

The Butcher, the Baker, the Candlestick-maker

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Rub-a-dub-dub,
Three men in a tub,
And who do you think they be?
The butcher, the baker,
The candlestick-maker,
Turn them out knaves all three



Sovereign Hill

Digger-a-dig-dig
Three men do a jig
And who do you think they be?
The butcher, the baker
The candlestick maker,
Make money and never give things for free!

The Butcher

Chop a chop chop

See the butcher in his shop

The mutton, the carcass

The smell and the flies

All combine to make a 'wonderful' surprise

The Baker

Yummy yum yum

Roll, rub and cook

The baker's busy, look

Measuring the flour, butter and salt

Mixing the ingredients for bread and pies

The Candlestick maker

Fat fat fat

The Candlestick maker is at his vat

Heating and stirring the fat, ready to dip and pour

Making sure he doesn't get any on the floor

One candle, two candles making up to twenty-four