

# The Duck and the Kangaroo

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Said the Duck to the Kangaroo,  
'Good gracious! how you hop!  
Over the fields and the water too,  
As if you never would stop!  
My life is a bore in this nasty pond,  
And I long to go out in the world beyond!  
I wish I could hop like you!'  
Said the Duck to the Kangaroo.

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'Please give me a ride on your back!'  
Said the Duck to the Kangaroo.  
'I would sit quite still, and say nothing but "Quack,"  
The whole of the long day through!  
And we'd go to the Dee, and the Jelly Bo Lee,  
Over the land, and over the sea;—  
Please take me a ride! O do!'  
Said the Duck to the Kangaroo.

