

SING A SONG OF HAWKER FOOD

**Humpty Dumpty & Friends Have
a Singapore Hawker Feast**



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**In memory of my mother-
in-law, who ran her hawker
stall with love and dignity
~ L.O.**

**For Tze Hern, Emily and
Andrew, my dearest
makan kakis
~ J.K.**

**For Bonnie, Maya and Aidan
~ Chao**

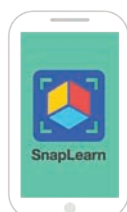
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INTRODUCTION



Do you like nursery rhymes?

We do. And, we like Singapore hawker food too.

So, we thought it would be a great idea to put these two lovely things together. We imagined Humpty Dumpty enjoying Kaya Toast, Jack and Jill grilling Satay on a hill and the Three Blind Mice eating Chicken Rice at the hawker centre.

Wouldn't that be a funny sight?

Most of the rhymes we used in this book would be familiar to you. For those that can be sung, you can sing them just like the original rhymes. Try it!



Many hawkers work long hours. Hawkers wake up very early – even before the sun rises! – to prepare the ingredients for the day.

POCKET FULL OF RYE
WESTERN FOOD

SING SONG PORRIDGE

SHHH
INDIAN CUISINE
SECRET RECIPE

Sing a song of hawker food, yummy meals for all.
What's your favourite dish and where's your favourite stall?
Scrumptious food found everywhere, any time of day,
Let's go to the hawker centre, I will lead the way.
The hawker wakes up early making sure he's ready.
He's got a lot of work to do but he is very steady.
His recipe is secret, it's from long ago.
The food is good; the queue is long—and that is how you know.

(This rhyme can be sung to the tune of "Sing a Song of Sixpence".)

