

# Two Frogs in Trouble

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There were two green frogs sitting on their lily pad in a pond on a farm. Spring was in the air, the icy cold winds had blown away. With all the rain and spring time sun shining little green sprouts were showing their heads above the brown soil. Where there had been mud, the grass was starting to come through and many beautiful colourful flowers were peeking their heads out to the sun to say hello.

There were ducks swimming on the pond, butterflies and dragonflies flying all around and fishes swimming and playing while the soft spring breezes blew all around.

It was a beautiful day and the big frog was very happy to sit and do nothing all day. The small frog jumped from behind the big frog "Get up! Let's go and play in the pond" he called to his friend.

The small frog jumped into the water with joy, the big frog followed. They swam in the pond happily. Chasing each other in the water and playing leap frog jumping over each other from lily pad to lily pad.

They hopped out of the pond and into the farmyard having fun and playing all the way, leaping with joy! They hopped all the way through the paddock full of golden dandelions.

They hopped all the way to the milking shed. There was Apple Blossom the cow munching on some hay after having just been milked but the frogs barely noticed her quietly chewing. In all their excitement the frogs accidentally jumped into the metal bucket, which was half filled with cream, which had been separated from her milk.

The sides of the bucket were slippery and it was hard to hold on to, they tried and tried but there was no way for them to get out. The frogs shouted "Help! Help!", there was no help coming their way because the farmer had taken Apple Blossom back to her paddock in the sun. They were forced to stay inside and swim, and swim, and swim. They kept swimming for some time, it was very tiring and they were soon exhausted.

The big frog groaned "What is the use of swimming, we will never get out of here. I'm already tired, I can't swim anymore". "Don't give up my friend, let's keep trying!" encouraged his little friend. They swam some more after that.

The little frog said "Let's keep trying as long as we can". So they kept swimming and swimming. They were getting so tired and then the little frog had an idea: "Let's sing a song to keep us going." And so they sang:

"Five green and speckled frogs sat on a speckled log,  
Eating some most delicious bugs -- YUM YUM!  
One jumped into the pool where it was nice and cool,  
Then there were four green speckled frogs.

Four green and speckled frogs sat on a speckled log,  
Eating some most delicious bugs -- YUM YUM!  
One jumped into the pool where it was nice and cool,  
Then there were three green speckled frogs.

Three green and speckled frogs sat on a speckled log,  
Eating some most delicious bugs -- YUM YUM!  
One jumped into the pool where it was nice and cool,  
Then there were two green speckled frogs.

Two green and speckled frogs sat on a speckled log,  
Eating some most delicious bugs -- YUM YUM!  
One jumped into the pool where it was nice and cool,  
Then there was one green speckled frog.

One green and speckled frog sat on a speckled log,  
Eating some most delicious bugs -- YUM YUM!  
One jumped into the pool where it was nice and cool,  
Then there were no green speckled frogs."

Once they finished singing, the little frog noticed that his little legs were moving very slowly, hardly managing to stay on top of the cream. He said to his friend "It is getting very hard to move my legs, I must be so tired". The big frog replied "I think it is getting harder too". The cream got thicker and thicker until they noticed that it had become so thick. They had churned the cream into butter! As soon as the butter was solid enough to stand on they jumped with all their strength and leaped outside the bucket.

They hopped happily home to their lily pad in the pond, glad to be able to move so freely once more! What a fine adventure they had!