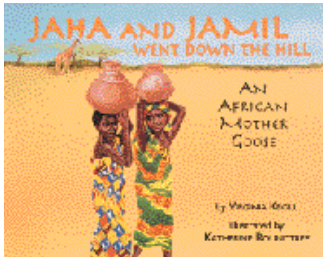


# Jaha and Jamil Went Down the Hill: An African Mother Goose

by Virginia Kroll

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In her author's notes to this original collection, Virginia Kroll explains that the book's verses are those that Mother Goose might have written if she had visited Africa. Have the students choose a page in the book, and make up their own poems about the country represented. They can write a poem using each letter in the country's name to tell something about it. For example, Kenya is the subject of the following student's poem:

K is for kisses

E is for earrings

N is for a new calf

Y is for a young herdsman

A is for an acacia tree

Have the children use the authentic designs that border the names of each country in the book to create artistic borders for their poems.

