

(PROPS AND COSTUME PIECES: YOUR MAGICIAN WILL NEED A TOP HAT AND A MAGIC WAND. WHEN READERS ENTER, THE HAT AND WAND HAVE ALREADY BEEN PLACED UNDER THE MAGICIAN'S STOOL. BOY WILL NEED A BASEBALL CAP. OTHER COSTUME PIECES ARE OPTIONAL).

(READER 1 STANDS).

READER 1: Once upon a time an old magician decided to work some kitchen magic. He said,

(2/MAGICIAN PUTS TOP HAT UPON HEAD AND READS):

2/MAGICIAN: "Hey! Hey!
I'll fill my belly
With muffins of
Peanut butter and

ALL: JELLY!"

2/MAGICIAN STANDS, PLACES HAT ON STOOL, AND MIMES THE FOLLOWING):

(READER 3 STANDS).

READER 3: The old magician placed his magical top hat upon the kitchen counter.

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(READER 4 STANDS).

READER 4: Then he threw flour, sugar, baking powder, eggs, and buttermilk into the hat.

(READER 5 STANDS).

READER 5: Next the old magician searched through his kitchen cupboards and found a jar of chunky peanut butter and a jar of his favorite fruit jelly.

READER 6: These too he threw into the hat, lids and all!

(READER 7 STANDS).

READER 7: Finally the old magician picked up his magic wand, waved it grandly over the top hat, and chanted again,

2/MAGICIAN: "Hey! Hey!
I'll fill my belly
With muffins of
Peanut butter and

ALL: JELLY!"

(READERS 3,4,7, AND 1 SIT AND THE READING CONTINUES).

(READER 2/MAGICIAN GRABS HAT, BOUNCES IT UP AND DOWN, AND PLACES IT UNDER STOOL).

READER 8: All at once there was a mixing and a mashing, a twirling and a thrashing.

READER 1: The top hat disappeared in a puff of smoke and reappeared inside the old magician's oven.

READER 2: Two seconds later, the oven door popped open and two red hot rolly polly peanut butter and jelly muffins jumped out of the hat.

(READER 2 GESTURES TOWARD READERS 5 AND 6. READERS 5 AND 6 GRIN AND WAVE TO AUDIENCE).

(READER 2/MAGICIAN RETRIEVES HAT AND PUTS IT ON HEAD).

READER 3: They didn't even stop to say hello. They rolled across the kitchen floor and out the door before the old magician could say,

(READERS 5 AND 6 RUN IN PLACE AS THOUGH RUNNING AWAY).

(2/MAGICIAN RUNS IN PLACE AS THOUGH CHASING THE MUFFINS).

2/MAGICIAN: "Hey! Hey!"

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READER 4: The old magician ran after them. He wanted to eat those muffins!
But the muffins just laughed and called out,

5/MUFFIN: "Na Na Na-na-na
Can't catch us!

6/MUFFIN: You can run until you drop
Or run until we holler

5,6/MUFFINS: Stop!"

(ALL RUNNING IN PLACE STOPS).

READER 7: And at the sound of the word stop,

(READER 2/MAGICIAN FREEZES IN A SILLY POSITION).

READER 8: The poor magician
Froze still as a stone
And cried,

(2/MAGICIAN READS FOLLOWING LINES FROM FROZEN POSITION).

2/MAGICIAN: "Hey! Hey!
I want to go home."

READER 1: But the roly poly magician's muffins ran merrily on their way.

(2/MAGICIAN BREAKS FREEZE DURING ABOVE LINE, SITS ON STOOL, AND PLACES HAT ON FLOOR).

(READERS 5 AND 6 RESUME RUNNING IN PLACE).

READER 2: They ran past a sleepy cow who was happily grazing beside the road. When the cow saw those muffins, she said,

(READER 3/COW STANDS, BENDS SLIGHTLY, AND LOOKS COW-EYED AT AUDIENCE. IF YOU WISH, 3/COW MIGHT ALSO PUT A COW BELL AROUND NECK).

3/COW: "Moo! Moo!
I'll fill my belly
With muffins of
Peanut butter and

ALL: JELLY!"

(3/COW RUNS IN PLACE, FACING AUDIENCE).

READER 4: But the muffins just laughed and called out,

5/MUFFIN: "Na Na Na-na-na
Can't catch us!

6/MUFFIN: You can run until you drop
Or run until we holler

5,6/MUFFINS: stop!"

(ALL RUNNING IN PLACE STOPS).

READER 7: And at the sound of the word stop,

(3/COW FREEZES IN A SILLY POSITION).

READER 8: The poor old cow
Froze still as a stone
And cried,

(3/COW READS FOLLOWING LINE FROM FROZEN POSITION):

3/COW: "Moo! Moo!
I want to go home."

READER 1: But the roly poly magician's muffins ran merrily on their way.

(3/COW BREAKS FREEZE DURING ABOVE LINE AND SITS. IF COW BELL WAS WORN, 3/COW TAKES OFF BELL AT THIS POINT. READERS 5 AND 6 RESUME RUNNING IN PLACE).

READER 2: They ran past a duck who was wading in a puddle. When the duck saw those muffins, he said,

(4/DUCK STANDS AND MIMES WADING. 4/DUCK MIGHT ALSO PUT ON A DUCK BILL, IF DESIRED).