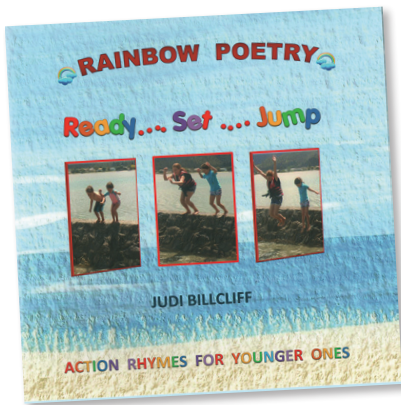


# Ready...Set...Jump!



## About the Author



Judi Billcliff (ATCL Drama Practical) works full time as a drama teacher, writer and workshop presenter. Judi's love of language came from her mother Alma, who was an exceptional raconteur, and prolific writer. Poetry and rhyme are her passion, so a poetry book was always in the pipeline. After the success of her fun collection 'Granny Does The Boogey,' her smaller connection 'Ready...Set...Jump,' action rhymes for younger children followed in December 2013. This collection includes the 2013 prize winning rhyme 'Tahi, Rua, Toru.' Her next collection is due out in May 2014 and is titled 'Granny Goes To Hip Hop.'

### Excerpt:

Tahi rua toru - one two three.  
Who would like to play a counting game with me?

First you stand on one leg c a r e f u l l y...  
how long before you wobble about?  
One - two - three.

Then you stand on two legs  
And jump very high.  
Hold your arms up in the air  
And try and touch the sky.

Around you go 1, 2, 3  
Spinning like a top.  
Do you feel all giddy?  
Now fall down with a...PLOP!

Tahi rua toru - one two three  
Take a bow for playing  
A counting game with me.

How long can you stand on one leg for? Have you seen a mermaid rescued by a dolphin? Is pulling faces a fun family game? Can you yawn as wide as Ginger the cat?

Ready...Set...Jump! is a collection of action rhymes that will delight young children. Written by Judi Billcliff, they are designed help children with coordination and to learn the basics of rhyme. Children are guaranteed to have fun while learning. Some of the rhymes have basic Māori words as an introduction to the language.

### Selected Bibliography

2001	<i>Caught In The Net</i>	Adult comedy performance rights sold to theatre company
2003	<i>Santa's Last Stand</i>	Children's pantomime performance rights sold to theatre company
2013	<i>Granny Does The Boogey</i>	- Rainbow Poetry
2013	<i>Ready...Set...Jump!</i>	- Rainbow Poetry

## What the author says:

After having success as a winner in an early childhood national poetry competition, it inspired me to look at writing a collection specifically aimed at younger children. My research told me there was a lack of fresh and fun action rhymes for 2 to 6 year olds, and knowing that rhyme is a vital tool in children's oral language 'Ready...Set...Jump' was born. My grandchildren are a great inspiration, and with three of them having Maori heritage, I felt it was a wonderful opportunity to include some basic Maori words as an introduction to the beautiful language that is our heritage.

## Classroom Activities

### WRITTEN LANGUAGE:

Match these words

- Pakipaki Stamp
- E noho Stand
- Takahia Sit
- E Tū Clap

### VISUAL ARTS/LANGUAGE:

- Draw a picture of your pet.
- Make a collage of the garden where Ginger the cat lives.
- Draw a happy face.
- Draw a sad face.
- Draw a scary face.
- Make a stick puppet.

### READING:

- What did the children spin like when they turned around?
- The children take a bow for playing what sort of game?
- What does e noho mean?
- What are the pretty little mermaids sitting on?
- Who helps the mermaids back onto the rocks?
- How do you wash off mud?
- What does the dog like to do?
- What does the word hari mean?
- What does the stretching cat do? Sleep.....snore.....or give itself some licks?

### HEALTH AND WELLBEING:

- Why do you brush your teeth?
- What do you wash your hands with?
- How could you help your friend if she was sad?
- What makes you angry?
- What jobs can you do to help look after your pet?
- What is something nice you could do for your brother or sister?

### ACTIONS/DRAMA:

- Stand on one leg - how long before you wobble about?
- Divide children into mermaids, waves and dolphins and act out Pretty Little Mermaids.
- Repeat the rhyme having one group say the rhyme using the rhythm of Incy Wincy Spider.
- Another group can beat out the rhythm as the rhyme is said.
- The third group can do dance movements e.g. as fish or waves or mermaids would move or dance.
- Using Sleepy Cat, read each verse and have the children act out the actions.

Sleeping cats curled up.  
Stretching cats licking themselves clean.  
Hungry cats rubbing their tummies, catching a mouse, then going back to sleep again.

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