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THE ITTY BITTY DUCK



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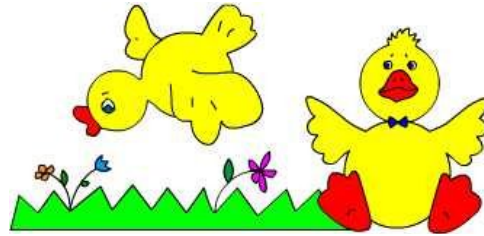
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Once upon a time...
There was an Itty Bitty Duck
The Itty Bitty Duck
Was down on his luck!
AH, SHUCK!

That means he was sad
And feeling very bad
His best friend Ding
Had hurt his only right wing!

When Ding tried to fly
(Oh, how hard he would try!)
He would in a circle go
And had to fly very, very low!

If he would try to fly high
It would hurt—
And Ding would cry!
OH, MY!
Ducks don't usually cry...



The Itty Bitty Duck thought
“How rotten
Life for my friend
Has gotten!

“When Ding gets off the ground
He just goes round and round!”
That’s not fair
That he can’t get high in the air!

The Itty Bitty Duck began to wonder
Why Ding's life was asunder
(It's my best guess
Asunder means it is a mess!)

The Itty Bitty Duck's brain
Began to think—let's train
Ding to fly another way,
Another way this very day!

They tried one way
And then another.
At last!
A way they did discover!

The Itty Bitty Duck
Would hold the hurting wing
And start running
With his best friend Ding.

Together they would take off slow
And into the air they would go.
Holding one wing and flapping the other
Higher and straighter—
Oh, brother!

Now this only goes to show
That using what you already know
And changing just a little bit
How high and far you can get!

And with some help
From a friend
Things can work out
In the end!



Now the Itty Bitty Duck
And his best friend Ding
Fly high and straight together
And that's a wonderful thing!

And he lived happily ever after...



LESSON PLAN

What kind of problem did Ding have?

What did the Itty Bitty Duck do to help his friend Ding?

Name some of the rhyming words in the story...

Can you think of any other ways to help Ding fly?

How can we help others who are hurt or injured or handicapped?