soft pillow underneath my head And enjoy the time pretending I'm asleep in bed.

The time is just for being and my thoughts float free. And nobody makes me fall asleep but me.

from Year-round Read-Aloud, Read-Along Rhymes: Celebrating Holidays and Seasons

When Will it Be Winter?



When will it be winter?When the morning light is cold.When will it be winter?When the fallen leaves are old.

When will it be winter?When the frost stays through the day.When will it be winter?When the geese have flown away.

When will it be winter?When the nights are long, and soon.When will it be winter?When the ice rings round the moon.

When can I see winter? Will I ever see the snow? Tonight the stars are standing still. It's closer than you know.

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MORE BOOKS by Susan Call Hutchison

Available in the Kindle Store:



Read-Aloud, Read-Along and Mrs. Middlejoy Books

Familiar Read-Aloud, Read-Along Tales: Classic Bedtime Stories as told by Susan Call Hutchison

Remember the bedtime stories you learned as a little child? The simple ones you could listen to over and over again.

The deep voice of the Big Bad Wolf as he huffed and puffed. The whining voice of Baby Bear when he finds his chair is broken all to pieces. The built-in sound effects of billy goats clip-clopping over the bridge.

The things that make these stories so easy to remember and tell down through the years are the same things that make it easy for learning readers to begin to read along, once they've heard them a time or two.

Reading is more than recognizing letters and sounding out words. Every learning reader also develops the skills of following a story. We recognize familiar patterns, and learn to expect what comes next. And nothing beats these classic stories at capturing children's imagination, holding their attention and starting them on the road to following along as a story is read aloud.

That is what the Read-Aloud, Read-Along series is all about: stories crafted for the learning reader that families can read together for years to come as reading skills grow and change.

The treasured family tradition of reading aloud can spark a life-long love of learning.

So snuggle up and choose a Familiar Read-Aloud, Read-Along Tale for a classic bedtime story tonight!

Included are:

Chicken Little (329 Words) The Little Red Hen (446 Words) The Three Little Pigs and the Big, Bad Wolf (615 Words) Goldilocks and the Three Bears (446 Words) The Three Billy Goats Gruff (713 Words) Little Red Riding Hood (908 Words) Jack and the Bean Stalk (1,626 Words)

Bedtime Read-Aloud, Read-Along Rhymes:

Quiet Poems for the End of the Day

By Susan Call Hutchison

Snuggle up for an evening of bedtime reading. It's old-fashioned family fun that inspires a lifetime of learning.

These slice-of-life verses use rhythm, rhyme and a child's point of view to engage even the littlest readers as the busy day winds down.

The Read-Aloud, Read-Along series is designed for families with learning readers of all ages. Everyone can be part of read-aloud time by learning to read along.

Included are:

After a Day Outside My Bedtime Bath When I Listen Song of the Sky Grandma's Picture Book Summer Night Then and Now Pretending Sleep Grandma's Music Box I Will Not Go to Bed! and a bonus bedtime story, The Little Red Hen from **Familiar Read-Aloud, Read-Along Tales:** Classic Bedtime Stories *as told by Susan Call Hutchison*

Fun Time Read-Aloud, Read-Along Rhymes:

Poems of Work and Play By Susan Call Hutchison

A short collection of poems just right for young readers who love to be part of Read-Aloud time by learning to read along.

The rhythms, rhymes and themes of these slice-of-life verses make them perfect for sharing with the whole family any time of day.

Give the gift of a lifetime love of reading, through the treasured family tradition of reading aloud!

Included are: Early Morning Song What to Wear Grandma at Work Tying Shoes Did You Ever See a Whale? Flying Kites True Colors Learning How to Whistle Grandpa's Gift Folding Clothes and a bonus preview When Will It Be Winter? from **Year-Round Read-Aloud, Read-Along Rhymes:** Celebrating Holidays and Seasons. (Coming soon to the Kindle Store.)

Year-Round Read-Aloud, Read-Along Rhymes:

<u>Celebrating Holidays and Seasonss:</u> by Susan Call Hutchison

It's time to celebrate with Read-Aloud time!

More than 30 original poems your family will enjoy for Christmas, Halloween, Valentine's Day; and many other holidays throughout the year.

Included are Four Winds Turn of the Year Dream of a Promised Land Shoveling Snow Groundhog Day Making Valentines Valentine Cookies Do You Love Me? Daffodils Flying Kites (from Fun Time Read-Aloud, Read-Along Rhymes: Poems of Work and Play) My Lucky Leprechaun No Matter What the Groundhog Saw Easter April Fool Mother's Day First Day of Swimming Summer Bird Calls Summer Night (from Bedtime Read-Aloud, Read-Along Rhymes: Quiet Poems for the End of the Day) On the Fourth of July The Lightning Show Last Day of Summer Walk Autumn Changes Halloween is Coming Soon Trick or Treat Honor Thanksgiving Thoughts When Will It Be Winter? Mrs. Santa's Night Before Christmas Carol of the Mice (From *Mrs. Middlejoy and the Minister's Cat*) **Christmas Morning in Our House** The Old Year Cake on New Year's Eve Staying Up on New Year's Eve One More Year-Round Rhyme

Mrs. Middlejoy and the Minister's Cat

(A Church Mouse Christmas Story) by Susan Call Hutchison

What kind of Christmas Carols do church mice sing? You might be surprised.

Mrs. Middlejoy is getting ready for Christmas in her cozy mouse house behind the walls of the church Lost and Found Closet.

But fear strikes her church mouse community when a big, gray Cat moves in to the Minister's study. Mrs. Middlejoy is godmother to six mice about to see their first Christmas. And she is determined that fear is NOT part of the Christmas spirit.

Rejoice with Father Churchmouse, tremble with Mrs. Turnwell, and cheer with little Chester as the brave Mrs. Middlejoy takes on the Minister's Cat.

A little faith and a lot of love make this short chapter book a family favorite for the Christmas season.

Mrs. Middlejoy and the Haunted Churchyard

(A Church Mouse Halloween Story)

by Susan Call Hutchison

What secret haunts the old churchyard north of Mrs. MIddlejoy's home?

The brave church mouse sets off on her second holiday adventure, and uncovers the fantastic truth.

A mysterious disappearance strikes too close to home, and Mrs. Middlejoy is not about to stand for it. October dangers lurk in the dead of night. She'll need help in the spooky Outdoors. Can she trust the street rat, Scooter?

Meanwhile, Chester learns mouse martial arts. The Tangleberry and Turnwell families face their fears and Father Churchmouse keeps the faith. While the remarkable Mrs. Middlejoy takes on the Haunted Churchyard.

The spunky, spooky story makes this short chapter book a family favorite for Halloween.

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and visit <u>MrsMiddlejoy.com</u> for a FREE church mouse book, and to hear the mice sing!

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