

## Exemplar Poetry – “As I Was Going to St. Ives”

**Anonymous. “As I Was Going to St. Ives.” The Oxford Dictionary of Nursery Rhymes. Edited by Iona and Peter Opie. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1997. (c1800, traditional)**

As I was going to St. Ives,  
I met a man with seven wives,  
Each wife had seven sacks,  
Each sack had seven cats,  
Each cat had seven kits:  
Kits, cats, sacks, and wives,  
How many were there going to St. Ives?