Context of Twinkly Tunes in a Nutshell
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- **AH VOUS DIRAIS JE MAMAN** is a nursery rhyme and tune that was written in France in the mid 1700's. Sing Books with Emily has created a humorous English translation which includes a sing-along sheet and guitar chords. In 1886, French composer Camille Saint-Saëns used an allusion to Ah vous dirai-je maman in the Fossils section of his work Carnival of the Animals.

- **BAA BAA BLACK SHEEP** was also written in the mid 1700's and is sung to a variant of the tune written for Ah vous dirai-je maman.

- **MOZART VARIATIONS:** To dispel idea that Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart composed the original tune or that he wrote it for Twinkle Little Star, Mozart (born in Salzburg, Austria but lived and worked in many European cities) did famously compose 12 Variations on the Ah vous dirai-je maman tune in 1781 or 1782.

- **TWINKLE LITTLE STAR** is a poem that was written by Jane Taylor in 1806. It was matched with the tune written in the 1700's for the French nursery rhyme Ah vous dirai-je maman.

- **ABC SONG** was copyrighted in 1835 by a music publisher in Boston. It was set to a variant of the tune originally written for the French Nursery Rhyme Ah vous dirai-je maman (you can sing the same tune with the ZYX Song)

- **TWINKLE LITTLE BAT** was written in 1865 by Lewis Carroll for his book Alice's Adventures in Wonderland. In the book, Twinkle Little Bat is sung by The Mad Hatter. Twinkle Little Bat is a parody of Twinkle Little Star. In early 2014, Emily created a spooky, minor key variant of the Ah vous dirai-je maman tune for Twinkle Little Bat.

- **SCINTILLATE SCINTILLATE** is a humorous obfuscation of the poem Twinkle Little Star, which first appeared in the weekly magazine Household Words, published in England in 1883, edited by Charles Dickens.

- **OH MOTHER DEAR PLEASE LISTEN UP** is a humorous English translation of Ah vous dirai-je maman, written by Emily Gleichenhaus for Sing Books with Emily in 2014, the link includes printable sing-along sheet and guitar chords.

One Twinkly Tune Many Songs