

# Dinosaurs at Play

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I went down to dinosaur town  
One Saturday morning, early  
I was a little nervous  
So I took my good friend Shirley  
The dinosaurs came out to play  
The ground was really shaking  
And when they started jumping rope  
They started an earth-quaking  
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To see dinosaurs at play  
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They're very large and grey  
You'd better stay out of the way  
Of the dinosaurs at play  
We hid in the undergrowth  
And there we saw before us  
As big as any battleship  
A giant brontosaurus  
Its neck was long and slender  
And its long tail was a-thumping  
She swung her neck around and 'round  
And the little ones they were jumping  
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A Stegosaurus lumbered by  
He looked a little grumpy  
With great big plates all up his spine  
They made him seem quite lumpy  
The little ones ran along his back  
Around the plates were peeking  
It made us laugh to see them all  
As they were hide-and-seeking  
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But then we saw them stop their play  
We heard a frightening chorus  
As through the trees there burst the form  
Of fierce Tyrannosaurus  
His teeth were huge and sharp as knives  
His little red eyes were smoking  
But then he started laughing  
And he told them he'd been joking  
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