

# Jack and Jill

Traditional tune arranged by Ellie Hallett

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Jack and Jill went up the hill To

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fetch a pail of wa - ter: Jack fell down and broke his crown And

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Jill came tum - bling af - ter. Up Jack got and home did trot As

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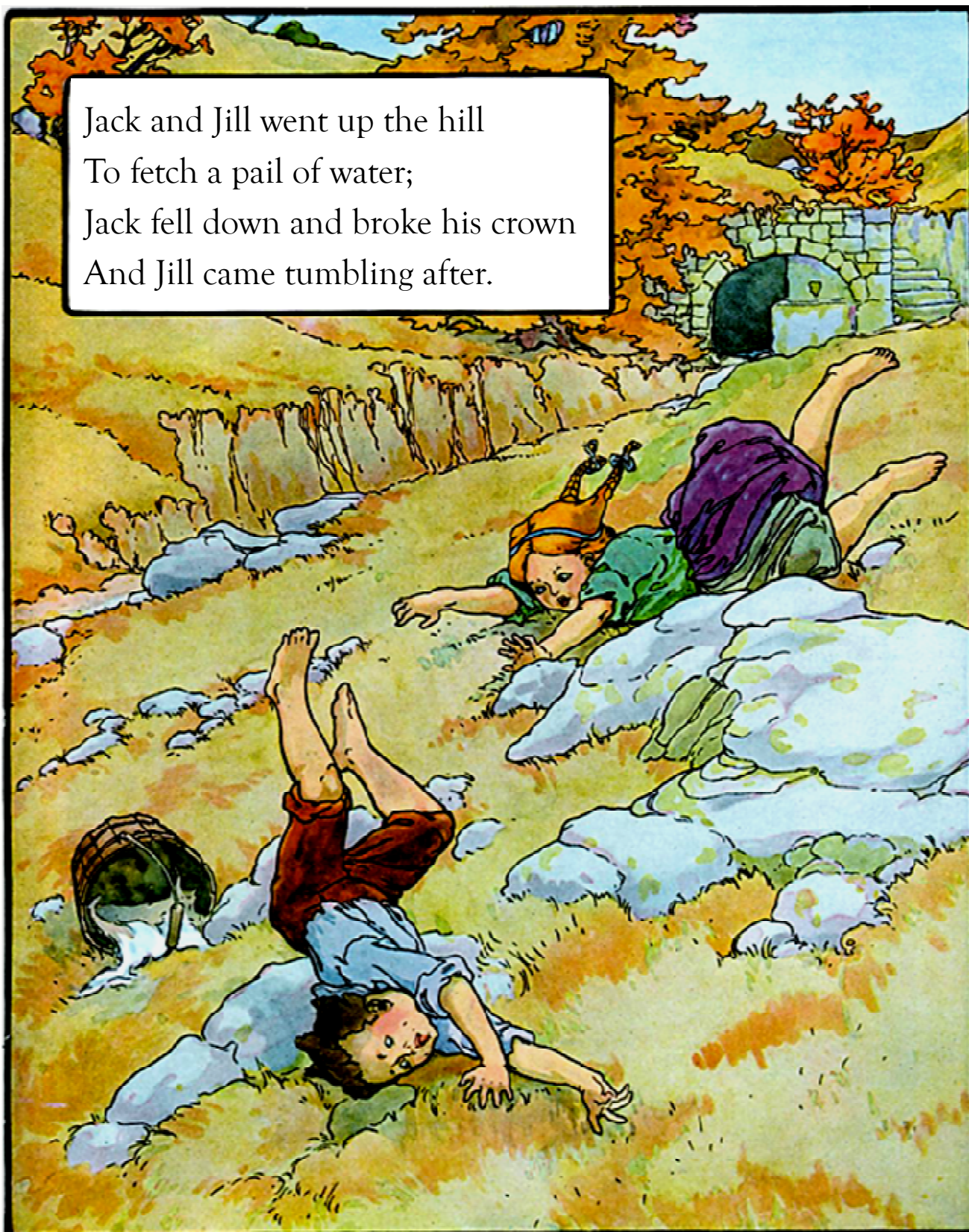
fast as he could ca - per; He went to bed to

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mend his head with vin - e - gar and brown pa - per.

# Jack and Jill

Jack and Jill went up the hill  
To fetch a pail of water;  
Jack fell down and broke his crown  
And Jill came tumbling after.



Describe this picture to a friend who cannot see it. Use the words foreground and background. What is Jack's crown? Can you find any rhyming words?

# Three Wise Men of Gotham

Music composed by Ellie Hallett

Three wise men of

The first system of music is in 4/4 time, key of D major. The melody starts on a half note D4, followed by a quarter note E4, a quarter note F#4, and a half note G4. The bass line starts on a half note D3, followed by a quarter note E3, a quarter note F#3, and a half note G3. The lyrics 'Three wise men of' are written below the melody.

Gotham, Went to sea in a bowl And if

The second system of music continues the melody. It starts with a half note D4, followed by a quarter note E4, a quarter note F#4, and a half note G4. The bass line starts on a half note D3, followed by a quarter note E3, a quarter note F#3, and a half note G3. The lyrics 'Gotham, Went to sea in a bowl And if' are written below the melody.

that bowl had been stronger, My

The third system of music continues the melody. It starts with a half note D4, followed by a quarter note E4, a quarter note F#4, and a half note G4. The bass line starts on a half note D3, followed by a quarter note E3, a quarter note F#3, and a half note G3. The lyrics 'that bowl had been stronger, My' are written below the melody.

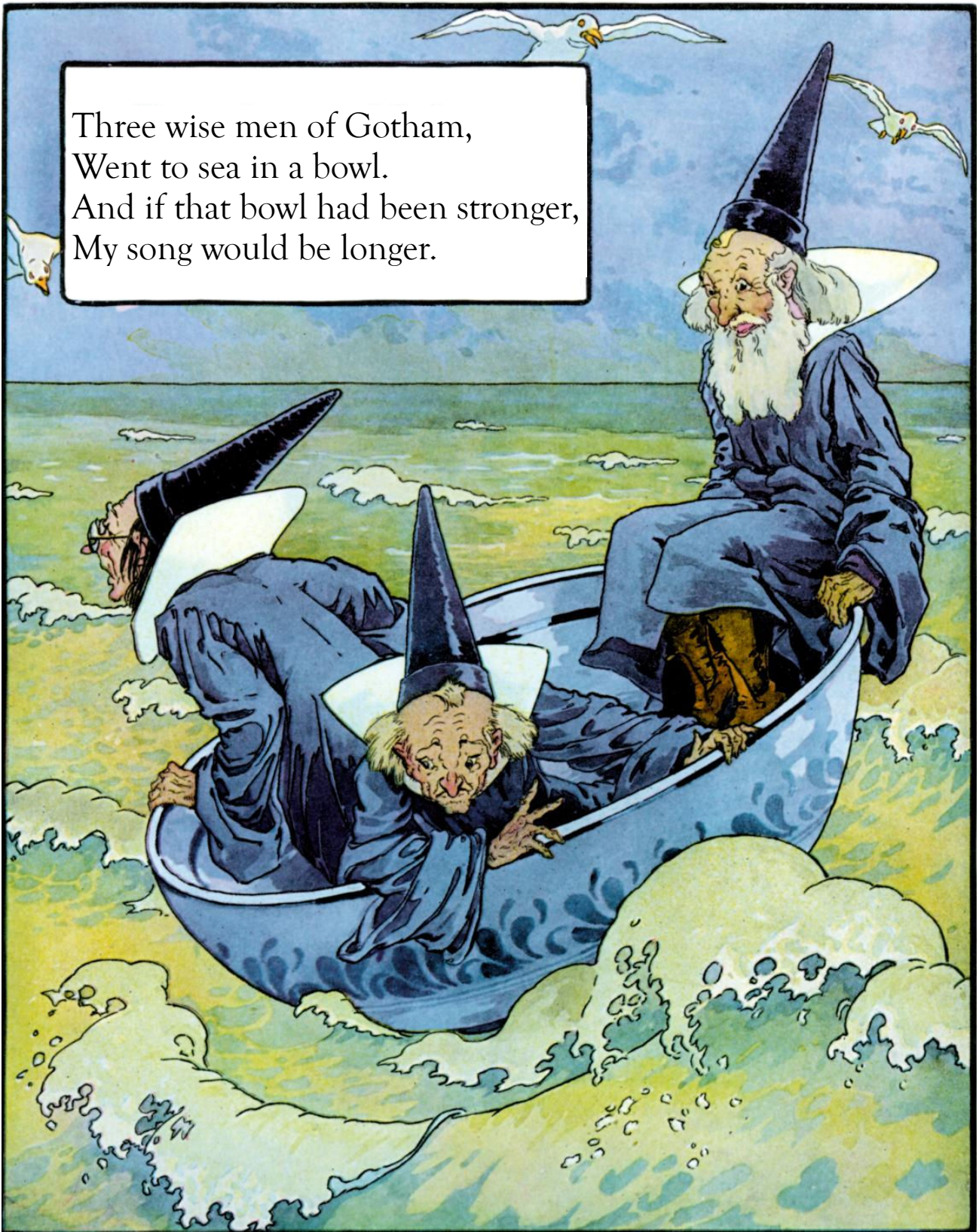
song— would be long - er.

The fourth system of music concludes the piece. It starts with a half note D4, followed by a quarter note E4, a quarter note F#4, and a half note G4. The bass line starts on a half note D3, followed by a quarter note E3, a quarter note F#3, and a half note G3. The lyrics 'song— would be long - er.' are written below the melody. The piece ends with a double bar line.



## Three Wise Men of Gotham

Three wise men of Gotham,  
Went to sea in a bowl.  
And if that bowl had been stronger,  
My song would be longer.



Gotham is a town in England. Can you find it on a map? In the 13th century, King John wanted to steal some of their land to build a hunting lodge, so the townspeople pretended to be stupid to scare him away. (Notice the dunce's caps.) The trick worked!

# Teaching and Learning Suggestions

Keep these discussions short and casual rather than too 'schoolish'. The magical beauty of the word pictures created by the rhymes must always come first.

- Lead children to the pleasures of discovering and saying rhyming words (Horner, corner; honey, money ...). A feast awaits!
- Say the words and syllables that are on the beat a little louder than the other words.
- Adding lots of facial and vocal expression will enhance the listening, speaking and singing fun.
- Encourage memorisation of the spoken and sung versions.
- Feel how the rhythm of the words and music fit the beat.
- Have a question time where children do the asking.
- Look for shapes, such as circles and ovals as in Little Bo-Peep's hat; the spider web in Little Miss Muffet; the Christmas pie in Little Jack Horner; the clockface, moon and dish in Hey Diddle Diddle and the bowl in Three Men of Gotham. Can you find any more?
- Observe and name the details and colours in each picture's foreground, mid-ground and background.
- Talk about the facial expressions and feelings of each character.
- Which rhymes have a lane?
- How many rhymes have the word 'Little' in the title?

*Questions are best asked so that the listener does the thinking and talking, thereby learning the skill of putting thoughts into words. EH*

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### Why this book is good

There is nothing more enchanting than saying and singing Nursery Rhymes, but when the illustrator is Frederick Richardson, your spirits will soar even higher.

