

Rhymes for APRIL



Doctor Foster went to Gloucester,
In a shower of rain,
He stepped in a puddle,
Right up to his middle,
And never went there again.

'Walk' down your child's arm with your index and middle finger. Trace a round puddle on the back of your child's hand and then 'run' your fingers back up their arm.

Doctor Foster went to Gloucester,
In a shower of rain,
He slipped in the mud,
And fell with a thud,
And never went there again.

'Walk' down your child's arm as before, then 'slip' with your flat hand and land with a (very gentle) 'thud' with your palm on the back of their hand. 'Run' your fingers back up their arm.

Here we plant out beans in a row,
Beans in a row, beans in a row,
Here we plant our beans in a row,
In the garden where they grow.

Touch your child's arm with your index thumb at regular intervals, as if 'planting' a row of beans.

With our thumbs we plant them so,
In a row, in a row,
With our thumbs we plant them so,
In the garden where they grow.

Touch your child's thumbs or show them your own thumbs and then repeat the actions as before.

With our toes we plant them so,
In a row, in a row,
With our toes we plant them so,
In the garden where they grow.

Touch or tickle your child's toes or point to your own toes and then repeat the actions as before.

With our nose we plant them so,
In a row, in a row,
With our nose we plant them so,
In the garden where they grow.

Touch your child's nose or your own nose and then repeat the actions as before.

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