

This script has been created for one advanced reader/narrator (teacher or older reader) and invites response participation from the whole class. Prepared for LOWER PRIMARY levels.

(NARRATOR GATHERS CHILDREN AROUND AND READS THIS SCRIPT JUST AS ANY STORYTELLER MIGHT INVOLVE A GROUP OF LISTENERS IN A PARTICIPATIONAL TELLING. BEFORE THE READING, ASK EACH CHILD TO UNDERLINE THE LINES MARKED "ALL". PRACTICE DIFFICULT LINES, THEN BEGIN THE READING).

NARRATOR: Last Hallowe'en night
Jan and Pete
Dressed themselves for
Trick or Treat.
They called the dog.
The dog named Rags.

ALL: THE DOG WITH THE TAIL
THAT ALWAYS WAGS!

NARRATOR: And then eight feet
Marched up the street
To the haunting chant
Of "Trick or Treat!"

ALL: TRICK OR TREAT.
TRICK OR TREAT.
GIVE US SOMETHING
SWEET TO EAT!

NARRATOR: And on this night
Take heed and hark!
Beware the thing that...

ALL: G-L-O-W-S IN THE DARK!

NARRATOR: Here's where they marched
That Hallowe'en night.

(Narrator pauses and shape "A" is drawn as shown at the back of the Teacher Script).

NARRATOR: When around the corner
A glowing light,
Scared the dog.
The dog named Rags.

ALL: THE DOG WITH THE TAIL
THAT ALWAYS WAGS.

NARRATOR: And Rags began
To bark and bark.
Bark at the thing that...