

# Catch a Little Rhyme

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Once upon a time  
I caught a little rhyme

I set it on the floor  
but it ran right out the door

I chased it on my bicycle  
but it melted to an icicle

I scooped it up in my hat  
but it turned into a cat

I caught it by the tail  
but it stretched into a whale

I followed it in a boat  
but it changed into a goat

When I fed it tin and paper  
it became a tall skyscraper

Then it grew into a kite  
and flew far out of sight ...

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