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|  | ***Roles***  A little old man-1  A little old woman-1  Little gingerbread boy-1  Gingerbread man-1  Farmers-1  Cows-1  Baker-1  Pig-1  Fox-1  The Gingerbread Man  There was once a little old man and a little old woman who lived in a little old house in the edge of a wood. They would have been a very happy old couple, but for one thing—they had no little child, and they wished for one very much. One day, when the little old woman was baking gingerbread, she cut a cake in the shape of a little gingerbread boy, and put it in the oven.  Presently, she went to the oven to see if it was baked. As soon as the oven door was opened, the little gingerbread boy jumped out and began to run away as fast as he could go.  The little old woman called her husband the little old man, and they both ran after him. But they could not catch him. And soon the little gingerbread boy came to a barn full of farmers. He called out to them as he went by saying, “I’ve run away from a little old woman and a little old man, and I can run away from you I can. I’m the gingerbread man!”  Then the barn full of farmers set out to run after him, but though they ran fast, they could not catch him. He ran on until he came to a field full of cows, and he called out to them: “I’ve run away from a little old woman, a little old man, a barn full of farmers, and I can run away from you I can I’m the gingerbread man.”  Then the cows began to run after him, but they couldn't catch him. And he ran on till he came to a baker. He called out to her: “I’ve run away from a little old woman, a little old man, a barn full of farmers, a field full of cows, and I can run away from you I can I’m the gingerbread man.”  But, though the baker started at once, she couldn't catch him. And soon he came to a [pig](http://www.surlalunefairytales.com/gingerbread/notes.html#SIXTEEN) He called out to the pig: “I’ve run away from a little old woman, a little old man, a barn full of farmers, a field full of cows, a baker, and I can run away from you I can I’m the gingerbread man.”  The pig ran, and couldn't catch him. He ran till he came across a fox and called out to him: “I’ve run away from a little old woman, a little old man, a barn full of farmers, a field full of cows, a baker, a pig, and I can run away from you I can I’m the gingerbread man.”  Then the fox set out to run. Now foxes can run very fast, and so the fox soon caught the little gingerbread boy and began to eat him up.  Presently the little gingerbread boy said, “Oh dear! I’ve run away from a little old woman, a little old man, a barn full of farmers, a field full of cows, a baker, a pig, but I can’t outrun the fox.” The fox ate the little gingerbread boy. |