"Little Miss Muffet"

Written in American Sign Language
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A SignWriting® Children’s Story
Little Miss Muffet sat on a tuffet,
Eating her curds and whey,
Along came a spider who sat down beside her,
And frightened Miss Muffet away!
ASL poetry expresses rhyme in Sign Language. How? By using the same handshapes throughout the poem. Sometimes only one handshape is used, sometimes two handshapes, and sometimes three handshapes.
For example, Jack and Jill rhymes by using the Index-Handshape in every sign. There is one exception in the sign for the pail of water, but all other signs use the Index-Handshape throughout. Little Miss Muffet rhymes using the 3-Handshape.