

## **“Singing” by Robert Louis Stevenson A Chance to Illustrate the Organ Grinder**

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**W**hile there have been countless stories related to the organ grinder, perhaps the most famous published in America was the Poem *Singing* found in the book “A Child’s Garden of Verse” by Robert Louis Stevenson. Of special note are the various publications of this book, spanning at least nine decades and including a wide variety of illustrations of art. It’s impossible to know how many various publications there are of Mr. Stevenson’s work, I have over 40 in my collection, and I presume this is a fraction of what was published. With special thanks to Gina Andreassi and Shirley Kopp for their generous gifts over the years to my collection of Stevenson’s books.

The collection includes several poems and illustrations, fortunately, most of the books include an illustration of the organ grinder in association with the poem *Singing*. Unfortunately, not all illustrators nor years of publications are offered in every book.

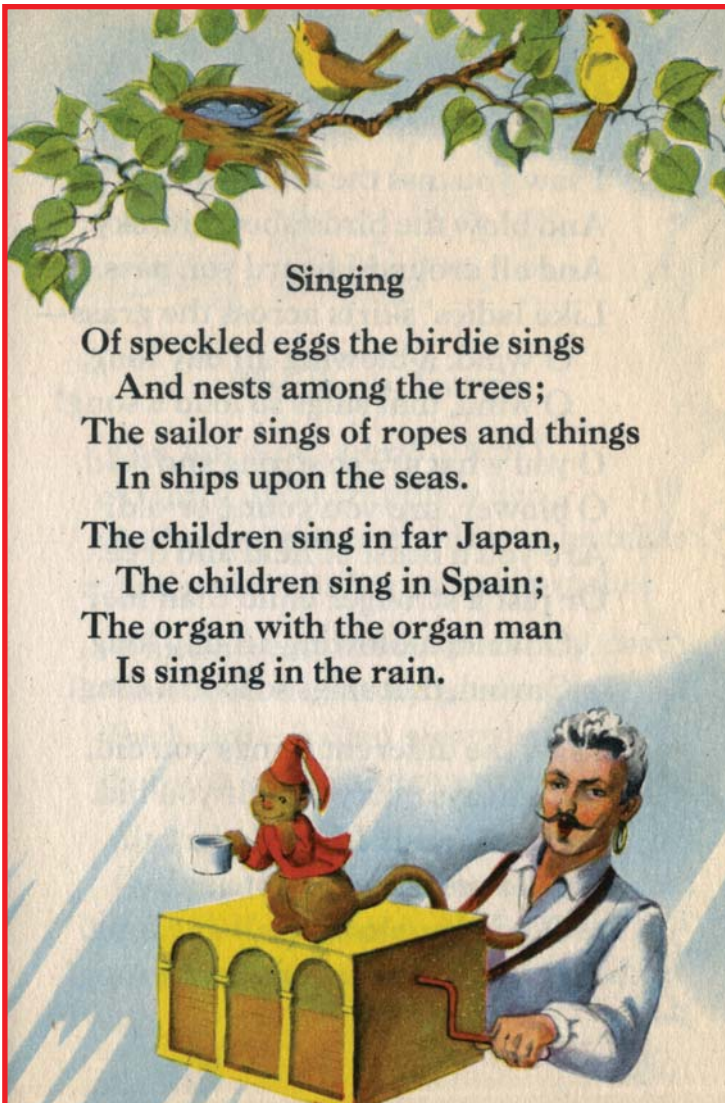


Figure 1. Illustrated by Janet Laura Scott in 1947.

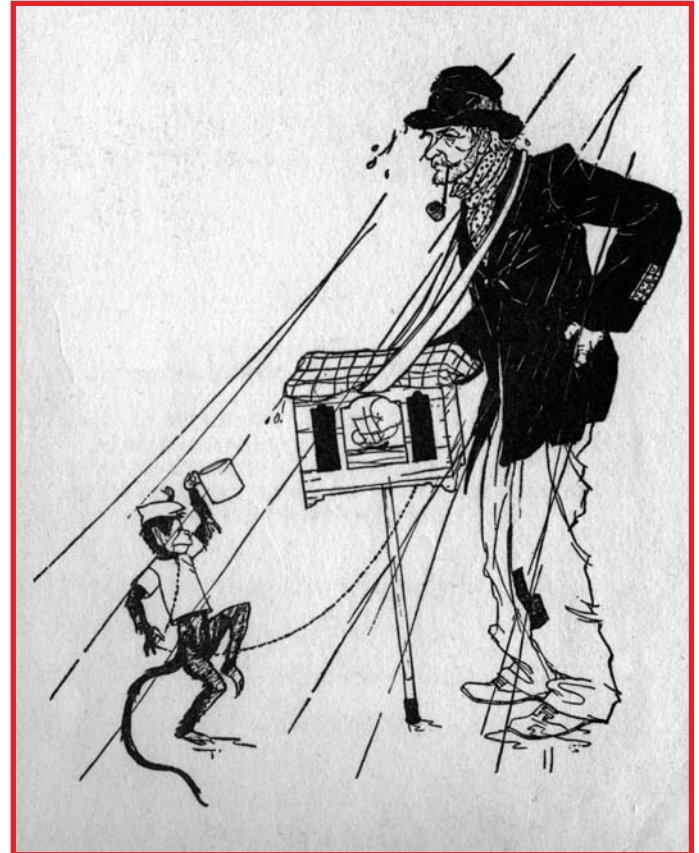
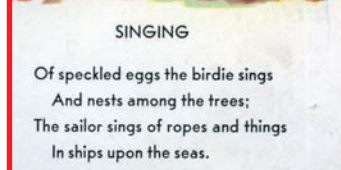
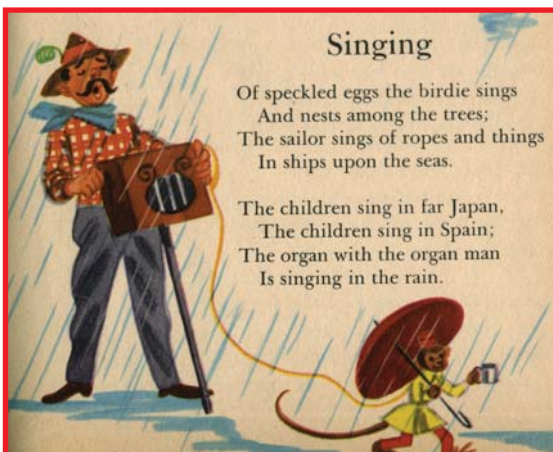
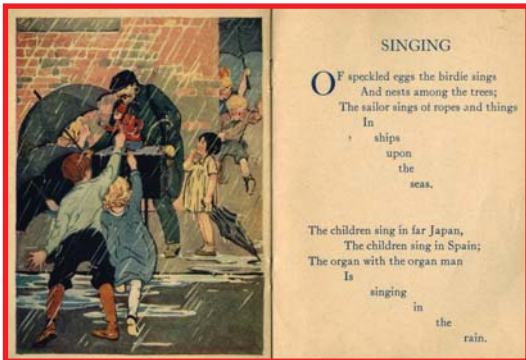
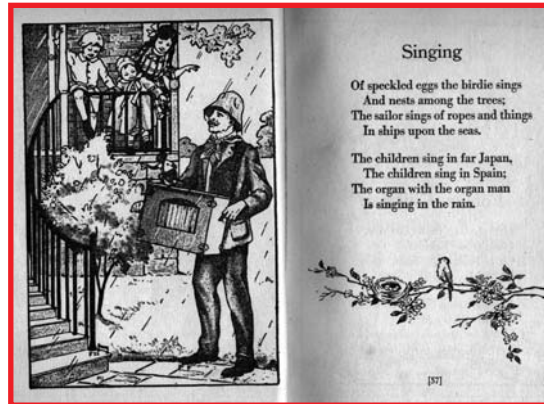


Figure 2 (above). Illustrated by Eloise Burns, date unknown.



Figure 3 (left). Illustrated by Brian Wild Smith in 1966.



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2nd Row, left: Paula Rees Good, 1931; center: 1917; right: Alice Martin Provense, 1951;  
3rd row, left: unknown; center: 1946; right: 1940.  
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