Once upon a time there was an old man. In the springtime he went out into his garden and sowed some turnip seeds in the ground. The rain fell, the sun shone and as the days went by, little green shoots began to appear. Underneath the shoots some turnips began to grow. But one of them grew much faster than all the others. It grew and grew and grew, bigger and bigger and bigger until it was enormous!

Song 1. BIGGER AND BIGGER AND BIGGER

1 In the ground grew a seed, small and brown,
   In the ground grew a seed, then the rain came down.
   It got bigger and bigger and bigger,
   Bigger and bigger it got,
   It grew and grew and grew into an enormous turnip!

2 First it grew a little shoot, fresh and green,
   Then it grew into the biggest turnip ever seen.
   It got bigger and bigger and bigger,
   Bigger and bigger it got,
   It grew and grew and grew into an enormous turnip!

3 Bulging up above the ground, what a size!
   Nobody who saw it there could believe their eyes.
   It got bigger and bigger and bigger,
   Bigger and bigger it got,
   It grew and grew and grew into an
   Enormous, wonderful, mighty, marvellous,
   Gigantic turnip!

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One day, when it was nearly dinner time, the old man was feeling very hungry.

I’d like some turnip for my dinner.

So he went out to the garden. He took hold of the turnip top and he pulled and pulled and pulled.
Pull, pull, pull!

But he could not pull up the enormous turnip. So the old man called for his wife.

Please can you come and help me?

The old woman took hold of her husband’s waist. The old man pulled at the turnip and the old woman pulled the old man. They pulled and pulled and pulled.

Pull, pull, pull!

But they could not pull up the enormous turnip. So the old woman called to a little boy.

Please can you come and help us?

The little boy put his arms around the old woman’s waist. Then the old man pulled at the turnip, the old woman pulled the old man and the little boy pulled the old woman. They pulled and pulled and pulled.

Pull, pull, pull!

But they could not pull up the enormous turnip. So the little boy called to a little girl.

Please can you come and help us?

The little girl took hold of the little boy’s jumper. Then the old man pulled at the turnip, the old woman pulled the old man, the little boy pulled the old woman and the little girl pulled the little boy. They pulled and pulled and pulled.

Pull, pull, pull!

But they could not pull up the enormous turnip. So the little girl called to a big, friendly brown dog.

Please can you come and help us?

The dog took hold of the little girl’s belt. Then the old man pulled at the turnip, the old woman pulled the old man, the
little boy pulled the old woman, the little girl pulled the little boy and the big brown dog pulled the little girl. They pulled and pulled and pulled.

ALL          Pull, pull, pull!

NARRATOR     But they could not pull up the enormous turnip. So the dog called to a black-and-white cat who was sleeping by a bush.

DOG          Please can you come and help us?

NARRATOR     So the sleepy cat took hold of the dog's tail. Then the old man pulled at the turnip, the old woman pulled the old man, the little boy pulled the old woman, the little girl pulled the little boy, the big brown dog pulled the little girl and the sleepy cat pulled the big brown dog. They pulled and pulled and pulled.

ALL          Pull, pull, pull!

NARRATOR     They pulled and they pulled and they pulled.

ALL          Pull, pull, pull!

NARRATOR     They tugged and they tugged and they tugged.

ALL          Tug, tug, tug!

NARRATOR     Then they pulled again.

ALL          Pull, pull, pull!

NARRATOR     But still they could not pull up the enormous turnip! Now in the house lived a tiny grey mouse and all the time the little mouse had been watching. The cat called to the mouse.

CAT          Please can you come and help us?

LITTLE GIRL  We need you, tiny mouse.

LITTLE BOY   Please come and help.

NARRATOR     The tiny mouse took hold of the cat's tail. Then the old man pulled at the turnip, the old woman pulled the old man, the little boy pulled the old woman, the little girl pulled the little
boy, the big brown dog pulled the little girl, the sleepy cat pulled the big brown dog and the tiny mouse pulled the sleepy cat. They pulled and pulled and pulled.

ALL

Pull, pull, pull!

Song 2. PULL THAT TURNIP

1 Little old man, pull that turnip,
   Little old man, pull that turnip,  
   Little old man, pull that turnip,  
   Pull that turnip out!  
   Pull, pull, pull, pull!

2 Little old woman, pull the old man, 
   Little old woman, pull the old man, 
   Little old woman, pull the old man, 
   Pull that turnip out!  
   Pull, pull, pull, pull!

3 Little boy, pull the old woman, 
   Little boy, pull the old woman 
   Little boy, pull the old woman, 
   Pull that turnip out!  
   Pull, pull, pull, pull!

4 Little girl, pull the little boy, etc.

5 Big brown dog, pull the little girl, etc.

6 Sleepy cat, pull the brown dog, etc.

7 Tiny mouse, pull the sleepy cat, etc.

Pull, pull, pull, pull, pull, pull, pull!

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NARRATOR They tugged and they tugged and they tugged.

ALL Tug, tug, tug!
NARRATOR They heaved and they heaved and they heaved.

ALL Heave, heave, heave!

NARRATOR Then they pulled again.

ALL Pull, pull, pull!

NARRATOR Then suddenly, WHOOSH! The enormous turnip popped out of the ground and they all tumbled down together laughing.

Song 3. IT POPPED RIGHT OUT

1 It popped right out
   And everyone gave a shout.
   Up in the air, well I declare
   It popped right out.

2 It looked so grand
   Sitting on the land.
   Oh, what a sight, pink and white,
   It looked so grand.

3 They danced all around
   The turnip on the ground.
   A lovely prize in front of their eyes,
   They danced all around,
   They danced all around.

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NARRATOR All together they picked up the enormous turnip and carried it into the house. The old woman cut it up and made it into a wonderful turnip dinner.

Then the old man, the old woman, the little boy, the little girl, the big brown dog, the sleepy cat and the tiny mouse all sat down, and they ate and ate and ate. What a lovely dinner. And that was the end of the enormous turnip.
Song 4. TURNIP SOUP

1 Soup, soup, turnip soup,
   What a lot of soup.
Soup, soup, turnip soup,
   Enough for everyone,
   Turnip soup.

2 Stew, stew, turnip stew,
   What a lot of stew.
Stew, stew, turnip stew,
   Enough for everyone,
   Turnip stew.

3 Pie, pie, turnip pie,
   What a lot of pie.
Pie, pie, turnip pie,
   Enough for everyone,
   Turnip pie.

4 Repeat verse 1

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