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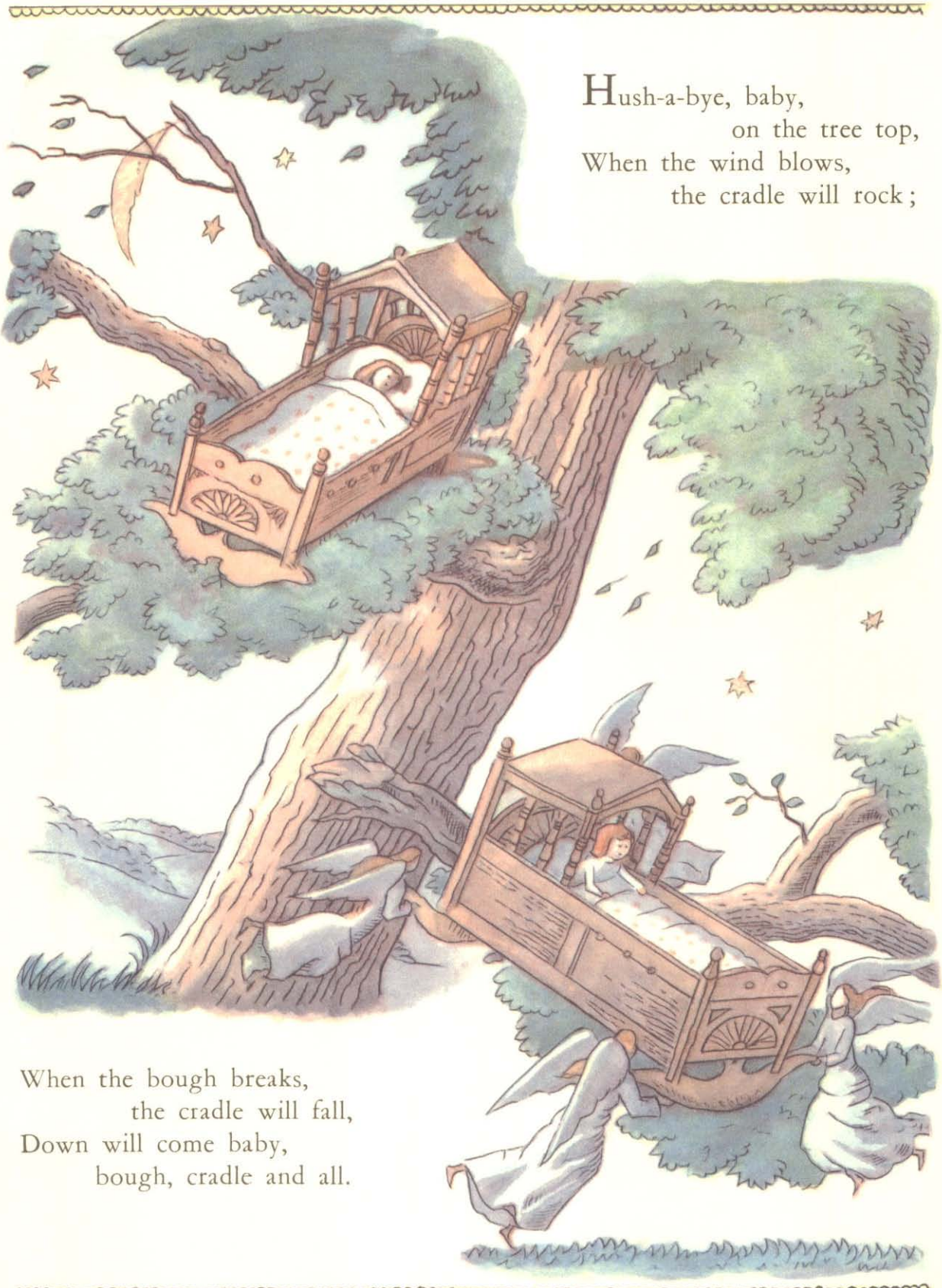
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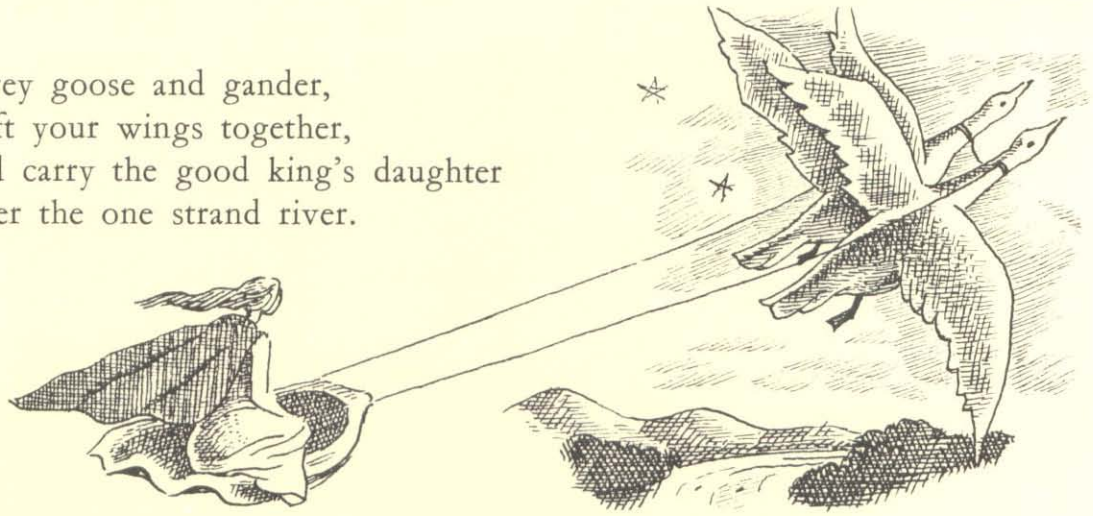
Rock-a-bye, baby,
Thy cradle is green,
Father's a nobleman,
Mother's a queen;
And Betty's a lady,
And wears a gold ring;
And Johnny's a drummer,
And drums for the king.

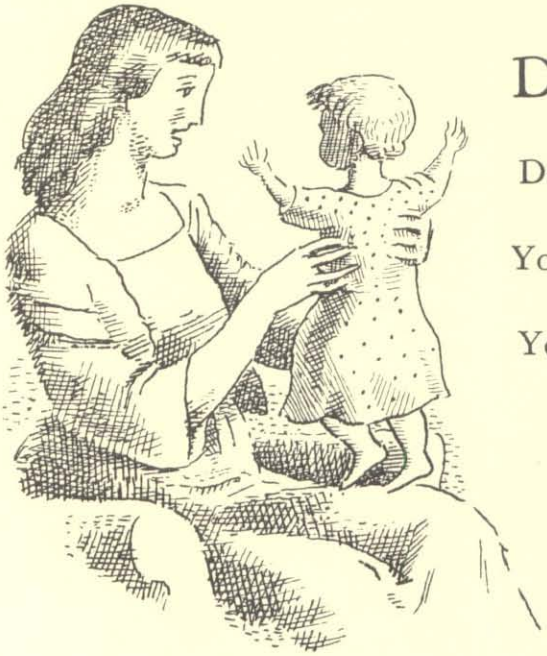


Hush-a-bye, baby,
on the tree top,
When the wind blows,
the cradle will rock;

When the bough breaks,
the cradle will fall,
Down will come baby,
bough, cradle and all.

Grey goose and gander,
Waft your wings together,
And carry the good king's daughter
Over the one strand river.

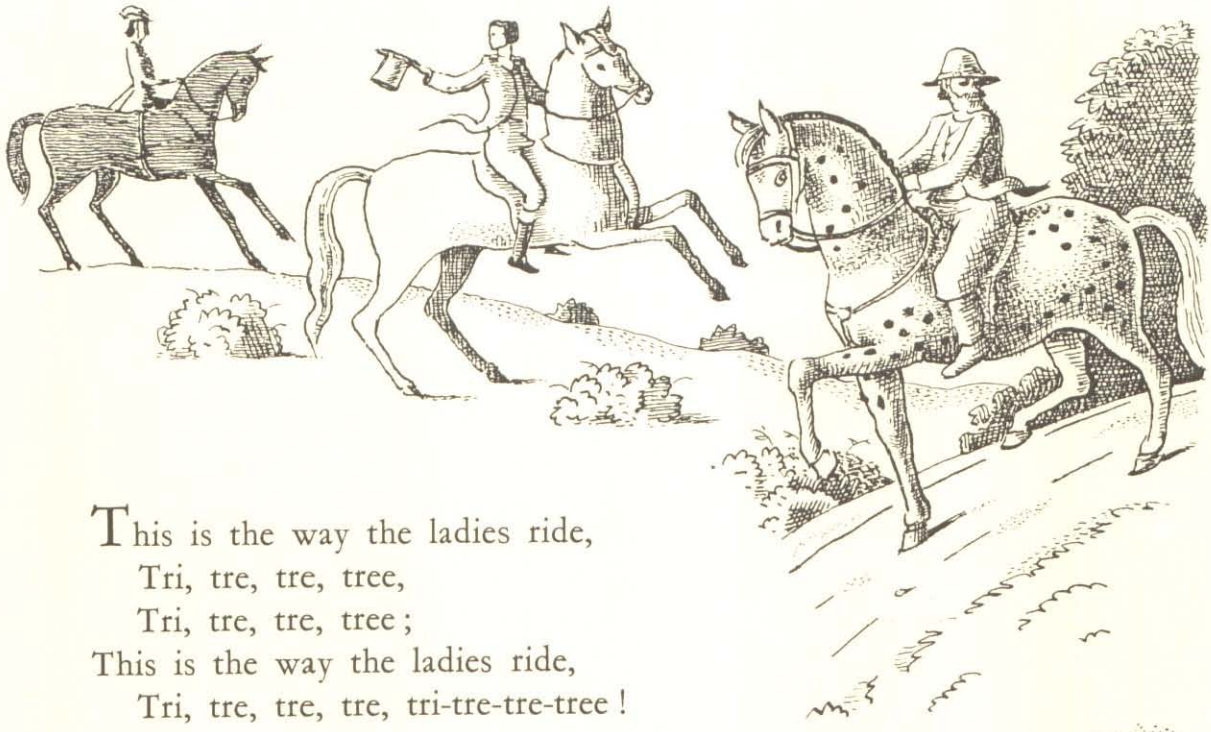




Dance to your daddy,
My little babby,
Dance to your daddy,
my little lamb;
You shall have a fishy
In a little dishy,
You shall have a fishy
when the boat
comes in.



Ride. a cock-horse to Banbury Cross,
To see a fine lady upon a white horse;
With rings on her fingers and bells on her toes,
She shall have music wherever she goes.



This is the way the ladies ride,
Tri, tre, tre, tree,
Tri, tre, tre, tree;
This is the way the ladies ride,
Tri, tre, tre, tre, tri-tre-tre-tree!



This is the way the gentlemen ride,
Gallop-a-trot,
Gallop-a-trot;
This is the way the gentlemen ride,
Gallop-a-gallop-a-trot!

This is the way the farmers ride,
Hobbledy-hoy,
Hobbledy-hoy;
This is the way the farmers ride,
Hobbledy hobbledy-hoy!



Bye, baby bunting,
Daddy's gone a-hunting,
Gone to get a rabbit skin
To wrap a baby bunting in.



Ring-a-ring o' roses,
A pocket full of posies,
A-tishoo, a-tishoo!
We all fall down.