

10. Morning Time At The Zoo

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When the sun peeks through the trees
And it's morning time at the zoo
The birds all sing a merry song
Tweedle-lee, deedle-lee doo

There's no chattering, clattering crowd
To scare the shy panda bear
It merrily chews on shoots of bamboo
Enjoying the fresh morning air

(Chorus): Morning time, morning time
Everything seems alive before people arrive
When it's morning time at the zoo

The chimpanzees swing down to the ground
Excitedly searching for something to eat
They grunt and hoot and chomp on fruit
Then scamper about on their hands and feet

The giraffe reaches high in the trees
And munches on bunches of leaves
With its towering neck and long slender legs
It reaches the branches with ease
(Repeat Chorus)

The lions growl and stretch their paws
Revealing their sharp curving claws
They grab chunks of meat and tear them to eat
Chomping with powerful jaws

The penguins waddle down to the pool
And dive in the water refreshing and cool
And if they get hungry they soon get their wish
When the zookeeper brings in a bucket of fish

When the cool of night disappears
And the hot sun is starting to rise
The hippos walk down and stand in the lake
And all you can see is their eyes
(Repeat Chorus)

This song is about an imaginary zoo where animals live in a more natural habitat. The chimpanzees live in the trees instead of a cage. The giraffe has plenty of leaves to munch on and the hippopotamus has a lake to cool off in when it gets hot. During the verses, you can act out each animal as it is named.

Verse 1: Sun rises and birds sing and fly about

Verse 2: Panda chews on shoots of bamboo

Verse 3: Chimpanzees scamper about on hands and feet

Verse 4: Giraffe reaches high and munches on leaves

Verse 5: Lion stretches its paws then tears and chews chunks of me

Verse 6: Penguins waddle to pool, swim and eat fish

Verse 7: Hippo walks into water getting lower with each step

Follow up: *What are some other animals you might find in a zoo? (Examples: camel, elephant, gorilla, kangaroo, tiger, zebra)
What is your favorite animal?*



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