

# No.4 MESSING ABOUT

(Mole, Rat & Riverside Animals)

Cue RAT: Nice? It's the only thing!

RAT:

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MOLE: Oh!

RAT: Believe me, my young friend . . . . There is

no - thing!  
some - thing!

Ab - so - lute - ly no - thing!  
I chal - lenge you to some - thing!

Half so much worth do - ing As mess - ing a - bout\_ in a  
Half so much worth do - ing As mess - ing a - bout\_ in a

1. ri - ver. \_

2. Name me ri - ver. \_

RAT: You can go for a pad - dle by the  
 (MOLE: *spoken*) you con - si - der teach - ing me the

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wa - ter side, You can float down - stream on your  
 back - stroke and crawl RAT: Mo - ly, old man, I shall  
 (*sung*)

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back with the tide, Fish for an eel when the  
 teach you them all! Jump - ing in a boat and go - ing

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sum - mer's near - ly done, Or dive a - mongst the rush - es be -  
 an - y - where you please, MOLE: And watch - ing la - zy but - ter - flies a -

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neath the eve-ning sun.  
ri - ding on the breeze?

RAT: Yes!!

MOLE and RAT: There is  
MOLE, RAT and ANIMALS: There is

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no - thing!  
no - thing!

Ab - so-lute - ly no - thing!  
Ab - so-lute - ly no - thing!

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Half so much worth do - ing\_\_ As mess - ing a - bout\_\_ in a  
Half so much worth do - ing\_\_ As mess - ing a - bout\_\_ in a

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ri - ver. \_\_  
ri - ver. \_\_

RAT: Name me some - thing!  
Name me some - thing!

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I chal-lenge you to some - thing  
I chal-lenge you to some - thing

MOLE and RAT: Half so much worth  
Half so much worth

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do - ing As mess - ing a - bout in a ri - ver.  
do - ing As mess - ing a - bout in a ri - ver.

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MOLE: (*spoken*) Would Meet - ing diff' - rent a - ni - mals which -

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RAT:  
ev - er way you go! There's al - ways time on hand to take a

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spe - cial morn - ing's row. Ev' - ry - one's a neigh - bour, you don't

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MOLE and RAT:

have to know their name. The Ri - ver keeps on flow - ing and no

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MOLE, RAT and ANIMALS:

day turns out the same. There is

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no - thing!  
some - thing! Ab - so - lute - ly no - thing  
I chal-lenge you to some - thing

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Half so much worth do - ing As mess - ing a - bout in a  
 Half so much worth do - ing As mess - ing a - bout in a

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1. ri - ver. — Name me ri - ver, —

2.

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MOLE and RAT:

Mess - ing a - bout on a ri - ver, Mess - ing a - bout in a

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ri - ver.

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DIALOGUE