

## A PERFECT EASTER TREAT! By Lois Walker

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## **ESTABLISHING THE RHYTHM**

To find the proper rhythm for this rhyming piece, first read-aloud and clap through the sections as you go. Each underlined word or word part falls directly on a beat. As you read, clap on each underlined word, keeping the rhythm steady. Be careful not to read too fast! This is a rehearsal technique and readers will not clap throughout these sections during performance. After you have established the beat, it is time to start interpreting, experimenting, and having fun with the words by varying tempo, volume, inflection, and expression.

**READERS:** You can use from 6 to 26 solo readers to perform this script. As you will see below, I've numbered the first 6 reader parts only. The rest of the reader numbers have been left blank so you can pencil in as many reader parts as you need. Simply pencil them in and divide the lines as evenly as possible. If you wish to use only 6 readers, those 6 can perform the entire piece by following the model below. The script is formatted for SOLO READERS and ALL.

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ALL: Be<u>neath</u> the kitchen <u>tab</u>le,

And <u>put</u> there in the <u>night</u>,

I <u>found</u> a chocolate <u>bun</u>ny,

Tucked <u>al</u>most out of <u>sight</u>.

READER 1: He <u>was</u> a giant <u>bun</u>ny

And he wore a chocolate vest,

READER 2: And when I looked into his eyes
I felt that I'd been blessed!

ALL: Yummy Chocolate <u>Bun</u>ny,

<u>Gi</u>ant, round, and <u>pudgy</u>.

<u>You're a perfect <u>Eas</u>ter treat 
Fan<u>tas</u>tic, fun, and <u>fudgy</u>!</u>

READER 3: His <u>tag</u> read, "Pure Milk <u>Cho</u>colate With <u>Extra Coco Butter"</u>.

READER 4: He <u>look</u>ed so rich and <u>smooth</u>, My <u>heart</u> began to <u>flut</u>ter.

READER 5: A "Master Chocolate Maker"

Had created this confection...

READER 6: From an <u>old</u> Swiss <u>recipe</u>

That <u>pro</u>mised "pure per<u>fec</u>tion".

ALL: Yummy Chocolate Bunny,

Giant, round, and pudgy.

You're a perfect Easter treat 
Fantastic, fun, and fudgy!

READER: Right <u>then</u> and there I <u>knew</u>,

I <u>knew</u> without a <u>ques</u>tion,

READER: I had a job to do because..

Perfection needs protection!

READER: Of <u>all</u> my Easter <u>treats</u>

I loved this one the best,

READER: So I hid him in a dresser drawer

Away from all the rest.

ALL: Yummy Chocolate Bunny,

Giant, round, and pudgy.

You're a perfect Easter treat -

Fantastic, fun, and fudgy!

READER: And I vowed I'd eat him slowly,

Every day a small amount.

READER: I'd treasure every mouthful,

Make every mouthful count.

READER: But before I shut that drawer,

A thought occurred to me:

READER: "One *nibble* couldn't <u>hurt</u> right now"

Well, I'm <u>sure</u> you all agree.

ALL: Yummy Chocolate Bunny,

Giant, round, and pudgy.

You're a perfect Easter treat -

Fantastic, fun, and fudgy!

READER: So, I took a tiny nibble,

A chocolate tip of nose,

READER: Then the bunny looked unbalanced,

So I <u>nib</u>bled off his <u>toes</u>.

READER: Those toes were just delicious.

Chocolate <u>drib</u>bled down my <u>chest</u>.

READER: Without warning, I lost all control

And ate the chocolate vest!

ALL: Yummy Chocolate Bunny,

Giant, round, and pudgy.

You're a perfect Easter treat -

Fantastic, fun, and fudgy!

READER: After that, I have no memory.

Did I do it? Did I eat

READER: Both those giant chocolate ears -

Then finish off the feet?

READER: Yes, forever I will wonder

What <u>hap</u>pened to his <u>tail</u>,

READER: His candy eyes, his eyebrows,

Each sugary detail.