Swinging on a Star
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Would you like to swing on a star—— Carry moon-beams home in a jar——
And be bet-ter off than you are——? Or would you rather be a Mule?

A mule is an ani-mal with long fun-ny ears he kicks up at any-thing he hears
His back is brawny but his brain is weak. He's just plain stupid with a stub-born streak
and by the way, if you hate to go to school You may grow up to be a mule

Or would you like to swing on a star—— Carry moon-beams home in a jar——
And be bet-ter off than you are——? Or would you rather be a Pig?

A pig is an ani-mal with dirt on his face—— His shoes are a terri-ble dis-grace
He has no manners when he eats his food. He's fat and lazy and ex-treme-ly rude
But if you don't care a feather or a fig You may grow up to be a pig

Or would you like to swing on a star—— Carry moon-beams home in a jar——
And be bet-ter off than you are——? Or would you rather be a fish?

A fish won't do any-thing but swim in a brook. He can't write his name or read a book
To fool the people is his on-ly thought and though he's slip-pery he still gets caught
But then if that sort of life is what you wish You may grow up to be a fish

And all the mon-keys aren't in the zoo—— Every day you meet quite a few——
So, you see, it's all up to you—— You can be better than you are——
You could be swingin' on a star!