Big Red Tractor

Pat was cutting grass in his big red tractor and singing a song

" I cut the grass, I cut the grass. It makes the insects laugh and laugh"

Pat saw a small rabbit so he stopped the tractor to talk to the rabbit.

" I nearly squashed you with my tractor, you should be careful."

The rabbit looked at Pat and stood still. Suddenly Pat saw that red tractor engine had stopped. He tried to start it, but it would not work. He tried again and again and again. Then he got angry and jumped up and down, but the engine still did not start.

He turned to the rabbit and said, "I can't make this tractor move. "

The rabbit looked at Pat.

"When I want to move, I first jump and down on my legs. Then I say vroom vroom vroom and off I go"

Pat jumped up and down and said "Vroom, vroom vroom"

Nothing happened so he turned to the rabbit and shouted at him

"You know nothing about tractors"

Just then a bird came along and looked at Pat, the rabbit and the tractor. Pat said to the bird,

"I can't make this tractor move. "

"Oh" said the bird, "When I want to move I wave my wings like this. I say vroom vroom vroom and off I go"

Pat waved his arms up and down like a bird and said

"Vroom, vroom, vroom and off I go"

Nothing happened. Pat turned to the bird and shouted

"You know nothing about tractors"

Just then a cow came along and looked at Pat and the bird and rabbit and the tractor. Pat said to the cow, "I can't make this tractor move."

The cow gave a big yawn, walked around the red tractor, looked at Pat and said in a slow voice,

"When I want to move, I wave my tail, walk on my four legs like this and say moo, moo, moo and off I go."

Pat went down on the ground like a cow, walked around and said

"Moo, moo, moo and off I go"

Nothing happened. Pat turned to the cow and shouted,

"You know nothing about tractors"

A duck came along and looked at Pat, the cow, the bird and the rabbit.
He said to the duck,

"I can't make this tractor move."

The duck flapped her wings and quacked,

"To move quickly you jump into the duck pond. Move your legs back and forth like thus and say quack, quack, quack,"

Pat jumped into the water, moved his legs and said "Quack, quack, quack".

He got all wet and climbed out of the pond and shouted at the duck

"You know nothing about tractors"

Then he saw a big white rooster.

"Cock-a-doodle-you" said the rooster

Pat looked at the rooster and said in a wet and angry voice

"You animals know nothing about tractors"

"Is that so", said the white rooster 'It's simple, you turn the tractor key like this and off it goes cock-a-vroom-vroom-vroom".

He jumped on the seat and turned the tractor key. It jumped and roared and started moving. Pat stood there amazed as the white rooster and the red tractor began to move.

The white rooster shouted at Pat

"I'm getting off. I don't know how to stop tractors".

And he went away back to the henhouse.

Pat watched the tractor driving itself.

He began to chase it and shouted at it to come back. But it did not. It drove down the road, over the river and up the mountain. Pat chased it shouting

"Stop, stop"

But it kept on moving. The rabbit, the bird, the duck and the cow and Pat all chased it.

The tractor still kept moving. It went through a forest with many trees, across another river until it came to Auckland. It was going to hit a house in Punga Street when a small boy appeared.

He shouted

"Stop the tractor, stop the tractor"

All the animals shouted back,

"We don't know how to stop a tractor"

The little boy called out

" Use the brake and turn off the key"

All the animals jumped on the seat. They quickly found the brake and turned the key. The tractor suddenly stopped and the animals fell off the seat one by one. The cow fell off. The duck fell on the cow. The bird fell on the duck and the little rabbit fell on top of them all.

They looked at each other and said

" Where is Pat?"

They are still looking for him.

A bedtime story made up for Jason and Amanda many years ago when they were small. I am sure they have forgotten all about it. I have not