Chikkiri Chakkiri

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Chikkiri chakkiri,
Round as a plum.
The cat played her flute
And the mouse beat his drum.
Imbilli kimbilli,
Roses so red.
The pig leaped right over
The buffalo's head.
Jhataka mataka,  
Kettle of tea.  
The cow danced the bhangra  
Around the neem tree.
Thandana thindana,
Jamun so sweet.
The dog sang ghazals to
The old parakeet.
Karukku murukku,
Oh, what a bother!
We’re spotted at play
By the farmer’s grandmother!
Dhadaka bhadaka,
Hearts beat like drums.
Will she blurt our secret
Out to everyone?

Jingiri jangiri,
Shiny, bright sun.
She kicks off her slippers
And joins in the fun!
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(English)

Chikkiri chakkiri, the cat’s playing her flute and the mouse is beating his drum. Put on your dancing shoes and dance to the beat of this playful verse.

This is a Level 2 book for children who recognize familiar words and can read new words with help.

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