One Day My Best Friend Barbara Turned Into a Frog

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One day my best friend Barbara turned into a frog A hoppin' and a jumpin' on every rock and log Now she stays at home all day and all she wants to do Is go swimming in the river and in her bathtub, too And it's ribitt in the morning, ribitt every night Ribitt when it's dark outside, ribitt when it's light

Her clothes don't fit her anymore, though she was always short No babysitter will sit for her; they're afraid of getting warts She doesn't eat her breakfast, she says she'd rather die Instead she goes out to catch gnats and bees and flies

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She's got a voice that's kind of scratchy. She's got lots of funny bumps

But you should see her play basketball; you should see the way she jumps

Now she sits in school and while the other kids make jokes My best friend Barbara sits on the desk and croaks... And it's ribitt in the morning, ribitt every night Ribitt when it's dark outside, ribitt when it's light