One day Henny-penny was picking up corn in the cornyard when—whack! something hit her upon the head.

"Goodness gracious me!" said Henny-penny; "the sky's a-going to fall; I must go and tell the king."

So she went along and she went along and she went along till she met Cocky-locky. "Where are you going, Henny-penny?"
says Cocky-locky. "Oh! I'm going to tell the king the sky's a-falling," says Henny-penny.

"May I come with you?" says Cocky-locky. "Certainly," says Henny-penny. So Henny-penny and Cocky-locky went to tell the king the sky was a-falling.

They went along, and they went along, and they went along, till they met Ducky-daddles. "Where are you going to, Henny-penny and Cocky-locky?" says Ducky-daddles. "Oh! we're going to tell the king the sky's a-falling," said Henny-penny and Cocky-locky.

"May I come with you?" says Ducky-daddles. "Certainly," said Henny-penny and Cocky-locky. So Henny-penny, Cocky-locky and Ducky-daddles went to tell the king the sky was a-falling.

So they went along, and they went along, and they went along, till they met Goosey-poosiey, "Where are you going to, Henny-penny, Cocky-locky and Ducky-daddles?" said Goosey-poosiey.
"Oh! we're going to tell the king the sky's a-falling," said Henny-penny and Cocky-lock and Ducky-daddles.

"May I come with you," said Goosey-poosey. "Certainly," said Henny-penny, Cocky-locky and Ducky-daddles. So Henny-penny, Cocky-locky, Ducky-daddles and Goosey-poosey went to tell the king the sky was a-falling.

So they went along, and they went along, and they went along, till they met Turkey-lurkey. "Where are you going, Henny-penny, Cocky-locky, Ducky-daddles, and Goosey-poosey?" says Turkey-lurkey.

"Oh! we're going to tell the king the sky's a-falling," said Henny-penny, Cocky-locky, Ducky-daddles and Goosey-poosey.

So Henny-penny Cocky-looky, Ducky-daddles, Goosey-poosey and Turkey-lurkey all went to tell the king the sky was a-falling.

So they went along, and they went along, and they went along, till they met Foxy-woxy, and Foxy-woxy said to Henny-penny, Cocky-looky, Ducky-daddles, Goosey-poosey and Turkey-lurkey: "Where are you going, Henny-penny, Cocky-looky, Ducky-daddles, Goosey-poosey and Turkey-lurkey?"

And Henny-penny, Cocky-looky, Ducky-daddles, Goosey-poosey, and Turkey-lurkey said to Foxy-woxy: "We're going to tell the king the sky's a-falling."

"Oh! but this is not the way to the king, Henny-penny, Cocky-looky, Ducky-daddles, Goosey-poosey and Turkey-lurkey," says Foxy-woxy; "I know the proper way; shall I show it you?"

So Henny-penny, Cocky-locky, Ducky-daddles, Goosey-poosey, Turkey-lurkey, and Foxy-woxy all went to tell the king the sky was a-falling. So they went along, and they went along, and they went along, till they came to a narrow and dark hole. Now this was the door of Foxy-woxy's cave.

But Foxy-woxy said to Henny-penny, Cocky-locky, Ducky-daddles, Goosey-poosey, and Turkey-lurkey: "This is the short way to the king's palace you'll soon get there if you follow me. I will go first and you come after, Henny-penny, Cocky-locky, Ducky daddles, Goosey-poosey, and Turkey-lurkey."

"Why of course, certainly, without doubt, why not?" said Henny-Penny, Cocky-locky, Ducky-daddles, Goosey-poosey, and Turkey-lurkey.

So Foxy-woxy went into his cave, and he didn't go very far but turned round to wait for Henny-Penny, Cocky-locky, Ducky-daddles, Goosey-poosey and Turkey-lurkey.
So at last at first Turkey-lurkey went through the dark hole into the cave. He hadn't got far when "Hrumph," Foxy-woxy snapped off Turkey-lurkey's head and threw his body over his left shoulder.

Then Goosey-poosy went in, and "Hrumph," off went her head and Goosey-poosy was thrown beside Turkey-lurkey.

Then Ducky-daddles waddled down, and "Hrumph," snapped Foxy-woxy, and Ducky-daddles' head was off and Ducky-daddles was thrown alongside Turkey-lurkey and Goosey-poosy.

Then Cooky-locky strutted down into the cave and he hadn't gone far when "Snap, Hrumph!" went Foxy-woxy and Cooky-locky was thrown alongside of Turkey-lurkey, Goosey-poosy and Ducky-daddles.

But Foxy-woxy had made two bites at Cooky-locky, and when the first snap only hurt Cooky-locky, but didn't kill him, he called out to Henny-penny. So she turned tail and ran back home, so she never told the king the sky was a-falling.

The End
Note: The above is the original 1800’s story. It is the version I heard as a child. I’ve taken the liberty to give you another ending. You may want to tell this ending if your child would be frightened by the original.

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So at last at first Turkey-lurkey went through the dark hole into the cave. He hadn’t got far when “Hrumph,” Foxy-woxy tried to snap off Turkey-Lurkey’s head.

But, Turkey-Lurkey was too quick for Foxy-woxy and ran further into the cave and found a secret opening. Turkey-Lurkey ran out of the cave and hid behind a big rock.

Then Goosey-poosie went in, and “Hrumph,” Foxy-woxy tried to snap off Goosey-poosie’s head. But, Goosey-poosie was too quick for Foxy-woxy and ran further into the cave and found a secret opening. Goosey-poosie ran out of the cave and hid behind a big rock next to Turkey-Lurkey.

Then Ducky-daddles went in, and “Hrumph,” Foxy-woxy tried to snap off Ducky-daddles’ head. But, Ducky-daddles
was too quick for Foxy-woxy and ran further into the cave and found a secret opening. Ducky-daddles ran out of the cave and hid behind a big rock next to Turkey-Lurkey and Goosey-poosey.

Then Cocky-locky went in, and "Hrumph," Foxy-woxy tried to snap off Cocky-locky’s head. But, Cocky-locky was too quick for Foxy-woxy and called out to Henney-penny and told her to run. Then Cocky-locky ran further into the cave and found a secret opening. Cocky-locky ran out of the cave and hid behind a big rock next to Turkey-lurkey, Goosey-poosey, and Ducky-daddles.

Henney-Penny turned tail and ran as fast as she could toward home. As she past the big rock Turkey-lurkey, Goosey-poosey, Ducky-daddles and Cocky-locky joined her and they all ran home together. They never told the king the sky was a-falling.

By the way...they never saw Foxy-woxy again!

The End

Moral: Choose your friends wisely.