Read to me
Jane Yolen

Read to me riddles and read to me rhymes
Read to me stories of magical times

Read to me tales about castles and kings
Read to me stories of fabulous things

Read to me pirates and read to me knights
Read to me dragons and dragon-book fights

Read to me spaceships and cowboys and then
When you are finished- please read them again.
Pass The Poems, Please
Jane Baskwill

Pass the poems please
Pile them on my plate
Put them right in front of me
For I can hardly wait
To take each tangy word
To try each tasty rhyme
And when I've tried them once or twice
I'll try them one more time:
So pass the poems please
They just won't leave my head
I have to have more poems
Before I go to bed.
GOOD BOOKS, GOOD TIMES!

Good books.
Good times.
Good stories.
Good rhymes.

Good beginnings.
Good ends.
Good people.
Good friends.

Good fiction.
Good facts.
Good adventures.
Good acts.

Good stories.
Good rhymes.
Good books.
Good times.
Open A Book
By Jane Baskwill

Open a book
And you will find
People and places of every kind

Open a book
And you can be
Anything that you want to be:

Open a book
And you can share
Wondrous worlds you find in there

Open a book
And I will too,
You read to me
And I'll read to you.
I MET A DRAGON FACE TO FACE
Jack Prelutsky

I met a dragon face to face
the year when I was ten,
I took a trip to outer space,
I braved a pirate's den,

I wrestled with a wicked troll,
and fought a great white shark,
I trailed a rabbit down a hole,
I hunted for a snark.

I stowed aboard a submarine,
I opened magic doors,
I travelled in a time machine,
and searched for dinosaurs,

I climbed atop a giant's head,
I found a pot of gold,
I did all this in books I read
when I was twelve years old.
Books To the Ceiling
Arnold Lobel

Books to the ceiling

Books to the sky

My piles of books are a mile high

How I love them, how I need them

I’ll have a long beard by the time I read them
THERE IS A LAND
Leland B. Jacobs

There is a land -
A marvellous land -
Where trolls and giants dwell;

Where witches
With their bitter brew
Can cast a magic spell;

Where mermaids sing,
Where carpets fly,
Where, in the midst of night,
Brownies dance
To cricket tunes;
And ghosts, all shivery and white,
Prowl and moan.

There is a land
Of magic folks and deeds,
And anyone
Can visit there
Who reads and reads and reads.
Adventures with Books
Velda Blumhagen

Books are ships that sail the seas
To lands of snow or jungle trees
And I'm the captain bold and free
Who will decide which place we'll see

Come let us sail the magic ship
Books are trains in many lands
Crossing hills or desert sands
And I'm the engineer who guides
The train on its exciting rides.

Come, let us ride the magic train
Books are zoos that make a home
For birds and beasts not free to roam
And I'm the keeper of the zoo
I choose the things to show to you
Come, let us visit in a zoo

Books are gardens, fairies, elves
Cowboys and people like ourselves
And I can find with one good look
Just what I want inside a book
Come, let us read! For reading's fun!
What is a Book?
Lora Daunt

A book is pages, pictures and words
A book is animals, people and birds

A book is stories of queens and kings
Poems and songs—so many things!

Curled in a corner where I can hide
With a book I can journey far and wide

Though it's only paper from end to end
A book is a very special friend.
BOOKS
Eileen Burkard Norris

Books
Lead children
To other lands.

Books
Bind children
With friendship's bands.

Books
Tell children
Of bygone days.

Books
Bring children
Tomorrow's ways!
Keep a Poem in Your Pocket
Beatrice Schenk de Regniers

Keep a poem in your pocket
and a picture in your head
and you'll never feel lonely
at night when you're in bed.

The little poem will sing to you
the little picture bring to you
a dozen dreams to dance to
you
at night when you're in bed.

So--

Keep a picture in your pocket
and a poem in your head
and you'll never feel lonely
at night when you're in bed.
Books
Helen H. Moore

If you read a few, then you'll know it's true: Books are really good for you!

Chefs read cook books,
Pirates? "Hook" books!
Little kids read lift-and-look books!

We read books of poems and prose - Some of these and some of those.

Read some too, and you'll agree, Books are good for you and me!
Reading in Bed
Helen H. Moore

Oh, what could be better
Than reading in bed,
Or thinking about
All the books that you've read?

With someone who loves you,
A father, a mother,
A doll, or a pet,
Or a sister or brother,
A grandma, a grandpa,
An uncle, an aunt -
(Can you think of anything better? I can't!)

While outside the sky
Is all twinkling with light,
From stars that shine down
As we sleep through the night.

Oh, what could be better
Than sleepin' in bed,
When the books that you love
Fill the dreams in your head?
Books are for Looks
Isabelle Spooner

Books are for looks; a look for a tale
Of possibly a lion, a tiger, or a whale.

A look for adventure, exciting, intense
With mystery unfolding and growing suspense.

A look for a fact, to inform or relate,
A picture, a poem, or a word to locate.

You never can tell when you start to look
What interesting things may come in a book!
I Like a Book
M. Lucille Ford

I like a book. It tells me things
Of ancient peoples and their kings
And what they used to do;

Of giants in some far-off land
And things I hardly understand,
Both make-believe and true.

I like books. It's fun to see
How interesting they can be -
As people are. And so....

I try to treat them like a
friend
And many pleasant hours spend
In learning what they know.
Books
Solveig Paulson Russell

Books are friends who take you far
Wherever you would go,
From torrid lands and jungle ways
To northern fields of snow.

Books bring us gifts from long ago
And hints of future days,
And lead the mind refreshingly
On unfamiliar ways.

Books are the chests of pirate gold
Where wealth in stories lies
As varied as the clouds that blow
Across November skies.
Reading Books
Vivian G. Gouled

I like to read all kinds of books
To entertain myself,
And so I'm glad when I can take
A book down from the shelf.

I like the picture books of planes,
Of flowers, birds, and ships
From which I can imagine that
I'm taking wonder trips.

I like the books with stories in
And also books of rhymes;
I often try to learn a few
And say them lots of times.

I like to read all kinds of books
I find upon the shelf -
Particularly now that I
Can read quietly by myself!
Magic Keys
Leah Gibbs Knobbe

Would you like to travel far
From the place where now you are?
Read a book!

Would you nature's secrets know,
How her children live and grow?
Read a book!

Is it adventure that you crave,
On land or on ocean wave?
Read a book!

Would you like to talk with kings?
Or to fly with Lindbergh's wings?
Read a book!

Would you look on days gone by?
Know scientific reasons why?
Read a book!

The world before you will unfold,
For a magic key you hold
When you read a book!
Storyboat
Bobbi Katz

It's time to read a story,
so climb aboard with me,
and we can sail a story boat
across a magic sea.

We can visit jungles
or rub noses with a bear.
We can visit any place
and sail to anywhere.

We can learn a lot of stuff
from sailin' story boats -
like how to ride on elephants
or how skinks got striped coats.

We can meet a bunch of kids
that we'll be glad to know,
and when the summer gets too hot,
we'll sail in seas of snow!
When You Can Read
Bobbi Katz

When you can read, then you can go from Kalamazoo to Idaho -

Or read directions that explain just how to build a model plane -

Or bake a cake or cook a stew - The words will tell you what to do!

When you can read, then you can play a brand new game the proper way -

Or get a letter from a friend and read it . . . to the very end!
Look in a Book
Ivy O. Eastwick

Look in a book and you will see words and magic and mystery.

Look in a book and you will find sense and nonsense of every kind.

Look in a book and you will know all the things that can help you grow.
At the Library
by Nikki Grimes

I flip the pages of a book and slip inside,
Where crystal seas await and pirates hide.

I find a paradise where birds can talk,
Where children fly and trees prefer to walk.

Sometimes I end up on a city street.
I recognize the brownskin girl I meet.

She's skinny, but she's strong, brave, and wise.
I smile because I see me in her eyes.
Reading Adventures
Rosemarie Williams

Adventures can be with you every day
Pick up a book and you're on your way
Reading every day or night
A book should never be far from your sight

Try to read about some history
You'll find out Florida's mystery
A library has many books you need
So get going and start to READ

Read magazines and newspapers, too
Computers always have something new
Go to the library night or day
Choose a book - get on your way

Read at the beach or mountain top
Reading time must never stop.
Off to school or work you go
Filled with knowledge that you'll know

Our life is helped by what reading brings
Directions, travel signs and many things.
Reading is fun, and it's something to do
So HAPPY READING to you, and you and YOU!
TWENTY MINUTES A DAY
By Richard Peck

Read to your children
Twenty minutes a day;
You have the time,
And so do they.

Read while the laundry is in the machine;
Read while the dinner cooks;
Tuck a child in the crook of your arm
And reach for the library books.

Hide the remote,
Let the computer games cool,
For one day your children will be off to school:
Remedial? Gifted? You have the choice;
Let them hear the first tales
In the sound of your voice.

Read in the morning;
Read over noon;
Read by the light of
Goodnight Moon.

Turn the pages together,
Sitting close as you'll fit,
Till a small voice beside you says,
Hey, don't quit.
"I READ: because one life isn't enough, and in the pages of a book I can be anybody;

I READ: because the words that build the story become mine, to build my life;

I READ: not for happy endings but for new beginnings; I'm just beginning myself, and I wouldn't mind a map;

I READ: because I have friends who don't and young though they are they're beginning to run out of materials;

I READ: because every journey begins at the library, and it's time for me to start packing;

I READ: because one of these days I'm going to get out of this town and I'm going to go everywhere and meet everyone, and I want to be ready."

By Richard Peck