



Joaquin Sorolla y Bastida (Spanish, 1863–1923). *Spanish school. Girls with skipping ropes. Saltando a la comba. 1907. Madrid, Museo Sorolla.* Photo credit: Album / Art Resource, NY.

Sorolla sometimes worked in opposites. He gained fame for a large painting of children bathing in the sea that included perhaps the first depiction of children with polio in the history of art, a grief-stricken frieze of boys with contracted limbs and crutches. Here, he captures the unfettered movement of girls jumping rope, running, leaping; perpetually sunlit and suspended in mid-air.

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