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Out came the sun and dried up all the rain
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Old MacDonald
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And on his farm he had a cow, E-I-E-I-O.
With a moo moo here, and a moo moo there,
here a moo, there a moo, everywhere a moo moo.
Old MacDonald had a farm, E-I-E-I-O.
Repeat with: pig, duck, horse, sheep

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