

Tikki Tikki Tembo

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| Once upon a time, long, long ago, all fathers and mothers | 11 |
| in China gave their first-born sons great long names. | 20 |
| Second born sons were given names that were not long at | 31 |
| all. | 32 |
| In a small village in China lived a mother who had two | 44 |
| sons. Her second born son she called Chang, which means | 54 |
| “little or nothing.” | 57 |
| Her first-born son she called Tikki tikki tembo-no sa | 66 |
| rembo, which means “most wonderful thing in the whole wide | 76 |
| world.” | 77 |
| Every morning the mother went to wash clothes in a | 87 |
| river near the village. Her two young sons always went with | 98 |
| her. | 99 |
| On the bank of the river was an old well. | 109 |
| Every day the mother would say to her sons, “Don’t go | 120 |
| near the well. It is deep and you will surely fall in.” | 132 |
| The young boys did not always mind their mother. | 141 |