



History and Origin

"**Itsy Bitsy Spider**" (also known as "**Incy Wincy Spider**" in Australia and Great Britain, and several other similar-sounding names) is a popular [nursery rhyme](#) that describes the adventures of a [spider](#) as it ascends, descends, and reascends the downspout or "waterspout" of a [gutter](#) system.

The popular nursery rhyme has been covered and sampled a number of times. [Bart Simpson](#) sang the rhyme in the tenth episode of season four of [The Simpsons](#), "[Lisa's First Word](#)". It was featured in the children's program [Dora the Explorer](#) and in the [South Park](#) episode "[Something You Can Do with Your Finger](#)". A child singing the rhyme twice can be heard in the opening of the [Criminal Minds](#) episode, "[Gatekeeper](#)". It is one of the main musical themes in the 2006 horror movie [Séance](#). In the Netflix adaptation of Lemony Snicket's [A Series of Unfortunate Events](#), during the middle of the episode "[Slippery Slope, Part 1](#)", during the scene where the [Baudelaires](#) escape the [Snow Scouts](#), [Lemony Snicket](#) tells the viewers to refer the scene to the song, knowing they learned it in their childhoods.

- 1980: [Patsy Biscoe](#) (as "Incy Wincy Spider") CD: *50 Favourite Nursery Rhymes Vol. 1*, also available as 3-CD set *150 Favourite Nursery Rhymes*
- 1987: [Carly Simon](#) on the [Coming Around Again](#) album
- 1988: Carly Simon on the [Greatest Hits Live](#) album
- 1989: [Nicole Kidman](#) on the [Dead Calm](#) soundtrack (as "Incy Wincy")
- 1991: [Little Richard](#) on the Disney CD *For Our Children*, to benefit the [Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation](#).
- 1995: Danish-Norwegian pop band [Aqua](#), then known by their original band name Joyspeed, released a single only "[Itsy Bitsy Spider](#)".
- 2002: [The Mars Volta](#) sampled the rhyme on their song "Eunuch Provocateur" from their extended play [Tremulant](#).
- 2002: [Raffi](#) sang this song on his *Let's Play* album by adding an additional verse.
- 2002: [Willem Dafoe](#) as [Green Goblin](#) in [Spider-Man](#)
- 2002: Joey DeLuxe during the credits of [Eight Legged Freaks](#)
- 2006: [EliZe](#) feat. Jay Colin released "[Itsy Bitsy Spider](#)" on the album [In Control](#).
- 2014: [Jamie Foxx](#) as [Electro](#) in [The Amazing Spider-Man 2](#)

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