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Come, Little Monkey



'I've lost my mum!'

*'Hush, little monkey, don't you cry.
I'll help you find her,'* said Butterfly.
'Let's have a think. How big is she?'

'She's big!' said the monkey. 'Bigger than me.'

*'Bigger than you? Then I've seen your mum.
Come, little monkey, come, come, come.'*

'No, no, no! That's an elephant.
My mum isn't a great grey hunk.
She hasn't got tusks or a curly trunk.
She doesn't have great thick baggy knees.
And anyway, *her* tail coils round trees.'

*'She coils round trees? Then she's very near.
Quick, little monkey! She's over here.'*

'No, no, no! That's a snake.
Mum doesn't look a *bit* like this.
She doesn't slither about and hiss.
She doesn't curl round a nest of eggs.
And anyway, my mum's got more legs.'

*'It's legs we're looking for now, you say?
I know where she is, then. Come this way.'* ...

Monkey Puzzle, Julia Donaldson

