

# The Bird Song

## ***National Standards Addressed:***

**Standard 1** Singing, alone and with others, a varied repertoire of music.

**Standard 2** Performing on instruments, alone and with others, a varied repertoire of music.

*Objectives:* La pentatonic  
Quarter notes, eighth notes, sixteenth notes

*Grade level:* Grade 4

*Process:*

*Have the students:*

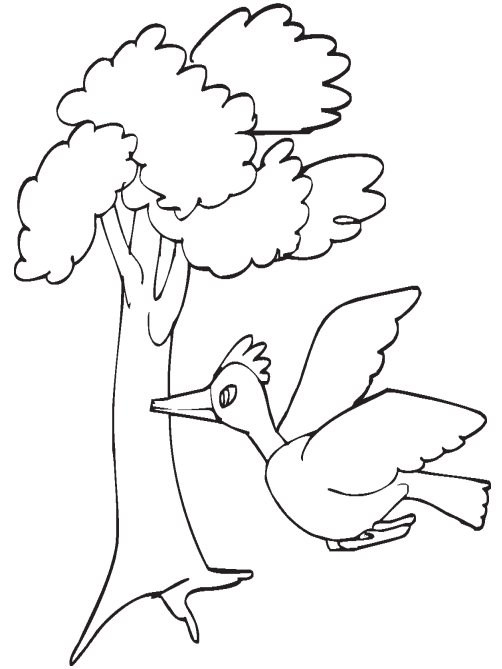
1. Sing the song from a visual (p. 9).
2. Play the BX part by rote. Sing the song while playing the BX part.
3. Sing the song while snapping the SG part. Transfer snaps to the SG and sing. Sing the song while playing the BX and the SG parts.
4. Join you as you walk the SX/AX part. Begin to sing the song as everyone continues walking the pattern. Transfer walking pattern to the SX/AX: play E when ♩ were walked; play D when ♪ were walked.
5. Sing the song while playing all instrument parts.

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“Hi!” says the blackbird, sitting on a chair,  
“Once I courted a lady fair;  
She proved fickle and turned her back,  
And ever since then I'm dressed in black.”

“Hi!” says the woodpecker as he flew.  
“Once I courted a young gal, too.  
She proved fickle and from me fled,  
And ever since then my head's been red.”

“Hi!” says the little leather-winged bat,  
“I'll tell you the reason that,  
The reason that I fly by night  
Is because I lost my heart's delight.”



In The Bird Song, we learned why several winged creatures have distinguishing characteristics.

Select your own winged creature and create another verse for the song. Your verse can be silly, but should teach us about why something came to be.

Need a creature idea?  
How about Mockingbird, Parakeet, Ladybug, Mosquito,  
Bumblebee?

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English Folk Song  
*Arr. Donna Dirksing*

Hi! says the black - bird, sit - ing on a chair, Once I court - ed a  
 Hi! says the wood - pecker as he flew. Once I court - ed a  
 Hi! says the lit - tle leath - er winged bat, I'll tell you the

SG

SX  
AX

BX

la - dy fair; She proved fick - le and turned her back, And  
 young gal, too. She proved fick - le and from me fled, And  
 reas - on that, The reas - on that I fly by night is

SG

SX  
AX

BX

ev - er since then I'm dressed in black.  
 ev - er since then my head's been red.  
 be - cause I lost my heart's de - light.

SG

SX  
AX

BX