

Lorraine Feather "Five"

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One night in June, I was visiting my girlfriend,
When suddenly there came a little voice from
behindâ€”

Phoebe announcing that she could do a backbend.

My friend tried to shush her, I really didn't mind.

â€œOh mommy, mommy, I gotta tell you one other
thing,â€” she said,

Her face upside-down and red.

â€œOkay, young lady, then you'd better get your butt
back to bed.â€”

She said:

â€œI can count to five, I can count to five, I can count
to five,

I can count to five, I can count to five, I can count to
five.â€”

What a clever little girl!

Where in the world did you learn to count to five?

I'm blown away by your new ability,

Pointing out that you are one.

And she and I make three;

Kitty and the turtle make five, make five.

You know Melissa, I really can't ignore

The way she counts to five when the music is in four.

She's a darling thing, a gem of a child,

But this obsession with five has gone on for awhile.

She's got five dolls, five braids on her head,

Five pairs of shoes at the foot of her bed.

I can't imagine where this might end, but honey,

Maybe you should talk to her five best friends about it.

Uh-oh, here she comes again.

â€œOne two three four five, one two three four five,

I can count to five, I can count to five, I can count to
five, I can count to five.â€”

What a pleasure, little girl,

Hearing the confident way you count to five!

You say the numbers with such authority,

Pointing out that you are one,

And she and I make three,
Kitty and the TV make five, make five.

â€œI can count to five [13 X],
All the way to five.â€

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