

An Alphabet

By Edward Lear

A was once an apple pie,
Pidy
Widy
Tidy
Pidy
Nice insidy
Apple Pie!

E was once a little eel,
Eely
Weely
Peely
Eely
Twirly, Tweedy
Little Eel!

B was once a little bear,
Beary!
Wary!
Hairly!
Beary!
Taky cary!
Little Bear!

F was once a little fish,
Fishy
Wishy
Squishy
Fishy
In a Dishy
Little Fish!

C was once a little cake,
Caky
Baky
Maky
Caky
Taky Caky,
Little Cake!

G was once a little goose,
Goosy
Moosy
Boosy
Goosey
Waddly-woosy
Little Goose!

D was once a little doll,
Dolly
Molly
Polly
Nolly
Nursy Dolly
Little Doll!

H was once a little hen,
Henny
Chenny
Tenny
Henny
Eggsy-any
Little Hen?

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I was once a bottle of ink,
Inky
Dinky
Thinky
Inky
Black Minky
Bottle of Ink!

M was once a little mouse,
Mousey
Bousey
Sousy
Mousy
In the Housy
Little Mouse!

J was once a jar of jam,
Jammy
Mammy
Clammy
Jammy
Sweety-Swammy
Jar of Jam!

N was once a little needle,
Needly
Tweedly
Threedly
Needly
Whisky-wheedly
Little Needle!

K was once a little kite,
Kity
Whity
Flighty
Kity
Out of sighty-
Little Kite!

O was once a little owl,
Owly
Prowly
Howly
Owly
Brownny fowly
Little Owl!

L was once a little lark,
Larky!
Marky!
Harky!
Larky!
In the Parky,
Little Lark!

P was once a little pump,
Pumpy
Slumpy
Flumpy
Pumpy
Dumpy, Thumpy
Little Pump!

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Q was once a little quail,
Quaily
Faily
Daily
Quaily
Stumpy-taily
Little Quail!

U was once a little urn,
Urny
Burny
Turny
Urny
Bubbly-burny
Little Urn!

R was once a little rose,
Rosy
Posy
Nosy
Rosy
Bows-y - grows-y
Little Rose!

V was once a little vine,
Viny
Winy
Twiny
Viny
Twisty-twiny
Little Vine!

S was once a little shrimp,
Shrimpy
Nimpy
Flimpy
Shrimpy
Jumpy-jimpy
Little Shrimp!

W was once a whale,
Whaly
Scaly
Shaly
Whaly
Tumbly-taily
Mighty Whale!

T was once a little thrush,
Thrushy!
Hushy!
Bushy!
Thrushy!
Flitty-Flushy
Little Thrush!

X was once a great king
Xerxes,
Xerxy
Perxy
Turxy
Xerxy
Linxy Lurxy
Great King Xerxes!

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Y was once a little yew,
Yewdy
Fewdy
Crudy
Yewdy
Growdy, grewdy,
Little Yew!

Z was once a piece of zinc,
Tinky
Winky
Blinky
Tinky
Tinkly Minky
Piece of Zinc!