### The Errant Elephant

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Red Hen lived on Bennie's farm, Quiet, cozy, safe from harm, 'Till one day came a loud alarm: The zoo had lost an elephant!

"This is dreadful!" Bennie said.
"Help me find him, Little Red!"
So 'cross the countryside they sped
To find that errant elephant.

Through the forest, 'round the lake, 'Til their feet began to ache!
Then, in the meadow, no mistake – Stood that errant elephant!

"Have some breakfast," Bennie said.
"Here's some water, here's some bread!
You'll feel better once you're fed!"
"Oh, thank you!" cried the elephant.

On the journey home, what fun! Playing tag and treasure hunt. Through seven days of rain and sun Danced Ben and Hen and Elephant.

Bennie telephoned the zoo:
"We've found your elephant for you!
But we've become such close friends, too –
We'd love to keep that elephant!"

The zoo men said, "That plan is fine! Sign here on the dotted line!" So, friends until the end of time Are Ben and Hen and Elephant!

There they go – dancing in the sunset! Ben and Hen and Elephant!



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### Activity 1

Directions:

- a. Read the story.
- b. Underline the *SoundAlikes* song words that are the **same** as the ones in the story.

(Underline the words on the song page.)

### Activity 2

Directions:

a. Write the song words that are the **same** as the ones in the story.

(You underlined these on your song page.)

b. Put the list of words in ABC order.

same song words	<u>ABC Order</u>

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#### Activity 3

Directions:

- a. Read the story.
- b. Circle the **new** *SoundAlikes* song words that are not the same as the ones in the story.

(Circle the words on the song page.)

### Activity 4

Directions:

a. Write the **new** song words that are **not** in the story.

(You circled these on your song page.)

b. Put the list of words in *ABC* order.

new song words	ABC Order

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## Activity 5

Directions:

- a. Write all of the SoundAlikes song words (same and different).
- b. Put the list of words in *ABC* order.

all of the song words	ABC Order

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### Activity 6

Directions:

- a. Read the <u>story</u>. Write all of the *SoundAlikes* rhyming words. b. Read the <u>song</u>. Write all of the *SoundAlikes* rhyming words.

SoundAlikes story words that rhyme	SoundAlikes song words that rhyme

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### Activity 7

*Directions:* Fill in the Venn Diagram. a. Read the <u>story</u>. Read the <u>song</u>.

b. Compare and contrast the story elements (title, author, characters, setting, plot, problem, resolution, moral).

DIFFERENT	SAME	DIFFERENT
Elephant's and	story and - song	<sup>-</sup> <u>The Errant</u>
<u>Hen's Pleasant</u>		<u>Elephant</u>
<u>Home</u>		