I'm Tyrannosaurus!
A Book of Dinosaur Rhymes

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Tyrannosaurus Rex
*Tie-ran-uh-SOR-us REX*
“Tyrant Lizard”

I’m Tyrannosaurus!
I’ve got it made;
With my long, sharp teeth,
I’m never afraid.
Diplodocus
*Dip-PLOD-uh-cus*
"Double Beam"

I am Diplodocus,
Gigantic and slow;
I like to eat plants
Wherever I go.
Leptoptygyius
Lep-toe-ter-IDGE-ee-us
"Partially Finned"

I'm Leptoptygyius,
I swim in the sea;
Underwater creatures
Better watch out for me!
Stegosaurus
Steg-uh-SOR-us
"Plated Lizard"

I’m Stegosaurus,
Big as a whale,
With plates on my back
And spikes on my tail.
Ankylosaurus
An-KY-luh-SOR-us
"Stiffened Lizard"

I’m Ankylosaurus
With spikes on my back
And a club-like tail —
Ready, aim, smack!
Triceratops
Try-SAIR-uh-tops
"Three-horned Face"

I’m Triceratops,
With horns and a beak
And a collar-like frill
That is rather unique.
**Quetzalcoatlus**

*Ket-sol-ko-AT-lus*
Named after Quetzalcoatl, the Aztec winged serpent god

I'm Quetzalcoatlus,
A reptile in the sky;
I haven't any feathers,
But I still can fly.
Coelophysis
See-low-FICE-sis
“Hollow Form”

I’m Coelophysis,
Swift and small,
I’m one of the oldest
Dinosaurs of all.
Saltopus
SAWL-tuh-puss
"Leaping Foot"

I’m little Saltopus
And I’ve been taught
If you don’t run away,
You’re gonna get caught!
Anatosaurus
An-at-uh-SOR-us
“Duck Lizard”

I’m Anatosaurus,
No big thrill,
Just a “dinosaur duck”
With a funny flat bill.
**Protoceratops**

Pro-to-SEER-uh-tops
"First Horned Face"

I’m Protoceratops
On four squat legs;
Like other dinosaurs,
I lay eggs.
Pteranodon
Ter-AN-uh-don
“Winged and Toothless”

I am Pteranodon,
I love to glide;
With my ten-foot wings
I can soar and slide.
Iguanodon
Ig-WAN-uh-don
"Iguana Tooth"

I am Iguanodon;
I sit on a seat
Which is really my tail
And can't be beat.
I'm Brachiosaurus —
Biggest of all;
I weigh 80 tons
And I'm four stories tall!
Facts About Dinosaurs

- All the facts stated in these poems are true, but in this book there are two kinds of pictures — real and imaginary. Can you tell which is which? The imaginary pictures (the big ones) will help you remember the facts about the animals in the small pictures.
- The word “dinosaur” means “terrible lizard.”
- Dinosaurs lived millions of years ago — long before people lived on the earth.
- Dinosaurs are extinct, which means that they all died out. There are no more dinosaurs today.
- Some dinosaurs ate plants, and some ate meat.
- Leptopterygius, pteranodon, and quetzalcoatlus were not dinosaurs, but they lived at the same time as the dinosaurs.
- If you like to study dinosaurs, maybe you’ll be a paleontologist when you grow up. A paleontologist is a dinosaur scientist.
- Paleontologists dig up dinosaur bones. The bones have turned into stones called fossils. Paleontologists assemble the bones into dinosaur skeletons to study. You can see some of these skeletons in dinosaur museums.