

Sing a Song of Sixpence

ALTERED VERSION

The adult recites the poem, but changes the word order at the highlighted points. Children must listen carefully to hear and correct the adult's mistakes.

Song a sing of sixpence,
A pocket full of rye,
Four-and-twenty **bird-blacks**
Baked in a pie.
When the pie was opened,
The birds began to sing.
Now wasn't that a dainty dish
To set before the king!

The king was in the counting-house
Counting out his money.
The queen was in the parlor,
Eating bread and honey.
The maid was in the garden,
Hanging out the clothes,
When down came a **bird-black**
And pecked off her nose!