

6- Three blind mice

"**Three Blind Mice**" is an English-language **nursery rhyme** and **musical round**.

A version of this rhyme, together with music, was published in 1609, although it could have been written earlier, and refers to Queen Mary I of England **blinding and executing three Protestant bishops**. The mice's "blindness" could also refer to the bishops' Protestantism.

The song tells us the story of three mice who seek adventure, eventually being taken in by a farmer whose wife chases them from the house and into a bramble bush, which blinds them. Soon after, their tails are removed by "the butcher's wife". The story ends with them using a tonic to grow new tails and recover their eyesight, learning a trade (making wood chips), buying a house and living happily ever after.

The rhyme only entered children's literature in 1842 when it was published in a collection.

Robert Schumann's *Kreisleriana n^o 7* appears to be based upon "Three Blind Mice", but in a predominantly minor key. Also *Fiddle-Faddle*, by Leroy Anderson.

Youtube: *Row your boat* and other nursery rhymes (medley) – Ella Fitzgerald and Bing Crosby

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iJXx-Bj8g_w

Youtube: *Kreisleriana n^o 7* – Robert Schumann

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zh1fWkarr4I>

Youtube: *Fiddle-Faddle* – Leroy Anderson

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=23laBBvHm00>

Original y traducción libre al español	
Versos originales en inglés	Traducción al español
Three blind mice. Three blind mice. See how they run. See how they run. They all ran after the farmer's wife, Who cut off their tails with a carving knife, Did you ever see such a sight in your life, As three blind mice?	Tres ratones ciegos. Tres ratones ciegos. Mira cómo corren. Mira cómo corren. Persiguen todos a la mujer del granjero, que les cortó las colas con un cuchillo afilado. ¿Habías visto alguna vez en tu vida algo parecido, tres ratones ciegos?