

## Burl Ives

### "Mother Goose Song"

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As I did walk by Hampstead Fair  
I came upon Mother Goose -- so I turned her loose --  
she was screaming.  
And a foreign student said to me --  
was it really true there are elephants and lions too  
in Piccadilly Circus?

Walked down by the bathing pond  
to try and catch some sun.  
Saw at least a hundred schoolgirls sobbing  
into hankerchiefs as one.  
I don't believe they knew  
I was a schoolboy.

And a bearded lady said to me --  
if you start your raving and your misbehaving --  
you'll be sorry.  
Then the chicken-fancier came to play --  
with his long red beard (and his sister's weird:  
she drives a lorry).

Laughed down by the putting green --  
I popped 'em in their holes.  
Four and twenty labourers were labouring --  
digging up their gold.  
I don't believe they knew  
that I was Long John Silver.

Saw Johnny Scarecrow make his rounds  
in his jet-black mac (which he won't give back) --  
stole it from a snow man.

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