The Hand Book

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Just so that everyone here understands
This is a book all about hands
Hands in my pockets
Hands in the sink
Hands can get dirty

Hands help you drink
Big Hands
Small Hands
Short Hands
Tall Hands
Hands that can write
Hands that can fight
Hands that point the way

Hands that tell you to stay
Hands that wear rings
Hands that wear things
Hands that like gloves
Hands that like doves
Which is your left hand?
It's easy to tell
Stick out your thumb
and it looks like an "L"
Hands can make shadows up on a wall
Hands can be helpful when bouncing a ball
I once saw a hand just as big as a whale
That escaped the parade and started to sail
This man used his hand to whistle real loud
To get the attention of the whole crowd
How many hands does it take to make pie?
Two are enough, I wouldn't lie
The twenty four arms of Mister McDennis
Had two dozen hands to help him play tennis
It helps to have hands to play in the band
But if you're a singer then you can just stand
Most hands have knuckles and hands can make signs
Hands can have wrinkles and some hands have lines
Some hands are skinny and some hands are fat
Dogs hands are called paws the same as a cat
Birds don't have hands

and neither do fishes

I used both my hands when washing the dishes
Hands can be warm
Hands can be cold
Hands can be young
Hands can be old
Hands are just hands

and never are feet
Except for a monkey now isn't that neat?

The End