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THE ANNOUNCER'S TEST

Background

According to Wikipedia this test was given “cold” (without an opportunity to warm up) to prospective radio announcers to demonstrate their speaking ability at Radio Central New York in the early 1940s. More at: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Announcer%27s_test

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Five corpulent porpoises

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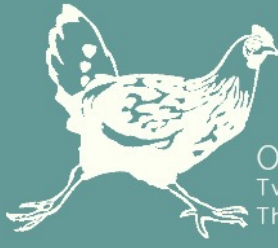
Seven thousand Macedonians in full battle array

Eight brass monkeys from the ancient, sacred crypts of Egypt

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Here's the version American actor [Jerry Lewis](#) made famous. As each new line is added he goes back to the beginning and repeats the entire sequence. Click to watch him perform it in this [1990 recording on YouTube](#).

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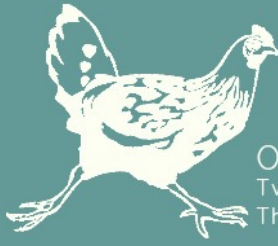
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