

The Town Mouse and The Country Mouse

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(A re-telling of the traditional tale interspersed with song and the opportunity to create music depicting sounds of the town and of the country)

Narrator: This is the story of The Town Mouse and The Country Mouse.

Song Verse 1

(Tune: Old MacDonald had a Farm)

The Town Mouse and The Country Mouse were cousins so they say,
One lived down a country lane, the other in a town far away.
One like noise, one like quiet,
Noise, quiet, noise, quiet, noise, quiet, noise, quiet.
The Town Mouse and The Country Mouse were cousins so they say!

Narrator: The Country mouse lived deep in the roots of an old tree. He was busy all day looking for nuts and berries to store as food for the winter. Late one night Country Mouse was surprised to see his cousin Town Mouse coming down the lane to visit him.

Song Verse 2

(Tune: Old MacDonald had a Farm)

The Town Mouse lived in a great big house in the middle of the town.
There was plenty of food, it was warm and dry but danger lurked all around.
There were dogs there were cats, there were cars there were rats,
There were Hoovers' for the mats, there was noise and rows of flats.
The town mouse lived in a great big house in the middle of the town.

Narrator: Listen to the sounds the Town mouse was used to hearing in his home.

Children to create music depicting the sounds of a bustling town

Narrator: The Town Mouse soon found that he did not like the country. He thought it was too dark and too quiet. He did not like the plain food, the cold, the work, the dirt and he was frightened of the country birds and animals. He told the Country Mouse that town life was much more exciting and asked the Country Mouse to go home with him.

Song Verse 3

(Tune: Old MacDonald had a Farm)

The Country Mouse looked for food all day and lived in the roots of a tree.

He loved the sounds and the colours of his home, he was happy oh so happy as could be.

He heard the wind in the trees, the birds and the bees,

He saw the sunset in the sky and the blossom on the trees.

The Country Mouse looked for food all day and lived in the roots of a tree.

Narrator: Listen to the sounds the Country Mouse was used to hearing in his home.

Children to create music depicting the sounds heard in the country.

Narrator: When they arrived in the middle of the town Country Mouse had never heard such an awful noise or seen so many people and bright lights. The town mice made him very welcome but everything was so big and the food was so rich that the Country Mouse soon felt very homesick. He decided to go home.

That night the Town Mouse went across town for some fun at the theatre. He was very happy.

The same night Country Mouse lay on his hill watching the sunset then counting the stars. He was very happy too.

Song Verse 4

(Tune: Old MacDonald had a Farm)

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THE END!

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