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383 words with nursery rhyme  
342 words without—so, in  
terms of original words, I  
made it, right?

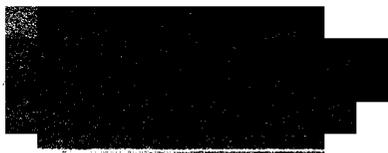
## NURSERY CRIMES

Having finished sanding the design from my neighbor's Mexican tile entryway, there was nothing left to do but rummage through his desk. Under his bills, his insurance policies, his stay of execution, and his newspaper clippings all containing the word "disingenuous," was a collection of nursery rhymes, the most insidious of which was this:

Goosey, goosey gander  
Where shall I wander?  
Upstairs and downstairs,  
And in my lady's chamber.

There I met an old man  
Who would not say his prayers.  
So I took him by the left leg  
And threw him down the stairs.

The first problem are the pronunciations of "gander" and "wander." Are these meant to rhyme or merely scan? Were they imagined to be initial-letter-variant homonyms? (I just made that up.) One could conceivably belabor that point, and I, for one, do not intend to. Rhyming isn't everything, especially when there is a goosey, goosey gander wandering in my lady's chamber. Lord knows how many times my lady was startled to find some fowl trampling her bedclothes.



So who, exactly, is responsible for this scandalous nursery rhyme? I don't know. There are no clues. But let us, for the sake of argument, assume it is Ann-Margaret. No, I mean Vin Diesel. (I always get them confused.) Regardless, this person must have been strong enough to take an old man by his leg and throw him down the stairs.

Secondly, this person must have had access to his lady's chambers, implying that he was known to his lady. (So far, Vin Diesel seems a likely suspect. I mean, I would recognize Vin.) The suspect would also necessarily be religious or else he would not have assaulted the old man for forgetting his prayers.

The only loose end that still needs to be ignored would be motive. Why would Vin Diesel be writing such drivel? (Remember—this is written in first person.) Perhaps he was despondent over being turned down for the role eventually won by Madonna in *Evita*.

All I know is that as long as Vin Diesel keeps writing violent and perverse nursery rhymes like this, no child in America is safe. Protect your children, Mothers of America, or the next thing you know, they'll all be playing video games. And Lord knows what'll happen to this country then.