

There Was A Man

(a.k.a. "There Was A Man & He Was Mad" - original version)

Words & Music:
Traditional

Thanks to Pete Seeger who did this original version on his album " American Folk, Game & Activity Songs For Children"

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There was a man and he was mad,
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And he jumped into the pudding bag!

The pudding bag, it was so fine,
That he jumped into a bottle of wine.

The bottle of wine, it was so clear,
He jumped into a bottle of beer.

The bottle of beer, it was so thick,
He jumped into a walking stick.

The walking stick, it was so narrow,
That he jumped into a wheelbarrow.

The wheelbarrow began to crack,
He jumped onto a horse's back.

The horse's back began to break,
So, he jumped into a chocolate cake.

The chocolate cake became so rotten,
That he jumped into a bag of cotton.

The bag of cotton caught on fire
And blew him up to Jeremiah. [Poof!]

Seeger goes on to have the audience fill in the blanks when he sings it again and leaves out the last word of each line. It is, needless to say, a great song for making up your own verses, too! (as someone did with the Bowdlerized version.)