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over the  
**Phone**

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**Nursery**  
**Rhymes**

and

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“No one knows the magic word. We have to look for it together, in every language, humbly, passionately, honestly, imaginatively. We have to help children look for it, even by writing stories that make them laugh. There’s nothing more beautiful in this world than the laughter of a child. And if one day all the children of the world could laugh together, all of them, without exception, it would be a great day.”

— GIANNI RODARI

*Accepting the H.C. Andersen award, 1970*

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