



ENGLISH POETRY – GRADE 4

Nutty nursery rhymes

'Jump over the moon?' the cow declared,
 'With a dish and a spoon.
Not me. I need a suit and a rocket ship
 And filmed by the BBC.
 'I want a roomy capsule stall
 For when I blast away,
And an astronaut as a dairymaid
 And a bale of meadow hay.'
She gave a twitch of her lazy rump,
 'Space travel takes up time.
I certainly don't intent to jump
 For a mad old nursery rhyme.'

Max Fatchen

THE KING'S SPECTACLES

The King has lost his spectacles!
 The court is in a flurry!
 They're searching here,
 They're searching there,
 It's such a hurry burry!
 Where can they be?
 Where can they be?
We'll search throughout the land,
And he who find my spectacles,
Shall have my daughter's hand.
Then, father dear, A boy is here:
 His home is in a shack.
 He often finds a needle
 In his master's big haystack.
Then bring him in! Yes, bring him in!
 We'll bring him in, sir, now ...
My Lord, your noble spectacles
 Are on your noble brow!
We'll now proclaim through all the land,
This boy shall have my daughter's hand.

James Gibson