



The Ugly Duckling – a Helicopter Stories version

There were six eggs. (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 can you pretend to be the eggs?)

Five of them started to hatch. (1, 2, 3, 4, 5 can you pretend to crack open, and the little duckling inside comes out? Can I see the ducklings waddling around the farmyard?)

But the last egg took longer. (Can I see the last egg hatching?)

When the duckling inside came out, he didn't look like the others. (Can you waddle around the stage?) His brothers and sisters laughed at him. (Can you pretend to laugh at the Ugly Duckling?)

This made the Ugly Duckling sad. (Can I see you looking sad?)

One day, Mother Duck took her ducklings to the pond. (Can you be Mother Duck? Can I see you swimming in the pond with your ducklings?) 'Follow me,' she said. (Shall we all say that?)

Some wild ducks flew by. (1, 2, 3 can you be the wild ducks flying around the stage?) They laughed at the Ugly Duckling. (Can you pretend to laugh at the Ugly Duckling?) The Ugly Duckling was very sad. (Can you look very sad? Okay, wild ducks, go and sit down.)

Mother Duck took her ducklings back to the farmyard. 'Follow me,' she said. (Shall we all say that? Can you all waddle around the stage to the farmyard?)

Some hens waddled past. (1, 2, 3 can you be the hens? Show me how the hens move around the stage.) They saw the Ugly Duckling and laughed at him. (Can you pretend to laugh at the Ugly Duckling?) The Ugly Duckling became even sadder. (Can you look even sad? Okay, hens, go and sit down.)

Mother Duck took her ducklings home. 'Follow me,' she said. (Shall we all say that? Let's see the ducklings walking around the stage?)

That night, the Ugly Duckling decided to run away. (Can everyone pretend to be asleep? Ugly Duckling, tiptoe past them as if you are running away. Okay, now everyone sit down except for the Ugly Duckling.)

He walked and walked. (Can I see you walking around the stage?)

Finally, he came to a big lake. Swimming in the lake were some beautiful swans. (1, 2, 3 can you be the swans swimming in the lake?)

The Ugly Duckling hid. (Can you pretend you are hiding from the swans?) But the swans saw him. (Can you swim over to the Ugly Duckling?)

The Ugly Duckling lowered his head, but when he saw his reflection in the water, he realised he had changed. "I am not an ugly duckling; I'm a swan," he said. (Shall we all say that?)

The Ugly Duckling swam with the swans and had the best time in his life, for he had found his home. (Can I see you swimming around the stage?)