

## **Nut Tree**

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Small, brown, hard, round,  
The nut is lying underground.

Now a shoot begins to show.  
Now the shoot begins to grow.

Tall, taller, tall as can be,  
The shoot is growing into a tree.

And branches grow, and stretch and spread  
With twigs and leaves above your head.

And on a windy autumn day  
The nut tree bends, the branches sway,

The leaves fly off and whirl around,  
And nuts go tumbling to the ground:  
Small, brown, hard, round.