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I'm Watching... I'll Call You Back

By Patricia Rust

I'm watching a rainbow... I'll call you back.

I'm watching some ants build a bridge... I'll call you back.

I'm watching some snapping alligators... I'll call you back.

I'm watching a kite fly... I'll call you back.

I'm watching a dog bury a bone... I'll call you back.

I'm looking for the moon... I'll call you back.

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I'm chasing my shadow... I'll call you back.

I'm counting the steps a dachshund makes... I'll call you back.

I'm following some footprints... I'll call you back.

I'm watching a cat lick its fur... I'll call you back.

I'm watching cookies bake in the oven... I'll call you back.

I'm watching a hummingbird fly in one place... I'll call you back.

I'm watching the moon glow... I'll call you back.

I'm building a castle... I'll call you back.

I'm making finger-paints... I'll call you back.

I'm eating an orange... I'll call you back.

I'm singing a song... I'll call you back.

I'm gonging a gong... I'll call you back.

I'm listening to jazz music... I'll call you back.

I'm writing a poem... I'll call you back.

I'm pedaling a bike... I'll call you back.

I'm counting cloud shapes... I'll call you back.

I'm tapping my toes... I'll call you back.

I'm playing with a baby's fingers... I'll call you back.

I'm kissing all your freckles... I'll call you back.

I'm counting jelly beans in a jar... I'll call you back.

I'm watching a flag wave... I'll call you back.

I'm hanging up the phone... I'll call you back.

So much to do, so little time!

The End

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CHILDREN'S NEWS:

George Washington's Wooden Teeth

This weekend we celebrate President's Day, a holiday that honors George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. Many myths surround George Washington, including the legend that he had wooden teeth. While it is true that he had only one of his own teeth when he became president, his false teeth were actually made from a combination of cow's teeth, human teeth, and elephant ivory set in a lead base. To learn more about George Washington, go to www.MountVernon.org.

IN THE NEWS:

Non-Profits Still Struggling as Economy Improves

It's a challenging time for foundations. We are sorely in need of funding and do not have a person to fill out grant applications, which we tried doing for a year to no avail. We see no other way to generate much needed funding at this time unless you or your company can make a generous tax-deductible donation. Please contact us for donation forms or visit www.PowerforKids.com to make a tax-deductible donation.

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Power for Kids, Inc. helps children by encouraging literacy and a lifelong commitment to reading.

Power for Kids, Inc. is a grassroots literacy organization whose aim is to educate, motivate, and excite elementary school children to the wonders of reading at an early age. We believe that by reading to a child, helping one child at a time, we can stamp out this problem. Our organization's "Royal Readers" program provides books, interactive reading sessions, and educational activities for children at elementary schools across the country. Our "Create-A-Book" program empowers children by helping them write and bind their own books.

Our motto is Live, Laugh, Learn

Helping Kids Become Royal Readers!

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