

## Foundation Stage Poems

### Bedtime – Poem by Eleanor Farjeon

*Five minutes, five minutes more, please!*

*Let me stay five minutes more!*

*Can't I just finish the castle*

*I'm building here on the floor?*

*Can't I just finish the story*

*I'm reading here in my book?*

*Can't I just finish this bead-chain –*

*It almost is finished, look!*

*Can't I just finish this game, please?*

*When a game's once begun*

*It's a pity never to find out*

*Whether you've lost or won.*

*Can't I just stay five minutes?*

*Well, can't I just stay just four?*

*Three minutes, then? two minutes?*

*Can't I stay one minute more?*

### Tea with Aunty Mabel by Jeanne Willis

*If you ever go to tea with my Aunty Mabel,*

*Never put your elbows on the dining-room table,*

*Always wipe your shoes if you've been in the garden,*

*Don't ever burp. If you do, say pardon.*

Elelephony by Laura Richards

Once there was an elephant,  
Who tried to use the telephant.  
No! No! I mean an elephone  
Who tried to use the telephone.  
(Dear me! I am not certain quite  
That even now I've got it right.)  
Howe'er it was, he got his trunk  
Entangled in the telephunk.  
The more he tried to get it free,  
The louder buzzed the telephee.  
(I fear I'd better drop the song  
Of elephop and telephong!)

Pirate Pete by James Carter

Pirate Pete  
had a ship on the sea  
had a fish for his tea  
had a peg for a knee  
and a tiny little parrot called...Polly  
Pirate Pete  
had a book with a map  
had a skull on his cap  
had a cat on his lap

*and another little parrot called...Dolly*

*Pirate Pete*

*had a trunk full of treasure*

*had a belt made of leather*

*had a cap with a feather*

*and another little parrot called...Jolly*

*Pirate Pete*

*had a patch on his eye*

*had a flag he would fly*

*had a plank way up high*

*and another little parrot called...Molly*

*So, Pirate Pete*

*and the parrots four*

*they sailed the world*

*from shore to shore —*

*collecting gold*

*and gifts galore.*

*And that's their tale —*

*there is no more!*

*The Morning rush by John Foster*

*Into the bathroom,*

*Turn on the tap.*

*Wash away the sleepiness –*

*Splish! Splosh! Splash!*

*Into the bedroom,*

*Pull on your vest.*

*Quickly! Quickly!*

*Get yourself dressed.*

*Down to the kitchen.*

*No time to lose.*

*Gobble up your breakfast.*

*Put on your shoes.*

*Back to the bathroom.*

*Squeeze out the paste.*

*Brush, brush, brush your teeth.*

*No time to waste.*

*Look in the mirror.*

*Comb your hair.*

*Hurry, scurry, hurry, scurry*

*Down the stairs.*

*Pick your school bag*

*Up off the floor.*

*Grab your coat*

*And out through the door.*

