

West End Lane Kingsway The  
Spaniards Mayfair Piccadilly King's  
Cross Bishopsgate Blackfriars Clement  
and Clifford Kingsway The Stock  
NURSERY RHYMES  
OF LONDON TOWN

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Battersea Limehouse and Poplar  
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## About the Book

Little boy, little boy, what is the matter?  
Madam, the sea has been turned into batter!

Eleanor Farjeon's delightful London nursery rhymes are known and loved all over the world, and told with characteristic humour and playfulness. Reimagine London with these charming and timeless rhymes for all ages.



THREADNEEDLE STREET



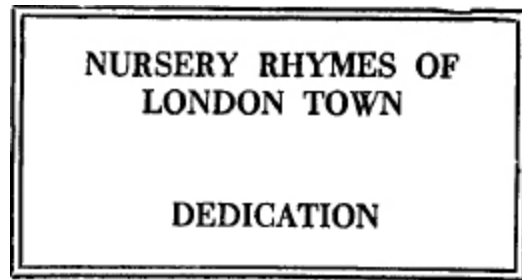
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## *WEST END LANE*

*Joan was born in West End Lane,  
And when she was born she was young;  
Joan was born on a Monday morn  
While the nine-o'clock bell was rung;  
And if little Joan had never been born  
These songs would have never been sung.*

## *Kingsway*

Walking on the King's Way, lady my lady,  
Walking on the King's Way will you go in red?  
With a silken wimple and a ruby on your finger,  
And a furry mantle trailing where you tread?

Neither red nor ruby I'll wear upon the King's Way,  
I will go in duffle grey with nothing on my head.

Walking on the King's Way, lady my lady,  
Walking on the King's Way will you go in blue?  
With an ermine border, and a plume of peacock feathers,  
And a silver circlet, and a sapphire on your shoe?

Neither blue nor sapphire I'll wear upon the King's Way,  
I will go in duffle grey and barefoot too.

Walking on the King's Way, lady my lady,  
Walking on the King's Way will you go in green?  
With a golden girdle, and a pointed velvet slipper,  
And a crown of emeralds fit for a queen?  
Neither green nor emerald I'll wear upon the King's Way,  
I will go in duffle grey so lovely to be seen,  
And the King will stop and kiss me and call me his Queen.



## *The Spaniards*

Three Spaniards dwell on Hampstead Heath:  
One has a Scowl and a Knife in a Sheath,  
One twangs a Guitar in the bright Moonlight,  
One chases a Bull round a Bush all Night!