

The Hungry Caterpillar Rap

In the light of the moon lay an egg on a leaf
In the light in the light in the pale moonlight, lay an egg on a leaf, oh yeah!

One warm sunny day the egg went pop, P P P P P P P Pop!

Out came a caterpillar, a tiny caterpillar

*He was very very hungry if you listened to his tummy
It went rumble, it went grumble,*

He started to look for some food

On Monday he ate through one apple
One shiny crunchy tasty bright red apple

*He was very very hungry if you listened to his tummy
It went rumble, it went grumble,*

On Tuesday he ate through two pears
Two sweet and delicious green pears

*He was very very hungry if you listened to his tummy
It went rumble, it went grumble,*

Wednesday was plums
Three lovely juicy plums
1 2 3 purple plums

*He was very very hungry if you listened to his tummy
It went rumble, it went grumble,*

The next day was Thursday
The hungry caterpillar ate through
1, 2 3 4 strawberries

*He was very very hungry if you listened to his tummy
It went rumble, it went grumble,*

On Friday he chewed his way through
5 whole oranges
5 oranges so sweet, what a treat!

*He was very very hungry if you listened to his tummy
It went rumble, it went grumble,*

On Saturday he had a great big feast
And he ate through a piece of chocolate cake,
Yes a great big piece of chocolate cake
then an ice-cream cone and a pickle

A slice of cheese, a slice of salami and a lollipop, yes a lollipop!

Next came a piece of chewy cherry pie
And a sausage, a silly sausage!
A silly, silly sausage and a cupcake, yum,
And a mouthful of melon at the end!

“Oh dear” he said, “No more!”

“My tummy’s very sore!”

Next day he said “No way
Am I eating much today!”
“I’ll just have a nibble on a nice green leaf
And then I’ll feel much better”

Now the little caterpillar wasn’t hungry any more
And the little caterpillar wasn’t little any more
He was big big big, he was fat fat fat
Oh yeah, u -huh

He built a cuddly, comfy, cosy cocoon,
a cuddly, comfy, cosy cocoon,
And he stayed inside for a while,
Yes he stayed inside for a while,

Then nibble, nibble, push, push, push...
Out came a beautiful butterfly!

Teaching ideas:

Learn the chorus and actions so you can join in each time it happens:

*He was very very hungry – rub tummy
If you listened to his tummy – hands behind ears, listening pose
It went rumble, - rumble on knees/floor
it went grumble, - rumble on knees/floor*

Join in on each day often week with knees/claps on the beat

*Split into groups and each group could learn one day often week to perform for the others with everyone joking in on the choruses.
Maybe everyone could learn the worlds for Saturday too*

*Try creating and adding your own actions at the beginning and end
E.g. warm sunny arms, a popping action, a cuddly cocoon, butterfly hands*

Pick out alliteration in the rap to focus on phonic sounds

Look for rhymes

