

SINGAPOREAN NURSERY RHYMES

JACK AND JILL

AT BUKIT TIMAH HILL



Gwen Lee

Illustrated by twisstii

To LF, for the uphill and downhill times.

—Gwen

For Mom, Dad and F, for believing.

—twisstii

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Peter, Peter, Durian Eater

Peter, Peter, durian eater,
Ate so many he shocked his mother;
She gave him salt water in the shell,
To drink and gargle away the smell.

Peter, Peter, durian eater,
Ate so many he began to teeter;
Got sent to bed with so much brine,
He dreamt he ate a porcupine.



Curry at the Night Safari

I went to the Night Safari,
The lion was cooking curry,
The pangolins by the light of the moon
Came to join the party.
The leopard, annoyed by the smell,
Said he felt quite unwell,
But when he slurped up some spicy gravy,
He thought it was really swell!






Little Boy Boo

Little Boy Boo,
Come down to play,
The void deck's all empty,
We'll have a field day;
Where are the boys
Who scored between the pillars?
They're in the classrooms
Trying to be winners.
Will you be the goalie?
Oh no, not I,
For if I do
Mom's sure to cry.





*Jack and Jill went up the hill,
To find the Monkey Man.
Jack fell down, and claimed he was ill,
And left Jill without a plan.*

In this new collection of nursery rhymes, Gwen Lee has given traditional favourites a Singaporean twist, blending local flavour and humour to create memorable poems, which Singaporeans of all ages can enjoy.

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