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The Apostrophe Song

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- Verse 1** The rules about apostrophes are simple rules
But sometimes those rules confuse
Just when you think you've got it and you're feeling cool
I-T-S ... it's back to school
- CHORUS** Don't put an apostrophe in ITS unless you mean IT IS
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- Verse 2** Apostrophes are used to show who owns what
They tell your reader something when they're in the right spot
You'll never have a problem, you'll never need to guess
If you ask yourself 'does the owner end in S?'
- Apostrophe alone if the owner is a word that ends in S
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- Verse 3** Jack's cat, Jill's dog, Jan's mouse, James' frog
Boys' team, girls' school, Uncle Joe's pizza shop
Apostrophe alone if the owner ends in S
Apostrophe and S if it ends in something else
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- Bridge** There's one more thing an apostrophe can do
It can bring together two words when one will do
Like don't for do not, she's for she is
And don't forget IT'S when you mean IT IS
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