

Frogs

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Frogs stay out of sight by jumping in the fog
Hopping up and down, leaping all around
Frogs make a point of staying out of town

They are slimy creatures with camouflaging features
Blending in to catch their prey
Slipping, sliding, dipping, there's no time for stopping
Tongues flick out to catch a little fly

Leaping like a frog, croaking in a bog
When frogs are out of sight they swim without their togs
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Sitting on a lily, looking kind of silly
Frogs stay fit by swimming in a pond
Climbing up an old log, singing their own bold songs
Frogs find each other by croaking out their sounds

They start out as tadpoles after eggs have hatched
Swimming with their little tails, they are hard to catch

Hopping on a big rock, doing belly flip flops
Frogs make waves by diving in the pond
Climbing up the odd tree so that they can foresee
Frogs look out to guard their families

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Whales & Hippos

(Let's) Talk about tons of blubber, two animals come to mind
They stay undercover, whales and hippos blowing bubbles

They like to stay underwater, then come up for air
And just like a whale they don't have much hair
The whale and the hippopotamus, an unlikely pair (that's two)
You wouldn't expect to find them sitting in a chair

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A hippo is a mammal, a whale's a mammal too
They split from each other 60 million years ago (that's a long time)
Hippos like the water, but they can run fast too
Whales stay in the water, they don't have any toes

Mammals, mammals, on the land and sea
Whales and Hippopotami, no good at climbing trees

You won't see them very often and that's a good thing too
They are very wild unless you visit a zoo
The bigger they are the harder it is for them to find some space
They are trying to survive with the human race

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Fish

Fish go through the water, swim-a-lim-a-lim
Fish swim in the water, duck and dive and shim
Shimmy, shimmy, shim, go their fins in the water
Slippery, slimy fish splashing as they swim

They don't want to know fishermen with nets
They just splash to say hello before they go below

Deep, Deep, Deep in the water
So no one can say look at that I caught 'er
Water, water, fish in the water
They just like to have splash before they make a dash

They don't want to know fishermen with nets
They just splash to say hello before they go below

But it's cold down there, It's cold down there
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Fish like their water cold and crisp and clean
They don't like some factory ruining their scene
So they swim and they swim, duck and dive and shim
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Alligators and Crocodiles

Alligators and crocodiles, crocodiles, crocodiles
Alligators and crocodiles, snap, snap, snap

When you're in the tropics the sun is very hot
But don't go in the water or you'll be in a spot
They are out somewhere, somewhere, somewhere
Waiting in the water for another meal

Alligators and crocodiles, crocodiles, crocodiles
Alligators and crocodiles, snap, snap, snap

They like to be in the sun, in the sun, in the sun
Cold and scaly reptiles warming their cold blood
Using their big legs and feet crawling in the mud
Suddenly their enormous tails come down with a thud

In the swamps and rivers lie refugees from dinosaur times
They survived while others tried catching fish by opening wide
Then snap, snap, snap, snap, snap, snap

When you're in the tropics it's hard to keep your cool
But if you want some water use a swimming pool
They are in the rivers, ponds and billabongs
And when you think about it they've been there for so long

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Tuatara

You can find a dinosaur in your own back yard
When you live on an island it won't be very hard
Tuatara, it's an ancient reptile, Tuatara, not a lizard seen for miles
Tuatara, after eons of survival, Tuatara, it's a dinosaur revival

When they started roaming earth 200 million years ago
There were many Sphenodontia going to and fro
They outlived their relatives by 60 million years
And anyway you look at it that's a lot of zeros

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Can you imagine why it is they lasted for so long
There were lots of sea bird eggs to eat for a song
What would it be like for them to celebrate a birthday
Cake would not be on the menu at the weta party

Tuatara, three sets in its head, Tuatara, those teeth fill bugs with dread
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Seabirds

Did you ever wish you could fly like a seabird in the sky?
Did you ever want to glide so gracefully?
When you look up to the sky do you see them flying by?
On the wings and the wind like a dream

Higher and higher they fly into the deep blue of the sky
Some go as far as the pole, for some the next watering hole

Did you ever wake up to the squawking of a gull
Or the song of a blue kingfisher?
Did you ever dream at night of a Kiwi taking flight
Or a gannet diving into the brine?

Birds soar so high, birds kiss the sky
Before the sun's up their singing starts

Birds are flying 'round making funny sounds
Singing chirpy songs as their wings flap along
Scratching for some food in their playful mood
Birds of a feather stick together

Before the sun's up their singing starts
Birds make gravity seem like a lark

Higher and higher they fly in patterns across the blue sky
Some go as far as the pole, for some it's a tree down the road

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Mouths open wide to catch a little fly

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Underneath a fern leaf, hiding in the relief
Frogs stay fit by running 'round a pond
Climbing up an old log, singing their own folk songs
Frogs find each other by squeaking out their sounds

They start out as tadpoles after eggs have hatched
Swimming with their little tails, they are hard to catch

Hopping on a big rock, doing belly flip flops
Frogs make footprints at edges of the pond
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Swimming with their little tails, they can't wait to hatch

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Snakes & Lizards

Snakes & Lizards slither through the grass
Over there and hither to find a catch
They are very quiet as they creep
You will never know until they leap

Snakes are like a living rope coiling up while they soak
Up the rays of sunshine before they unwind
Lizards like to scurry around, undergrowth is where they're found
They keep themselves out of sight looking for some bug delights

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A snake is dangling from a tree, hanging out like you and me
Waiting for a little taste and eating it whole, there will be no waste
Lizards like to laze around and blend in with their surrounds
Hiding from the birds of prey even when they play

Snakes & lizards can be found under rocks and on the ground
Near the water where they came, amphibians by any other name

Snakes & Lizards are very old, they survived by not being bold
Waiting for the time to come, snatching it and holding on...

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Lobster & Crayfish

A crayfish is a lobster that really takes to rock
For lobsters and for crayfish the bottom is the top

In crevices under a ledge, in caves on ocean floors
Eating crabs and shellfish, urchins, stars and more
They are pretty prickly, solitary souls
Visitors are likely to get poked right in the nose

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A lobster and crayfish, 20 legs in all
That is ten for each of them including two lobster claws

Little is known, they move far and wide
Against the currents of the ocean's tide
Maybe it's just the call of the wild
Big crustacean tribe

A lobster is a crayfish that is spiny and red
But lobsters have a couple claws, crays have two legs instead

Ten legs for a decapod, that is another name
How hard would it be to walk with that many legs?!

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Lobsters, crayfish really like the rocks
Lobsters, crayfish stay away from pots...

Shark Fin Soup

Shark fin soup, shark fin soup, why do they make shark fin soup
Shark fin soup, shark fin soup, why do they make shark fin soup

No other creature we have seen fills us with such fear it seems
Is that why they hunt it with hooks & spears and then come the nets with dolphin tears
Batter it up in a vat of fat, bet you never thought it could look like that
Tastes alright for a Friday treat, better for you than a piece of meat

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Some call it a delicacy, something that may suit your fancy
What's that swimming in your soup, see that fin go loop-de-loop

Let's give the sharks a break, not cut them off the ocean's face
Show some eco-friendliness and fear them a little less

Just look at the primitive beauty, it's a marvel not a duty
Sharks were here long before we came and their loss would never be our gain

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