

Ah, Poor Bird

For ages 9+



*Ah, poor bird
Take thy flight
Far above the sorrows of
This sad night*

The song is in four beats in a bar but the clapping pattern is in three beats as follows:

FIRST PATTERN

Beat one: tap one knee then other knee
Beat two: tap one shoulder then the other
Beat three: click fingers of both hands at the same time

Finish by stamping on the final 16th beat

SECOND PATTERN

sing the song again but start the pattern in a different place e.g
Beat one: tap one shoulder then the other shoulder
Beat two : click fingers in both hands at the same time
Beat three: tap one knee then the other knee
Finish with a stamp on the final 16th beat

THIRD PATTERN

Sing the song again but start the pattern in a different place
Beat one: click fingers of both hands
Beat two: tap one knee then the other knee
Beat three: tap one shoulder then the other shoulder.
Finish with a stamp on the final 16th beat

CHALLENGE:

You could start any of the above patterns backwards starting with a stamp!

If there are other people around the song can be sung in canon in up to four parts. Each part starts after one line.

The song can be found on the Kodály Hub www.kodalyhub.com
